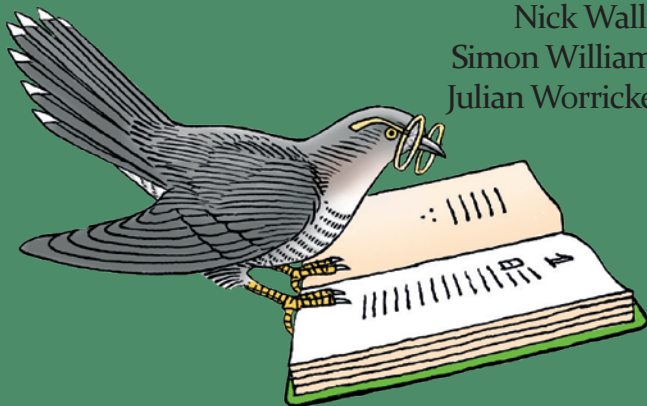


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CUCKFIELD BOOKFEST

Queen's Hall, High Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5EL

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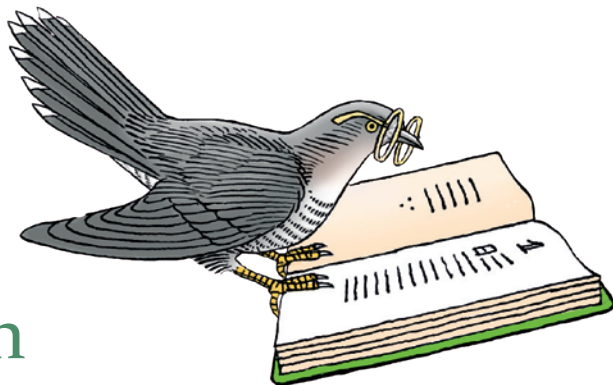
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Introduction

Welcome to the sixth Cuckfield Book Festival. This year we hope to be back to pre-pandemic levels although continuing to observe risk assessment requirements.

There are several notable anniversaries this year, both national and local. Of course, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated with much enthusiasm, particularly in Cuckfield where over 1000 people had a jolly party in the High Street. The BBC is celebrating its 100th birthday and more locally, Cuckfield Football Club is 150 years old in 2022.

The Cuckfield BookFest programme acknowledges all three events; first up is Robert Lacey, who has been writing about the Queen for many years and will be talking about *Battle of Brothers*, then David Hendy the author of *The BBC*, and then 'Not for Me Clive' recounting stories from Clive Tyldesley's time as the chief ITV football commentator for over 20 years.

There is the usual packed programme beginning with the unmissable quiz, then the elegant supper is back at Ockenden Manor with Steve Richards, political columnist, providing a thought-provoking and entertaining interlude.

A major attraction this year at Cuckfield BookFest will be local hero Richard Osman. Richard was brought up locally and went to Warden Park School. and his first two books in the *Thursday Murder Club* series have been huge best sellers. *The Bullet that Missed*, the third title in the series will be published just before Cuckfield BookFest.

There is something for everyone at Cuckfield BookFest including an in-depth workshop on how to write a memoir. The children will have their day of entertainment on the Saturday in the

Old School with sessions on dinosaurs, protest and quizzing amongst other things.

Waterstones will be back and we will have coffee and wine available. There are lots of local eateries in the village.

Are you a Friend of Cuckfield BookFest? To find out more, go to our website www.cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk. And a reminder that Cuckfield BookFest is a Community Interest Company run mainly by volunteers and funded by the sale of tickets and sponsorship.

Finally, on a recent radio programme we heard that reading for 30 minutes each day can increase one's life span by 23 months. So there's every reason to come along to Cuckfield BookFest, enjoy the talks and start reading in earnest.

Sheila Mortimer
Head of Programming



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THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER

7.30pm for 8pm

Literary Quiz

THE HAYLOFT, THE TALBOT, HIGH STREET, CUCKFIELD

£7.50 per person to include a glass of wine.

This year the quiz is back upstairs at the Talbot in Cuckfield High Street. Tables are for six people but there's no need to come in a group of six as we can allocate tables to make up numbers. If you do wish to be part of a table, please ensure you tell us the names of your party when you book.

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Supper at Ockenden Manor, Cuckfield with Steve Richards

It wasn't possible to hold the Cuckfield BookFest supper in 2020 and 2021 so it's a particular pleasure to welcome Steve Richards to this much-anticipated 2022 supper. Steve is a political columnist and journalist who regularly presents *The Week in Westminster* on BBC R4. Every year Steve takes his show *Rock n' Roll Politics* to the Edinburgh Fringe. This legendary behind-the-scenes guide to all the epic political dramas and characters is informative and above all hugely entertaining. We will get a taste of it at supper.

Tickets are **£67.50** each. You will be welcomed at a reception with Ridgeview sparkling wine and then a two-course meal will be served with four bottles of wine on each table of ten people.

Tickets will be available at the beginning of September and are not available through Ticketsource. Please email Angela Magness at Cuckfieldbookfest@outlook.com for details on how to apply.

Numbers are limited to 70 people so early booking is advised. We hope that people attending the supper will also buy tickets for at least one of the Cuckfest events

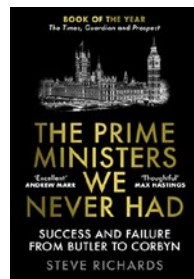
SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

10am – 11am

Steve Richards

*The Prime Ministers We Never Had:
Success and Failure
from Butler to Corbyn*

£12.00 per person



Was Harold Wilson a bigger figure than Denis Healey? Was John Major more 'prime ministerial' than Michael Heseltine? Would David Miliband have become prime minister if it were not for his brother Ed? Would Ed have become prime minister if it were not for David? How close did Jeremy Corbyn come to being prime minister?

In this piercing and original study, journalist and commentator Steve Richards looks at eleven prime ministers we never had, examining what made each of these illustrious figures unique and why they failed to make the final leap to the very top. Combining astute insights into the demands of leadership with compelling historical analysis, this fascinating exploration of failure and success sheds new light on some of the most compelling characters in British public life.

In Sir Antony Seldon's words: 'Britain's unusually capricious system of selecting its prime ministers means some very gifted leaders have been left on the shelf. There is no one better qualified than Steve Richards to blow away the cobwebs, and to tell us which of them might have made better prime ministers than the rum lot we sometimes got.'

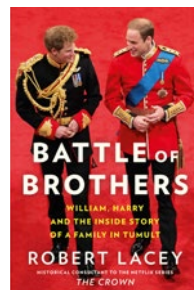
11.30am – 12.30pm

Robert Lacey

*Battle of Brothers:
William and Harry and
the Inside Story of a
Family in Tumult*

with Andrew Lownie

£12.00 per person



Raised to be the closest of brothers, the last three years have seen a devastating breakdown of the relationship between Princes William and Harry.

With unparalleled access and exclusive insights from Buckingham Palace officials, Robert Lacey deconstructs this unique and complex relationship at the heart of the royal family's current woes. He reveals the untold details from both sides, from the Princes' early closeness through to their now very public estrangement.

Robert Lacey is a renowned British historian, the author of numerous international bestsellers, and the historical consultant on the award-winning Netflix series *The Crown*. For nearly 40 years, Lacey has been writing about Queen Elizabeth II. *Majesty*, his pioneering biography of the Queen, is a landmark study of British monarchy.

Robert will be talking to Andrew Lownie, author of *Traitor King*, *The Duke and Duchess of Windsor in Exile*.

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UPSTAIRS@CUCKFEST

11.30am – 12.30pm

James Birch

Bacon in Moscow

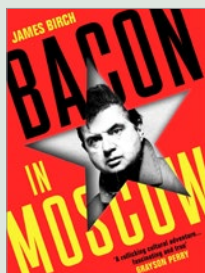
with Clare Conville

£12.00 per person

Bacon in Moscow is an uproarious tale of one curator's quest to mount a groundbreaking exhibition in Moscow in 1988, at the moment of perestroika and glasnost. Side-lined by the British establishment, Birch found himself not only the subject of a honey-trap, but also the focus of a picaresque cast of Soviet officials as he strove to bring the art of a Western cultural icon to Russia just before the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Bacon himself was easily distracted during the planning process. He cancelled travelling to Moscow at the last moment for fear of being kidnapped on the Russian railways.

James Birch is a curator who has promoted modern art exhibitions worldwide for over 30 years. He will be talking to his publisher Clare Conville.



UPSTAIRS@CUCKFEST

1pm – 2pm

Simon Fanshawe

The Power of Difference

with Steven Gale

£12.00 per person

There is no doubt that diversity is firmly on the agenda. Yet good intentions are not enough – real diversity is about change. But despite Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) now being a specific HR job role, businesses are still struggling to create truly diverse workplaces. What makes it so hard to get it right?

With clarity and wit, leading diversity and inclusion expert, Simon Fanshawe combines his personal journey with his professional expertise to prove why it is our differences that create real value for organisations and society.

Simon Fanshawe was awarded the OBE, and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Sussex for his work on diversity and human rights.

Simon will be discussing his work with Steven Gale who has worked as a moderator at literary events all over the world.



1pm – 2pm

Vanessa Berridge

Borde Hill Garden: A Plant Hunter's Paradise

with Andrewjohn

Stephenson Clarke

£12.00 per person

Renowned for its magnificent collections of trees and flowering shrubs from across the world, Borde Hill is one of Britain's great heritage gardens. This book is the first to tell the story of this spectacular garden, explaining its botanical importance as a living link with the golden era of plant hunting and horticultural derring-do, and taking the reader on a wonderfully immersive illustrated tour.



Set in historic parkland in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in West Sussex, Borde Hill's Elizabethan mansion and gardens have belonged to four generations of the same family since being bought by Colonel Robert Stephenson Clarke ('Stephie') in 1893.

Illustrated by the glorious photography of John Glover, *Borde Hill* is a fitting celebration of one of the country's most important gardens.

Vanessa Berridge is a garden historian who had exclusive access to the family archive at Borde Hill. She will be discussing her book with Andrew John Stephenson Clarke whose great grandfather was Stephie.

Sponsored by Adelphi Holdings whose support also helped with the production of the book.

UPSTAIRS@CUCKFEST

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Wendy Joseph

Unlawful Killings

with Jake Kerridge

£12.00 per person

Wendy Joseph has just stepped down as one of only a handful of judges qualified to preside over murder trials at the Old Bailey.

For the first time, she can talk about what it's really like presiding over and ruling on life-changing cases. Through six extraordinary stories, she explores why we kill, what happens in court and what this teaches us about the society we live in. With skill and deep compassion, Wendy Joseph describes how cases unfold and illustrates exactly what it's like to be a murder trial judge and a witness to human good and bad. The fracture lines that run through our society are becoming harder and harder to ignore.

Wendy will be talking to Jake Kerridge, journalist and crime fiction reviewer at the *Daily Telegraph*.



2.30pm – 3.30pm

Lisa Jewell and Will Brooker

The Family Remains
and *The Truth about Lisa Jewell*

£12.00 per person

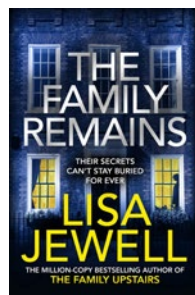
Lisa Jewell's first novel *Ralph's Party* was the best-selling debut novel of 1999. Since then she has written 18 more, most recently a number of dark psychological thrillers. *The Family Remains* continues the story of *The Family Upstairs*, which sold over a million copies.

Once again Lisa Jewell has produced a fast-paced gripping thriller and will be talking about it with Will Brooker, author of *The Truth About Lisa Jewell*.

What does it take to become a best-selling writer? *The Truth About Lisa Jewell* is the story of how a novel is written, from before the start to after the finish; it's an in-depth analysis of how that novel fits into a successful author like Lisa Jewell's career and her previous work, and what her style shares with authors from James Joyce to Martin Amis.

It is also the story of two very different writers getting to know each other gradually through words; two complete strangers becoming something more like friends.

Lisa Jewell lives in London with her family. Will Brooker is Professor of Cultural Studies at Kingston University.



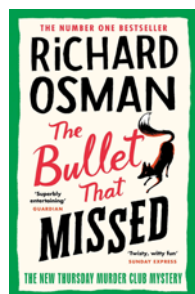
4pm – 5pm

Richard Osman

THE BULLET THAT MISSED

with Andrew Hunter Murray

£12.00 per person



This is the third book in the record-breaking *Thursday Murder Club* series from British national treasure, Richard Osman. Trouble is never far away where the Thursday Murder Club is concerned. A local news legend is on the hunt for a sensational headline and soon the gang is hot on the trail of two murders, ten years apart.

Author, producer and television presenter, Richard went to school locally so is very much a local personality and we are delighted to be able to welcome him to Cuckfest.

Richard will be talking to Andrew Hunter Murray, comedy scriptwriter and podcast host.

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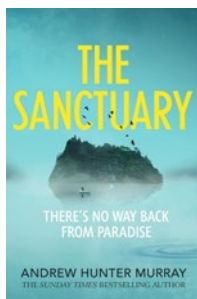
5.30pm – 6.30 pm

Andrew Hunter Murray

THE SANCTUARY

with Peter Guttridge

£12.00 per person



This high-concept thriller concerns Ben whose fiancée decides to break off their engagement and so he travels to the remote island of Sanctuary Rock where Cara has been living. What follows is gripping, unsettling and original as he tries to unravel exactly what happens on Sanctuary Rock.

Andrew Hunter Murray is a scriptwriter and fact-hunter for BBC2's *QI*. He co-hosts the podcast *No Such Thing As A Fish*, which has had 200 million downloads, and has toured the UK, Europe and Australia. He also writes jokes and provides journalism for *Private Eye* magazine, and hosts the *Eye's* podcast, *Page 94*.

Andrew will be talking to Peter Guttridge, who returns as a Bookfest moderator and is himself an award-winning crime novelist.

7pm – 8.15pm

Simon Williams and Lucy Fleming

Posting Letters to the Moon

£12.00 per person



When Celia Johnson's husband Peter Fleming was away during the war, they wrote to each other regularly and these touching and amusing letters tell of the experiences of both during these years. Celia coped with a large house full of evacuees, learned to drive a tractor, dealt with rationing and whenever she could get away,

she accepted offers to act for David Lean, Noel Coward, in wartime propaganda films and ultimately in the classic film *Brief Encounter*.

Peter Fleming was abroad for most of the war and writes about his adventures and trials working on deceptions in India and the Far East.

Not only are the letters highly engaging and personal but they provide a fascinating historical insight into that time of true austerity, indomitable courage and fear.

Lucy Fleming is the daughter of Celia Johnson and Peter Fleming and is married to Simon Williams. Together they read these poignant letters and recreate a deep love and a compelling story. Both Lucy and Simon are actors and each has appeared in *The Archers*. Simon's most recent role was Joe Biden in *The 47th* at The Old Vic.

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER

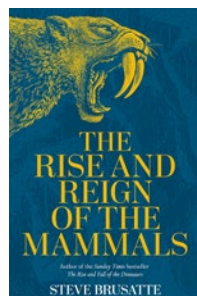
10am – 11am

Steve Brusatte

The Rise and Reign of the Mammals

with Dr Hermione Cockburn

£12.00 per person



From one of our foremost paleontologists and author of the best-selling *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs* (2018) comes a groundbreaking reappraisal of the history and evolution of the mammals, our own kind. Steve Brusatte tells the fascinating story of the mammals, from their earliest development and their co-existence with the great reptiles to their emergence out of the shadows following the extinction of the dinosaurs, enabling them to become ascendant.

Steve Brusatte is Professor of Paleontology in the School of NeoSciences at the University of Edinburgh. He is the science consultant for *Jurassic World: Dominion*, the latest film in the Jurassic Park franchise.

Steve will be discussing his book with Dr Hermione Cockburn who was born and brought up in Cuckfield and who now lives in Edinburgh where she is Scientific Director at Dynamic Earth.

It's particularly appropriate to have one of our most eminent paleontologists at Cuckfest, since Cuckfield is where the world's very first dinosaur fossils were discovered by the distinguished Victorian paleontologist, Gideon Mantell.

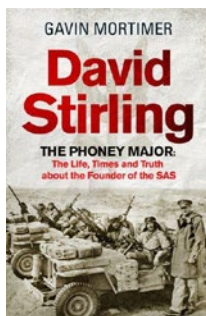
11.30am – 12.30pm

Gavin Mortimer

David Stirling
The Phoney Major

with Alan Judd

£12.00 per person



Aristocrat, gambler, innovator and Special Forces legend, the life of David Stirling should need no retelling. His formation of the Special Air Service in the summer of 1941 led to a new form of warfare and Stirling is remembered as the father of Special Forces soldiering.

But was he really a military genius or in fact a shameless self-publicist who manipulated people, and the truth, for his own ends?

Drawing on his interviews with SAS veterans who fought with Stirling and men who worked with him on his post-war projects, and examining recently declassified government files about Stirling's mercenary involvement in Aden and Libya, Mortimer's riveting biography is incisive, bold, honest and written with his customary narrative panache.

Alan Judd, another frequent visitor to Cuckfest, is an award-winning novelist whose biography of the founder of MI6 was short-listed for the Westminster Prize.

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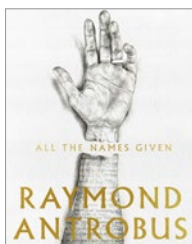
1pm – 2pm

Raymond Antrobus

All the Names Given

with Vicky Macleroy

£12.00 per person



Raymond Antrobus's much anticipated second collection of poems continues his investigation into language, miscommunication, place and memory. The poems travel through space, shifting through England, South Africa, Jamaica and the American South and move fluently from family history through the lust of adolescence, and finally into a vivid and complex array of marriage poems – with the poet older, wiser, and more accepting of love's fragility.

This is a timely, humane and tender book from one of the most important young poets of his generation.

In 2019, Raymond Antrobus became the first ever poet to be awarded the Rathbone Folio prize for the best work in literature of any genre. In 2022, his poetry was added to the GCSE Literature syllabus.

Raymond will be discussing his work with Dr Vicky Macleroy who was Head of the MA Creative Writing and Education programme that Raymond studied at Goldsmiths, University of London.

UPSTAIRS@CUCKFEST

1pm – 2pm

Nick Wallis

The Great Post Office Scandal

with Julian Worricker

£12.00 per person



Nick Wallis has written the first definitive account of the Post Office scandal. He takes us from the ill-fated deal that brought Horizon into existence, through years of half-truths and obstruction, to the tearful scenes at the Court of Appeal. He exposes the secrecy and mistrust at the heart of the story, and the impact that had on the victims. He also chronicles how this story's hero, Alan Bates, started as a lone public voice of dissent but went on to beat the Post Office—against overwhelming odds—at two of the highest courts in the land and win some redress for the victims.

Nick Wallis is a TV, radio and online journalist whose main area of expertise is the *Post Office Horizon Scandal*. In 2020 he fronted a ten-part series for BBC Radio 4, a BBC *Panorama* programme and he co-wrote a *Private Eye* special.

Nick will be discussing this infamous story with Julian Worricker, familiar BBC radio voice.

WORKSHOP UPSTAIRS IN THE TALBOT

1pm – 4pm

HOW TO WRITE A MEMOIR

with Mark McCrum

£30.00 per person

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The workshop will be limited to 12 people to give everyone an opportunity to produce some written work and to review it. Tea or coffee will be available.

For those who are thinking of writing a memoir, are part way through, have finished their first draft, or are just fans of the genre, this workshop will cover all the bases. What is memoir? How does it differ from autobiography? How do I write about people close to me and yet remain honest? How do I unlock and reimagine old memories? Should I invent dialogue or even fictionalise aspects of the past? How should I structure my story?

Mark McCrum has taught master classes in memoir for the Guardian and the University of East Anglia, run courses and workshops for Ways with Words and at a range of literary festivals, and mentored ex-pupils as they finish and publish their books.

www.markmccrum.com

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Eileen Atkins

Will She Do?

with Richard Digby
Day

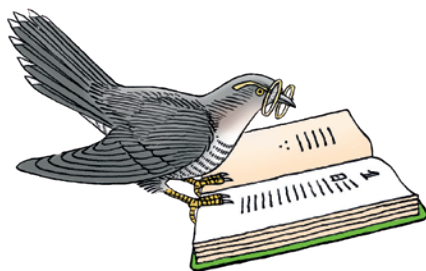
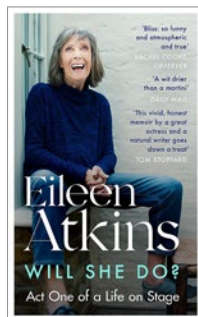
£12.00 per person

This is the story of a girl from a council estate in Tottenham, born in 1934 to an electricity-meter reader and a seamstress, who was determined to be an actress. Candid and witty, this memoir takes Atkins from her awkward performances in working-men's clubs at six years of age as dancing 'Baby Eileen', through the war years in London, to her breakthrough at 32 on Broadway with *The Killing of Sister George*, for which she received the first of four Tony Award nominations.

Characterised by an eye for the absurd, a terrific knack for storytelling and an insistence on honesty, *Will She Do?* is a wonderful raconteur's tale about family, about class, about youthful ambition, big dreams and what really goes on behind the scenes.

Dame Eileen Atkins will be in discussion with Richard Digby Day who was RADA's first student of direction. He went on to run five of the UK's regional theatres as well as being associated for 20 years with the Open Air Theatre in London's Regents Park.

Sponsored by Mrs Maggie Kapff



4pm – 5pm

Julia Boyd

A Village in the Third Reich

Angela Findlay

In My Grandfather's Shadow

with Nigel Jones

£12.00 per person

Drawing on archive material, letters, interviews and memoirs, *A Village in the Third Reich* is an extraordinarily intimate portrait of Germany under Hitler, of the descent into totalitarianism and of the tragedies that befell all those touched by Nazism.

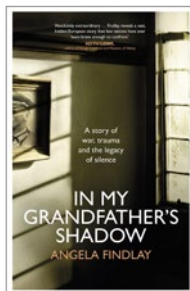
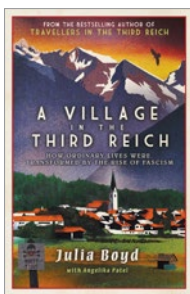
It is a tale of conflicting loyalties and desires, of shattered dreams but one in which ultimately, human resilience triumphs.

Why did the Germans respond to Hitler as they did, how did their attitudes change as the war progressed? And when all hope was gone and their country lay in ruins, how did they start again?

In My Grandfather's Shadow is an original and powerful piece of historical non-fiction that explores the ways that inherited guilt and trauma can leave scars across generations. It is the true story of one family – a Wehrmacht officer, his daughter and his granddaughter, Angela Findlay.

When Angela found a photograph of her grandfather at the moment of his surrender to the Americans in May 1945, she became a detective, following up every clue to create an increasingly detailed picture of not only her German family but also of the Germany of the 1930s-40s.

Julia and Angela will be discussing their books with Nigel Jones who is a historian and journalist specialising in the Third Reich and the history of fascism.



5.30pm – 6.30pm

David Hendy

The BBC – a People's History

with Julian Worricker

£12.00 per person



In *The BBC*, professor and historian David Hendy traces the BBC from its beginnings through war, the creation of television, changing public taste, austerity and massive cultural change. The BBC has constantly evolved, developing from one radio station to television, then multiple channels and now the competition from the internet and streaming services.

This is the only major authorised history of the BBC, published for the centenary celebrations of 2022.

David Hendy is Professor of Media and Cultural Studies at the University of Sussex. He will be talking to Julian Worricker who has more than 30 years' experience of working with the BBC. He has also been at every Cuckfest since he was hi-jacked at a Q and A session at the Park Theatre, Finsbury Park in 2017.



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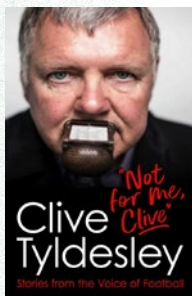
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Clive Tyldesley

'NOT FOR ME, CLIVE'
Stories from the
Voice of Football

with Gavin Mortimer

£12.00 per person

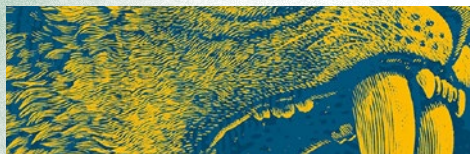


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Football changes everything. It changes how we feel, how we think, how we behave. It turns us into someone else. This stunning, lyrical book is raw, funny and revealing about football and what it means to so many. Full of extraordinary stories from Clive's long career, *The Times'* Henry Winter says: '... worth getting for the Roy Keane selfie story alone'.

Clive Tyldesley was ITV's senior football commentator for 22 years following the retirement of Brian Moore in 1998. He won the Royal Television Society Sports Commentator Award four times in seven years and his book was short-listed for the 2022 Sports Book Award.

Clive will be talking to Gavin Mortimer, author of *The History of Football in 100 Objects* and football correspondent of *The Week* for ten years.



UPSTAIRS IN THE TALBOT

7pm – 8pm

BIG BOOK GROUP

Emily Edwards

The Herd

with Kate Harris

£12.00 per
person



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The Herd probes the fine line between individual choice and the collective responsibility of vaccinations. The unexpected friendship between Elizabeth and Bryony has worked, despite them being polar opposites. They are godmothers to each other's daughters. But somehow, they had never discussed vaccination and the weighing of personal freedom against public health.

This is the perfect book for a book club, as it will provoke much discussion on an emotive and divisive issue.

Emily Edwards lives in Lewes and will be discussing her book and the issues it raises with Kate Harris who worked in publishing for many years. Kate will be fielding questions from the audience and if any Book Group would like to send in a question before the meeting, please email: info@cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
READ *THE HERD* BEFORE THE MEETING BUT
HAVEN'T GOT A COPY OF THE BOOK (we
know the local libraries had few copies), WE
HAVE COPIES WE CAN LEND OUT. PLEASE
CONTACT: info@cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk**

**ALSO, JUST TO REMIND YOU, THERE'S
ABSOLUTELY NO NEED TO HAVE READ THE
BOOK BEFORE COMING TO THE EVENT.**



These events will take place in the Old School, Cuckfield, RH17 5JZ on Saturday 8th October

Adults are free but must book a ticket. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult throughout each session. Books will be available to buy, signed by the authors.



11am – 11.45am

Sue Monroe

The Magnificent Moon Hare

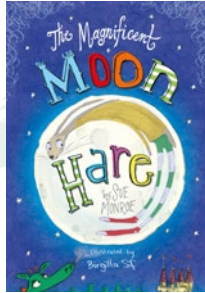
Age 6 plus

£6.00 per child

Join Sue Monroe to hear her tell her fantastically funny stories about a spoiled and unpleasant princess and a moon hare. *The Magnificent Moon Hare* stories are fun-filled adventures featuring wonderful characters and perfect for firing kids' imaginations.

This will be an interactive story telling workshop.

Sue has worked on a variety of programmes for the BBC, ITV, GMTV and Radio Five, including *Cbeebies*, where she was one of the original presenters. She owns the children's shop called PJ and The Hare on the High Street in Cuckfield.



12.30pm to 1.15pm

Alice and Emily Haworth-Booth

Protest!

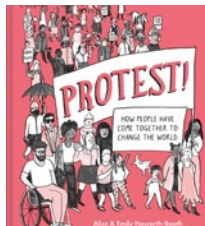
Workshop

Age 7 plus

£6.00 per child

Kids these days are very aware of peaceful protest and are prepared to make a stand against what they believe is wrong in the world. Alice and Emily have been involved in activism for years and *Protest!* sets out the history of protest and how it has changed society.

Going back to 1170 BCE when workers on the Egyptian pyramids went on strike for more food to the present day with school strikes for climate action, this illustrated



history will inspire, entertain and inform. Lots of audience participation is expected in this workshop!

The Bookseller said ... a 'brilliant book ... a positive and uplifting celebration of people who have worked to make the world a better place.'

Emily is an author-illustrator and politics and environmental issues often appear as themes in her books. Her books have been short listed for many awards.

Alice is a graphic designer and writer who has created many bold and colourful designs for campaigns and activist groups.



1.45pm – 2.30pm

Katie Kirby

Ages 9 plus

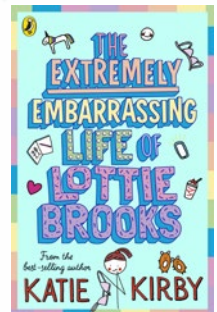
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Join Katie Kirby, best-selling author and creator of Lottie Brooks.

Katie's fantastically funny illustrated stories follow the triumphs and mishaps of Lottie Brooks, as she navigates the challenges of growing up and starting high school, covering topics from friendships to first bras. These charming and relatable stories are full of embarrassing and laugh out loud moments, alongside a lot of heart.

Katie Kirby is a writer, illustrator and influential parenting blogger who lives by the sea in Hove. *The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks* was her first novel quickly followed by *The Catastrophic Friendship Fails of Lottie Brooks* in which the misadventures of Lottie Brooks continue as she tries to be cool on Tik-Tok, awaits her first period, and lands a lead role in the spring musical for her talent as a musical crustacean.

There will be lots of chances to join in the fun and ask questions and Katie may even have questions for you!



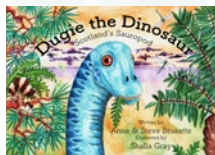
3.15pm – 4pm

Anne and Steve
Brusatte

Dugie the Dinosaur

Age 4-7

£6.00 per child



Dinosaurs once lived in Cuckfield but did you know they also lived in Scotland? Dugie is the long-necked dinosaur who lives on the Isle of Skye. When he is separated from his family by a storm, he needs the help of some new friends to get back to the safety of his lagoon. A story of bravery, friendship and dinosaurs!

This will be an interactive session with plenty of time for you to ask anything you've ever wanted to know about dinosaurs! Authors Anne and Steve will take you back 170 million years ago to the Jurassic period.

Anne is a primary teacher and artist and Steve is a palaeontologist and advisor on Jurassic World film series and the resident palaeontologist for the BBC's *Walking with Dinosaurs*. Steve will be at Cuckfest again on Sunday morning talking about his latest book *The Rise and Reign of the Mammals*.

4.30pm to 5.15pm

Andrew Pettie

The BIG Britannica Quiz

Ages 7 plus

£6.00 per child



Following last year's hugely successful quiz, we are delighted to announce its return!

Come along and join Andrew Pettie who is the wildly entertaining quizmaster. The format for the session is that it's a quiz for family teams with responses being put into a phone or ipad, or it can be done with pencil and paper.

Do boomerangs work in space? Could Usain Bolt outrun a hippo? How many human cells could you fit on the head of a pin? Discover the answers to all these questions and more as you play our fun and fascinating family quiz.

Andrew Pettie – author for *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and editor of the all-new *Britannica Magazine* – will test your family's trivia power and see who will be crowned Cuckfest's BIG Britannica Quiz Champion 2022. It could be you! There will be prizes!



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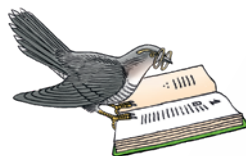
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Programme of Events



Thursday 6th October

7.30 pm

Literary Quiz

The Talbot, Cuckfield

Friday 7th October

7pm for 7.30pm

Supper

Ockenden Manor

Saturday 8th October

10am	Steve Richards	The Prime Ministers We Never Had
11.30am	Robert Lacey	Battle of Brothers
11.30am (upstairs)	James Birch	Bacon in Moscow
1pm	Vanessa Berridge	Borde Hill Garden: A Plant Hunter's Paradise
1pm (upstairs)	Simon Fanshawe	The Power of Difference
2.30pm	Lisa Jewell Will Brooker	The Family Remains The Truth About Lisa Jewell
2.30pm (upstairs)	Wendy Joseph	Unlawful Killings
4pm	Richard Osman	The Bullet that Missed
5.30pm	Andrew Hunter Murray	The Last Day
7pm	Simon Williams Lucy Fleming	Posting Letters to the Moon

Sunday 9th October

10am	Steve Brusatte	The Rise and Reign of the Mammals
11.30am	Gavin Mortimer	The Phoney Major
1pm	Raymond Antrobus	All the Names Given
1pm (upstairs)	Nick Wallis	The Great Post Office Scandal
1pm (in The Talbot)	Mark McCrum	How to Write a Memoir
2.30pm	Eileen Atkins	Will She Do?
4pm	Julia Boyd Angela Findlay	A Village in the Third Reich In My Grandfather's Shadow
5.30pm	David Hendy	The BBC – A People's History
5.30pm (in The Talbot)	Clive Tyldesley	'Not For Me, Clive'
7pm (in The Talbot)	Emily Edwards	The Herd

Family Events

(to be held in the Old School, Cuckfield, RH17 5JZ)



Saturday 8th October

11am	Sue Monroe	The Magnificent Moon Hare
12.30pm	Alice and Emily Haworth-Booth	Protest!
1.45pm	Katie Kirby	Lottie Brooks
3.15pm	Steve and Anne Brusatte	Dugie the Dinosaur
4.30pm	Andrew Pettie	The BIG Britannica Quiz



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We particularly thank our main sponsor Hurstpierpoint College whose support and interest in the festival is hugely appreciated, and Cumnor House Sussex whose support helps us to provide a day of events for the children, and Adelphi Holdings, a local company who has been with us from the start.

We welcome new sponsors, both corporate and individual. For full details of sponsorship, please contact sponsorship@cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk

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(And apologies to anyone we have missed)

The Friends of Cuckfest group has proved very popular and many thanks to everyone who has joined up. Information on how to become a Friend is on the website www.cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk

Also thanks to Cuckfield Dramatic Society, Cuckfield Museum, Louis Mackay, Parish Council staff and Waterstones.

Cuckfield Book Festival would not take place without the energy and commitment of volunteers. We get many compliments after each festival from authors and visitors who are made to feel so welcome - many thanks to everyone who helps.

Management team: Shauna Bevan, Claire-Louise Clark, Paul Davey, Patricia Hegarty, Charlotte Keenan, Angela Magness, Sarah McConnell, Sally Nakajima, Annie Rees and Julia Webb.

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For information on how to become a Friend, go to

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10% discount if tickets at £12 each for 5 events over the two days are bought at the same time. Do apply early as some events are expected to sell out quickly.

We welcome 16-24 year olds and invite you to pay at the door at half-price for all £12 tickets, providing spaces are available. Check Ticketsource on the day (details above).

In person

You can also buy tickets in person (cash or card) at Marcus Grimes, South Street, Cuckfield during normal office hours.

Ukrainian visitors

We would like to offer complimentary tickets to any Ukrainian guests of attendees, (subject to availability and excluding the quiz and dinner). Please email tickets@cuckfieldbookfest.co.uk with details including your existing booking reference for tickets purchased. All complimentary ticket(s) for Ukrainian guests are at the discretion of Cuckfield BookFest.



On the door

While we recommend advance booking for all events, if seats or cancellations are available, you can buy these on the door on the day (cash or card), both at the Queen's Hall or at the Old School for children's events.

Under normal circumstances, tickets are non-refundable unless the event in question has been cancelled. If refunds become necessary due to reintroduction of Covid restrictions, Ticketsource will refund the ticket cost.

7th October – Ockenden Manor Supper (see page 4 for details)

Tickets are £67.50 each and are available only by applying to Angela Magness at cuckfieldbookfest@outlook.com. They are NOT available through Ticketsource. Angela will provide information on how to pay when she confirms your application for tickets has been successful.

PLEASE NOTE

Events are subject to change and Cuckfield Book Festival cannot be held responsible for programming changes. Seating is unreserved. Doors open approximately 15 minutes before each event.

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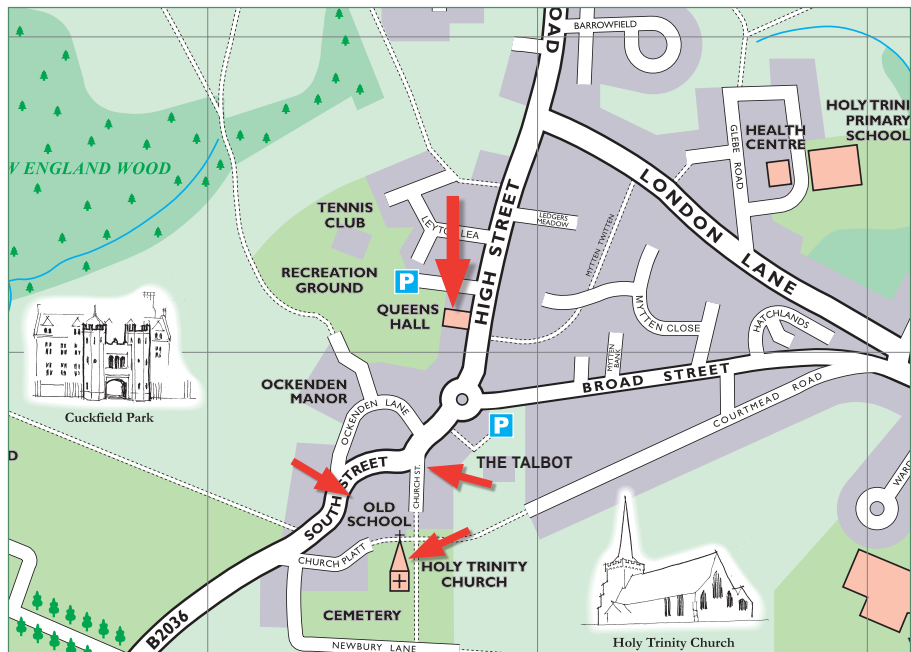
Refreshments

There will be tea, coffee, wine and soft drinks available in the Queen's Hall and the yellow Sussex Coffee Truck will be stationed at the entrance. There are also several pubs and cafés in the village serving hot and cold refreshments.

Book sales

Once again Waterstones will be selling books signed by the authors appearing at Cuckfield Bookfest.

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