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Parking: St. Mary's Road will be fully closed from Weds 10 - Mon 15 June. There will be NO PARKING on the festival site, with the exception of limited blue badge parking in the Orchard, depending on weather. This can be accessed from the Melrose Parish Church end of the road but blue badges must be displayed.

Parking will be available on the hard standing at Annay Road rugby pitch, which is only a couple of minutes' walk away from Harmony (on the Melrose to Newstead road - follow the one way signs down Abbey Street). This is subject to weather conditions and strictly NO parking on the rugby pitch.

Additional parking may also be on offer at Melrose Primary School but please refer to our website for updates.

All parking in Melrose town centre is within easy reach of the festival venues.

There is a DROP OFF ONLY zone on Annay Road but please note there is no parking in this area and a one-way system will be in operation.

Booking Information

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IN PERSON

From Thursday 11 June, 2015

Borders Book Festival Box Office

Harmony Garden, St Mary's Road, Melrose TD6 9LJ

***Open throughout Festival (11 - 14 June) 10.00am - 9.30pm**

Payment: All major credit and debit cards accepted. Cheques should be made payable to Borders Book Festival. Tickets must be paid for at time of booking and are non-refundable. Tickets for the Borders Book Festival are limited and may therefore not be available for purchase at the door on the day of performance. Concession tickets (C) are available to students, registered disabled (plus one carer), registered unemployed, under 16s and Young Scot cardholders. Proof of entitlement will be required.

Visitors with additional needs: All venues at Harmony Garden have wheelchair access. Please ask for individual venue access details when booking.

Events are one hour long unless specified. Seating is unreserved.

Latecomers: Events start punctually. Members of the audience may not be admitted after the beginning of events.

Programme details are correct at time of going to press. The Borders Book Festival reserves the right to alter or cancel events. Please check the festival website www.bordersbookfestival.org for the latest news, special events and information.

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FRONT COVER. Main image: Celia Imrie. Top row: Jenny Colgan, Dom Joly. Middle row: Kirsty Logan. Bottom row: Rory McLeod, Peter Snow



All the fun of the Festival

Celebrate summer with a visit to one of Britain's friendliest book festivals. Get set for a weekend to remember, with almost 100 events for adults and children to choose from - and entry to Harmony Garden and Orchard is FREE!



The Orchard

This year we join the rest of Scotland in celebrating the Year of Food and Drink. Our new Orchard site is situated next to Harmony Garden, where there's plenty to explore with a special venue dedicated to food, drink and music events and a café, bar and food village.

The Eat Your Words Marquee will showcase many new events including afternoon teas, wine and gin tastings plus live music presented in association with MacArts, a new multi-arts centre based in nearby Galashiels.

There's lots of space in The Orchard to relax and soak up the atmosphere and the Orde Café will be serving up the finest coffee, tea and cakes, while our new food village will offer several delightful hot food options. The Book Bar will provide a covered area with plenty of seating where you'll be able to settle down with a nice G&T or a glass of wine.

Born in the Borders Food Market

On St Mary's Road, you will find the best the Scottish Borders has to offer in retail food and drink, in the Born in the Borders Street Market. The street market forms a link between our Harmony Garden and The Orchard - and we hope you'll take the time to sample some delicious apple juice, tablet and much, much more.

Harmony Garden Festival Bookshop

For the first year ever, the festival bookshop in Harmony Garden will occupy the full length of its marquee, allowing lots more space for browsing, buying and book signings. In the corner kids' area, children can sit and read, try some colouring in and take part in some fun activities from the Margaret Kerr team. The bookshop is open from 10am till late - plenty of time for shopping!

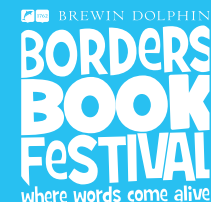
We run our own bookshop and all proceeds go directly back to the festival.

Harmony Garden Bars

You can still enjoy a drink in Harmony Garden, where a tempting selection of beers and wines can be purchased from the Born in the Borders Beer Bar and Corney & Barrow's Wine Bar.

Become a Friend

Join as a Friend to enjoy benefits including advance booking, 10% discount in the festival bookshop and much more. Visit our website for details or call us on 01896 822644.



EVENTS AND BOOK SIGNINGS: All events last one hour unless otherwise specified, and book signings take place within the festival bookshop. Please check the board outside the bookshop for signing information



Accompanying Children to Events

We strongly advise that adults accompany children under age ten to all events. Everyone attending must have a ticket. For some events, tickets admit one child and one accompanying adult. Look for the notes under event description.

Ages in listings are for guidance only.

Bringing the kids? Our Family Book Festival offers a wonderful selection of events with some of today's best loved authors for children. And there are lots of free activities to enjoy too...

By buying a FAMILY DAY PASS you can enjoy lots of events on Saturday and Sunday at a special rate. A pass costs only £35, and provides entry for up to five family members to six events each day, highlighted in the Family Book Festival programme with the FDP logo.

See the full list of family events on pages 32 - 37.

MEDIA You might just come across a TV camera or a large microphone if you're attending the festival. Both RADIO BORDERS and ITV BORDER will be with us, interviewing authors, chatting to the public and reporting on events - make sure you're camera ready; you might end up on the news!

PHOTOGRAPHY The book festival employs a roving photographer who will be taking photos of events, the garden and visitors for promotional use.

PLEASE NOTE Dogs: Harmony Garden and Orchard is a National Trust for Scotland property. We regret that we can't welcome the four legged members of your family. Hearing and guide dogs only will be admitted to the festival grounds.



CHARITY 2015 Our chosen charity is the MARGARET KERR UNIT - an in-patient, specialist palliative care unit at the

Borders General Hospital. The unit cares for patients with life limiting illnesses and provides specialist pain control and symptom management as well as end of life care. The unit also houses community nurses who support patients in the palliative phase of their illness - both at home and in community hospitals.

SB LIBRARIES more than just books

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES A mobile library from Scottish Borders Library and Information Services will be present at the festival during Friday and Saturday.

Three vehicles deliver the mobile library service to the rural and outlying communities of the Scottish Borders, as well as to housebound borrowers. Each vehicle carries a range of books to suit all ages and is equipped with disabled access and a hearing loop.

WHY NOT DROP IN TO THE VAN AND SEE WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Friday 12th June 2:30pm - 6:00pm
Saturday 13th June 10:30am - 6:00pm

For more details on SB Libraries visit www.scotborders.gov.uk



Eating our words!

Wonderful Andrew Cruickshank, my Chairman when I ran the Edinburgh Fringe, gave me some advice about festivals. Three things were important: the programme, the programme and he couldn't remember the other thing. Well, have Paula Ogilvie and I got a programme for you!! Biggest ever – at almost 100 events in 4 days. Most diverse ever – with Scottish Opera, the Really Terrible Orchestra and a showcase for MacArts, the exciting new multi-arts venue in Galashiels. Most tasty ever – in the Year of Food and Drink 2015, delivered by Event Scotland and Visit Scotland, we will have a new venue in The Orchard (where else?) to feature food writing, food cooking and food eating. Most food ever – with the Born in the Borders Street Market and our new Book Bar and Orde Café situated in The Orchard. Most political ever (how could it not be?) - with Alex Salmond, John Bercow, Gordon Brown and balanced comment from Andrew Marr and Jim Naughtie. Most fun ever – with John Bird, Jonathan Miller, Rory Bremner, Patricia Hodge and Celia Imrie.

And finally most grateful ever – to the lovely Brewin Dolphin for their headline sponsorship, to Scottish Borders Council and Creative Scotland, to our new media partner, The Times, and to Richard and Bizza Buccleuch for everything they do. We are also grateful to the many sponsors who support us each year and would like to welcome aboard our new sponsors, DM Hall, Bruce Stevenson Insurance, Specsavers, Renew Green Energy, Mitchell Glass and Stewart Technology.

And finally finally most grateful - to Francis Hamilton, our chairman over the past 12 years, who says it's really time he bowed out, exhausted, driven half-daft but happy. Thanks old friend for all you have done.

Alistair Moffat
Director, Borders Book Festival



And so we look forward to another great literary weekend in Melrose. The programme for 2015 is a wonderful celebration of writing, with authors from many genres gathering in the Borders to share their stories and their expertise. This year, there are some exciting additions to the regular schedule as the festival embraces Scotland's Year of Food and Drink and also welcomes Scottish Opera's pop-up roadshow. As sponsors, we are delighted that the book festival continues to develop, with new ideas that will add to the overall event and enhance the enjoyment and experience of its many supporters and visitors. Books remain at the core of the festival and we are thrilled to have such illustrious names joining us again this year. I am confident that whatever your age or interests, you will find something in this year's line-up to entertain, intrigue and inform you.

Jonathan Tweedie
Head of Office, Brewin Dolphin, Edinburgh



The Times is delighted to be media partners with the Brewin Dolphin Borders Book Festival. In just twelve years, the festival has pulled off a remarkable feat, establishing itself both as an event of genuine importance in literary calendars north and south of the Border, and as a joyful experience for the casual visitor.

Over a long weekend, you can enjoy encounters with the most artful novelists and meet some of the country's most distinguished thinkers, historians and politicians. At the same time, there's an opportunity to immerse yourself in a party atmosphere, the hallmark of this delightful event in Harmony's walled garden. The festival is by turns serious and engaging, fun, exciting and compelling. Great festivals, it seems, are like great newspapers.

Les Snowden
Scotland Editor, The Times

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	P
5.45pm	Keith Partridge: The Adventure Game	HARMONY MARQUEE	12
6.00pm	Peter Snow: The Battle of Waterloo Experience	THE TIMES MARQUEE	13
6.00pm	Walter Elliot	LOCHCARRON MARQUEE	13
7.00pm - 8.15pm	Gin Is In	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	13
7.15pm	James Holland: The War in the West	HARMONY MARQUEE	13
7.30pm	Michelle Mone	THE TIMES MARQUEE	14
7.30pm	Rosemary Goring	LOCHCARRON MARQUEE	14
8.45pm	Irma Kurtz: My Life in Agony	HARMONY MARQUEE	14
9.00pm	Andrew Marr	THE TIMES MARQUEE	15
9.00pm	MacArts Presents: Al & Sue	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	15

Family Book Festival Event



1.30pm	Where's the White Rabbit?	HARMONY GARDEN	33
1.30pm - 3.30pm	Waverley Lines Poetry Workshop for Young Poets	LOCHCARRON MARQUEE	33
1.45pm - 3.15pm	How to Get Your Children's and YA Book Published	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	16
3.00pm - 3.40pm	Scottish Opera: Puffy Macpuffer & the Crabbit Canals	SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER	33
4.00pm - 5.30pm	Waverley Lines Short Story Writing Workshop	LOCHCARRON MARQUEE	16
4.15pm - 5.45pm	The Fabulous Four Fish Fingers with Jason Beresford	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	33
5.00pm - 5.30pm	Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of Carmen	SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER	16
6.00pm	John Bercow	THE TIMES MARQUEE	17
6.15pm	Terry Waite	HARMONY MARQUEE	17
6.15pm	Kirsty Logan	LOCHCARRON MARQUEE	17
6.30pm - 7.00pm	Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of The Barber of Seville	SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER	18
7.30pm	Alex Salmond	THE TIMES MARQUEE	18
7.30pm	Nikki Welch: The WineTubeMap	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	18
7.45pm	Dom Joly	HARMONY MARQUEE	19
7.45pm	David Nobbs	LOCHCARRON MARQUEE	19
9.00pm	Prue Leith	THE TIMES MARQUEE	20
9.15pm	Alex Norton	HARMONY MARQUEE	20
9.15pm - 10.45pm	MacArts Presents: Rory McLeod	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	20

13 June

Saturday

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	P
10.30am	Hugless Douglas with David Melling	THE TIMES MARQUEE	FDP 34
10.45am	Most Wonderful Thing in the World with Viv French	HARMONY MARQUEE	FDP 34
10.45am	Making History Come Alive!	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	34
12.00pm	The World of Bob with Simon Bartram	THE TIMES MARQUEE	FDP 34
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Bookbug Rhyme Session	DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT	34
12.15pm	David Almond	HARMONY MARQUEE	FDP 34
12.15pm	Words About Eating	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	21
12.30pm - 1.15pm	Alice in Wonderland Publishers' Family Workshop	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	34
1.00pm - 1.30pm	Bookbug Rhyme Session	DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT	35
1.00pm - 1.40pm	Scottish Opera: Puffy Macpuffer & the Crabbit Canals	SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER	35
1.45pm	Knight in Training with Viv French & David Melling	HARMONY MARQUEE	FDP 35
1.45pm - 2.30pm	Alice in Wonderland Publishers' Family Workshop	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	35
2.00pm	The Really Terrible Orchestra	THE TIMES MARQUEE	21
2.15pm - 3.45pm	Afternoon Tea with Sue Lawrence	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	21
2.15pm - 2.45pm	Storytime	DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT	35
3.15pm	The Walter Scott Prize Shortlist	HARMONY MARQUEE	22
3.15pm	Sixteen String Jack with Tom Pow	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	FDP 35
3.15pm - 3.45pm	Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of Carmen	SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER	22
3.30pm	John Bird & Rory Bremner	THE TIMES MARQUEE	22
3.30pm	The Dreamsnatcher with Abi Elphinstone	DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT	35
4.45pm	John Lister-Kaye	HARMONY MARQUEE	22
4.45pm	Gordon Brown & Hector Chawla	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	22
4.45pm	The Rhino Farm with Annabel Claridge	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	35
4.45pm - 5.15pm	Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of The Barber of Seville	SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER,	22
5.15pm - 6.00pm	The Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction	THE TIMES MARQUEE	23
6.15pm	Sally Magnusson	HARMONY MARQUEE	23
6.15pm	Gavin Francis	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	23
6.30pm	Gordon Brown	THE TIMES MARQUEE	23
6.30pm	Thirty Years of The Three Chimneys	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	23
7.45pm	Owen Jones	HARMONY MARQUEE	24
7.45pm	Ian Fraser: Shredded	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	24
8.00pm	Alexander McCall Smith	THE TIMES MARQUEE	24
9.00pm - 10.30pm	MacArts Presents: The Bevy Sisters	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	24
9.15pm	Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow	HARMONY MARQUEE	24
9.30pm	Patricia Hodge	THE TIMES MARQUEE	24

14 June

Sunday

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	P
11.00am	Mac and Bob: The Party Problem	THE TIMES MARQUEE	FDP 36
11.30am	Waverley and Other Railways	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	26
11.30am - 12.00pm	Storytime	DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT	36
12.00pm - 2.00pm	MacArts Presents: Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	26
12.15pm	Gill Arbutnot: What Makes Your Body Work?	HARMONY MARQUEE	FDP 36
12.30pm	A Feast of Fun with Nick Sharratt & Viv French	THE TIMES MARQUEE	FDP 36
12.45pm - 2.30pm	Waverley Lines Poetry Writing Workshop	DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT	26
12.45pm - 1.25pm	Scottish Opera: Puffy Macpuffer & the Crabbit Canals	SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER	37
1.45pm	Polly and the Puffin with Jenny Colgan	HARMONY MARQUEE	FDP 37
1.45pm	Dindy and the Elephant with Elizabeth Laird	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	FDP 37
2.00pm	James Naughtie	THE TIMES MARQUEE	27
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Storytime	DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT	37
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of Carmen	SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER	27
3.15pm	Borgon the Axeboy with Kjartan Poskitt	HARMONY MARQUEE	FDP 37
3.15pm - 4.45pm	Afternoon Tea with Jenny Colgan	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	28
3.15pm	15 Things NOT to Do with a Baby with Holly Sterling	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	37
3.30pm	Alice in Wonderland	THE TIMES MARQUEE	28
4.00pm - 5.30pm	Waverley Lines Young Writers' Story Workshop	DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT	37
4.15pm - 4.45pm	Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of The Barber of Seville	SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER	28
4.45pm	M C Beaton	HARMONY MARQUEE	28
4.45pm	Alan Cochrane	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	29
5.00pm	Jonathan Miller	THE TIMES MARQUEE	29
6.00pm	Matt Haig: Reasons to Stay Alive	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	29
6.15pm	Borders Railway with David Parker & David Spaven	HARMONY MARQUEE	29
6.15pm	David Crane	LOHCARRON MARQUEE	31
6.30pm	Celia Imrie	THE TIMES MARQUEE	31
7.45pm	Chris Brookmyre	HARMONY MARQUEE	31
7.45pm	MacArts Presents: Live Music Event	EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE	31
8.00pm	Rory Bremner	THE TIMES MARQUEE	31

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Family Book Festival Event
FDP Family Day Pass Event

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Image: Keith Partridge

The greatest adventure cameraman in the world.

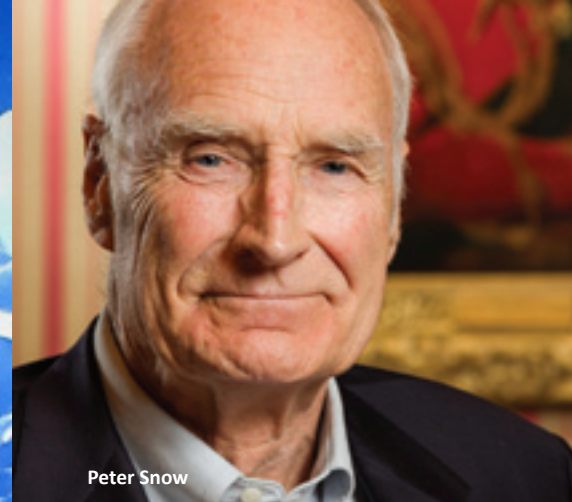
Steve Backshall



Keith Partridge: The Adventure Game

5.45pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

Launching at the Brewin Dolphin Borders Book Festival, *The Adventure Game* is a brilliant memoir of an extraordinary job. Keith films expeditions, from Everest to Papua New Guinea, but perhaps his most famous work was in *Touching the Void*, the story of Joe Simpson's brush with death in the Andes. According to Steve Backshall, he is the greatest adventure cameraman in the world.



Peter Snow

Peter Snow: The Battle of Waterloo Experience

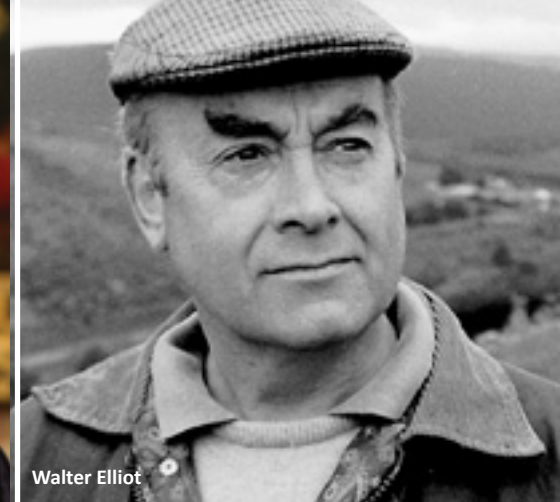
6.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

Waterloo – a damn close-run thing, as Wellington almost said, is brought vividly to life on its 200th anniversary by the absolutely inimitable Peter Snow. Following his *To War with Wellington*, this superb account rounds off an epic story.

Walter Elliot

6.00pm / LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / £10, £8

His life and times. A great Borderer reflects on history, poetry and the meaning of a long and immensely rich life among the Border hills. Walter has rewritten our history several times and his remarkable ability to read the land like a text is legendary. In conversation with Alistair Moffat, his biggest fan.



Walter Elliot

Gin is In

7.00pm - 8.15pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE
£15 / Ticket includes 4 samples

With dozens of new brands, tastes and mixers, gin has changed and it now has its very own website. Gintime will help you explore how the best of the Scottish craft brands are leading the way in the great Gin Renaissance. Gin-tastic!

James Holland: The War in the West

7.15pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

A brilliant communicator, James will talk about his fascinating new book *War in the West*. Incisive and revealing, it tells a familiar story in a completely new way. He brings together the meticulous research seen in his books about The Dam Busters, The Battle of Britain, Fortress Malta and the war in North Africa to tell the epic tale of the most destructive conflict in history.

James Holland



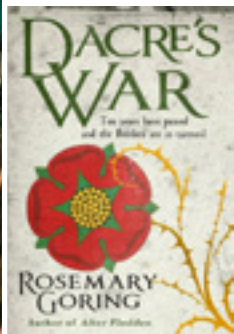
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Michelle Mone

7.30pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

She's a star, simple as that - and a dynamic, glamorous entrepreneur who has an absorbing story to tell in her autobiography *My Fight to the Top*. An inspiration and an inspirational speaker, Michelle will hold nothing back in telling her rags to riches story - from the East End of Glasgow to a \$50m business empire.



Rosemary Goring

7.30pm / LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / £10, £8

Following her brilliant debut novel *After Flodden* Rosemary has stayed with Borders history to conjure up another glorious tale - of the years after Flodden. Launching at the festival, *Dacre's War*, is set 10 years later and is about intrigue, revenge and love in those stirring times. Ticket includes a glass of wine.

Irma Kurtz: My Life in Agony

8.45pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

My Life in Agony is crammed with wonderful stories from Irma's forty years as Cosmopolitan's professional agony aunt - and she tells them with relish and laughter. Mores and attitudes have changed radically over two generations and Irma's advice has changed with them. This is a tale told with insight, wisdom and fun.

Image: B White



Irma Kurtz



Andrew Marr

Andrew Marr

9.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

A great broadcaster, a gifted author and a man with no little grit, Andrew makes his first visit to the book festival to talk about his writing, life and recent times. And in the wake of the most intriguing general election in recent times, his insights will be fascinating.

MacArts Presents: Al & Sue

9.00pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE / £8

Borders based musicians Al James & Sue Bremner perform tracks from their forthcoming album, inspired by the classic good-time swing jazz style of great acts like Louis Armstrong, Fats Waller, Stephane Grappelli and Ella Fitzgerald. A wonderful way to end the first night of the festival.



Al & Sue

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How To Get Your Children's and YA Book Published

1.45pm - 3.15pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE
 £15 / Age 14 to adult / Ticket includes tea and cake
 Join leading literary agents, Kathryn Ross and Lindsey Fraser of Edinburgh-based agency, Fraser Ross Associates for a cuppa, the inside story on the world of children's publishing and plenty of tasty tips on how to help your book rise to the top. All your questions about writing and illustrating for children answered! Chaired by popular children's author, Vivian French.

Waverley Lines Short Story Writing Workshop

4.00pm - 5.30pm / LOHCARRON MARQUEE / FREE
 Age 18+

Hosted by Borders based Iona McGregor, this workshop will provide you with the inspiration to write your own short story (1500 words) based on the theme of the reopening of the Waverley Line and the opportunity to submit work to The Eildon Tree – Waverly Lines writing competition.

Supported by The Eildon Tree writing magazine, Arts Development, Scottish Borders Council.



Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of Carmen

5.00pm - 5.30pm / SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER,
 ST MARY'S ROAD / £8

Scottish Opera is on the road, with a mobile theatre that has been charmingly converted to resemble the interior of Glasgow's Theatre Royal. This cleverly rewritten version of Bizet's Carmen is performed by a storyteller, singers and instrumentalists on guitar, cello and flute. **NOTE: limited spaces**



John Bercow



Kirsty Logan



Terry Waite

Image: Jenny Coles

John Bercow

6.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

Literally a central figure in British politics, a reforming Speaker of the House of Commons and a fully qualified tennis coach, John comes to Melrose to talk about politics, books and Andy Murray. Controversy is part of the job, impartiality essential and a sense of humour vital. This is a unique opportunity to see our politics through the eyes of the man in the middle.

Terry Waite

6.15pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

Having survived imprisonment as a hostage and wrestled with major moral issues all his life, Terry shows an entirely unexpected talent for comic fiction. *The Voyage of the Golden Handshake* is simply hilarious, beautifully written and a story of real charm.

Kirsty Logan

6.15pm / LOHCARRON
 MARQUEE / £10, £8

Her brilliant new novel *The Gracekeepers* has been drawing comparisons with Angela Carter, Margaret Atwood and Jeanette Winterson. Beautifully written, beautifully imagined.

See page 3 for
 booking details.



Scottish Opera



Alex Salmond



Dom Joly



David Nobbs



Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of The Barber of Seville

6.30pm - 7.00pm / SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER, ST MARY'S ROAD / £8

Scottish Opera is on the road, with a mobile theatre that has been charmingly converted to resemble the interior of Glasgow's Theatre Royal. This cleverly rewritten version of Rossini's comic opera The Barber of Seville is performed by a storyteller, singers and instrumentalists on guitar and cello.

NOTE: limited spaces

Alex Salmond

7.30pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

A giant of Scottish and British politics, he comes to Melrose to talk about his *The Dream Shall Never Die: 100 Days That Changed Scotland Forever* after a momentous general election.



Nikki Welch: The WineTubeMap

7.30pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE / £15
Ticket includes 6 samples, provided by Corney & Barrow

Join Nikki Welch for a journey along the WineTubeMap, a unique flavour map of wine. Whether you are a wine novice or seasoned traveller you are sure to enjoy this multi-sensory trip around the often over-complicated world of wine. If you've ever wondered how to make wine taste better, which other wines you will like based on your favourites or why some wines taste better with food, this is the event for you.

Dom Joly

7.45pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

Here Comes the Clown: Adventures in Show Business is a brilliantly bizarre and hilarious memoir from the audacious comedian and star of Trigger Happy TV. "Frank. Funny. Fearless. In fact if he weren't called Dom Joly that would be a much better name for him" said Danny Wallace.

David Nobbs

7.45pm / LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / £10, £8

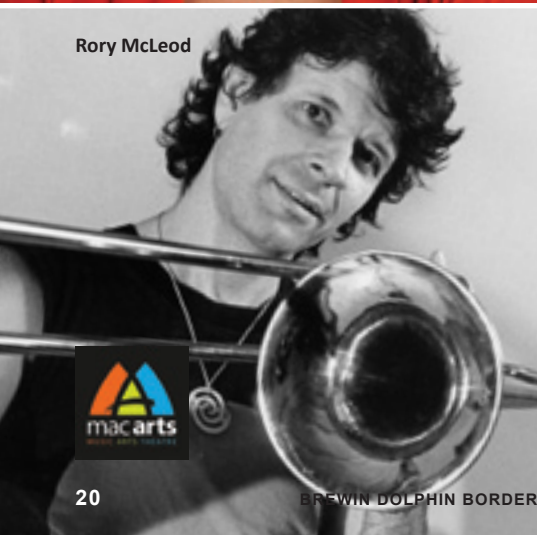
The creator of *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin*, David has written a brilliant new novel *The Second Life of Sally Mottram*. One of Britain's most gifted comic writers, he continues to be innovative and productive.



Alex Norton



Prue Leith



Rory McLeod

Image: STV Productions

Prue Leith

9.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

Glorious, gorgeous and greedy for life, adventure, good food and new experiences, Prue Leith talks about her life and her excellent novels. She changed the face of British catering, built a business empire and broke through several glass ceilings. A remarkable woman.

Alex Norton

9.15pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

His autobiography *There's Been a Life* tells the story of a remarkable career, from the 7:84 Theatre Company to taking the role of DCI Matt Burke in Taggart. Alex is funny, self-deprecating and brilliant. His versatility means that he has worked across all media and with many other stars - Johnny Depp, Billy Connolly, Rowan Atkinson and Clint Eastwood.

MacArts Presents: Rory McLeod

9.15pm - 10.45pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE £10

With Rory McLeod, you get the music of the world in one suitcase. He's a fantastic live act, a one-man soul band whose influences include flamenco, calypso and blues folded together with impressive storytelling lyrics. Bouncy rhythms, infectious riffs, nifty tunes... pure joy.

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Words About Eating

12.15pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE / £12, £10

In the Eat Your Words Marquee, Prue Leith, Shirley Spear and Carina Contini discuss how we translate the enormous international success of Scottish food and drink abroad into better health outcomes at home. Can we really claim to be a land of food and drink when bad diet and obesity are rife here and the best of produce is sent abroad?

With thanks to Taste Communications

The Really Terrible Orchestra

2.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12 / Suitable for all ages

This was a name carefully chosen by its founder and principle sousaphonist, Alexander McCall Smith. With the arrival of guest player, James Naughtie, standards are in no danger of rising. Despite repeated warnings, audiences persist in attending these extraordinary concerts, each one a triumph, in its own way.

Afternoon Tea with Sue Lawrence

2.15pm - 3.45pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE £15 / Ticket includes tea and cake

Or a Game of Scones. Enjoy the quintessential Scottish meal with the quintessential Scottish food writer – and now a novelist. Make sure you won't have had your tea.



Sue Lawrence

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The Walter Scott Prize Shortlist

3.15pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

Seven superb novels have been selected for this year's award for the best historical fiction of the year. Hear shortlisted authors John Spurling, Helen Dunmore and Hermione Eyre tell us about their work. Check the website for further confirmations.

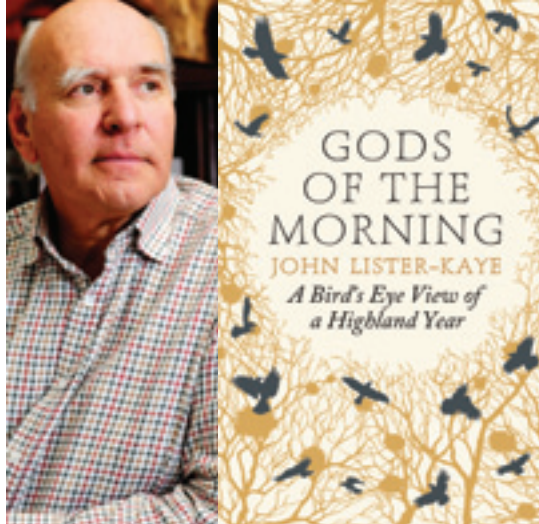


Image: Warwick Lister-Kaye

John Lister-Kaye

4.45pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

The Gods of the Morning are the birds whose song greets John each morning at Aigas, his home near Beaulieu. Having been originally invited to Scotland by Gavin Maxwell, John has stayed and written beautifully about the land and its animals.



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Gordon Brown & Hector Chawla

4.45pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE / £10, £8

In 1970, Gordon Brown almost lost his sight after a rugby injury. But for the brilliance of Dr Hector Chawla, he would have gone blind. Hector is also a novelist and Gordon will interview him about his life and love of books.



Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of The Barber of Seville

4.45pm - 5.15pm / SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER, ST MARY'S ROAD / £8

Scottish Opera is on the road, with a mobile theatre that has been charmingly converted to resemble the interior of Glasgow's Theatre Royal. This cleverly rewritten version of Rossini's comic opera *The Barber of Seville* is performed by a storyteller, singers and instrumentalists on guitar and cello. **NOTE: limited spaces**



John Bird



Sally Magnusson

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The Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction

5.15pm - 6.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £10, £8

From a shortlist of seven, the winner of the Walter Scott Prize will be announced by its sponsor, Richard Buccleuch. This is the country's largest annual literary prize awarded outside London, and possibly the world's largest for the genre of historical fiction. For 2015, as in previous years, the shortlisted books and their authors are simply stunning.

Previous Winners

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| 2010 | Hilary Mantel |
| 2011 | Andrea Levy |
| 2012 | Sebastian Barry |
| 2013 | Tan Twan Eng |
| 2014 | Robert Harris |



The shortlist: Adam Foulds, John Spurling, Martin Amis, Helen Dunmore, Kamila Shamsie, Damon Galgut and Hermione Eyre.

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Sally Magnusson

6.15pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

The next chapter of her wonderful memoir of her mother *Where Memories Go* is Playlist for Life, a way of using meaningful music to bring back memory. Sally talks about this with Andy Lowndes who helps run the new charity.

Gavin Francis

6.15pm / LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / £10, £8

His new book *Adventures in Human Being* is a fascinating cultural map of the human body, from the ribbed surface of the brain to the brilliant piece of engineering that is the foot. Our bodies may be familiar but Gavin's guide to how they work is amazingly revealing.

Gordon Brown

6.30pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

Following the general election, Gordon will talk about themes from his bestselling *My Scotland, Our Britain* and the prospects for the Union and for Scotland.

Thirty Years of the Three Chimneys

6.30pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE / £12, £10

Shirley Spear founded the world renowned Michelin starred restaurant in Skye, 30 years ago. Newly appointed as the Chair of the Scottish Food Commission, she talks about the changes in Scotland's restaurants and eating habits in all that time.

Image: Lloyd Smith



Gordon Brown



Owen Jones



Ian Fraser



Alexander McCall Smith



Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow

Image: Chris Leslie



The Bevy Sisters



Owen Jones

7.45pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

He talks to Rory Bremner about his *The Establishment: And How They Get Away With It*. No doubt the excellent Guardian columnist will also set his work against the context of the general election result. Owen Jones' writing is never less than concise, witty and perceptive.

Ian Fraser: Shredded - Inside RBS, The Bank That Broke Britain

7.45pm / LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / £10, £8

Shredded: Inside RBS, the Bank That Broke Britain is a remarkable tale that reads like fiction - if the antics of Fred Goodwin and the others were not all too true. This is a brilliant analysis of the most spectacular episode of bank mismanagement in recent history.

Alexander McCall Smith

8.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

Brilliantly prolific, he's given us three new novels in 2015 to choose from: *The Handsome Man's De Luxe Café* from the No1 Ladies Detective Agency series and *At the Reunion Buffet* and *The Novel Habits of Happiness* - both Isabel Dalhousie. Bliss!

MacArts Presents: The Bevy Sisters

9.00pm - 10.30pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE / £12

Just off the plane from the literary themed Shetland Jazz Festival, the Bevy Sisters present a special set featuring their readings of the songs of Michael Marra. Their sound centres on a spellbinding vocal chemistry between Heather Macleod, Gina Rae and Cera Impala, marrying Americana, classy original songwriting and finger-licking instrumental work. Fellow Bevy Sister, David Donnelly, completes the quartet on guitar and bass vocals.

Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow

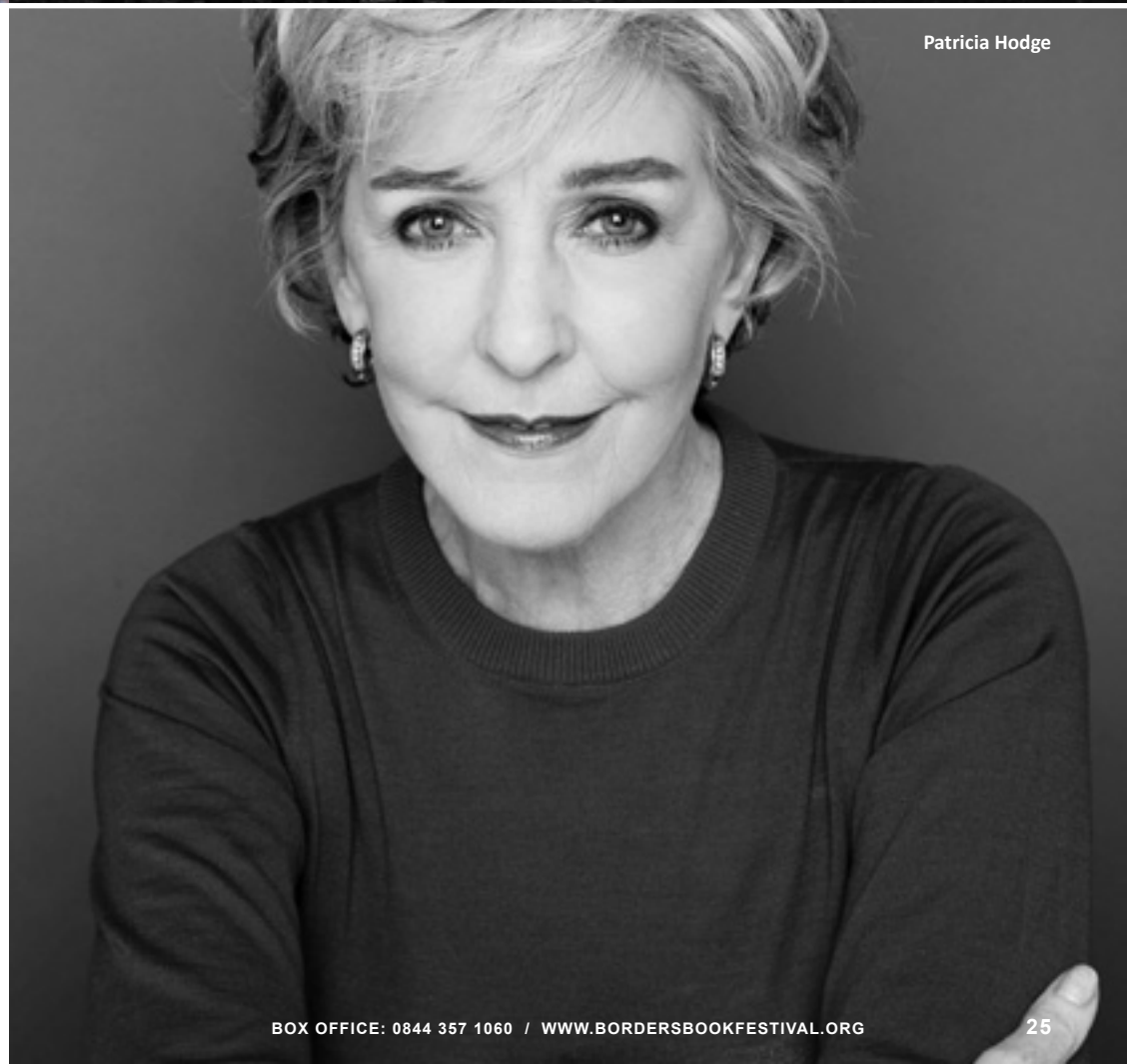
9.15pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

The founder of Mary's Meals, Magnus has written its extraordinary story, *The Shed That Fed A Million Children*. Having watched a news bulletin about war-torn Bosnia, he and his brother went on a road trip to see if they could help. That was in 1992, and 23 years later almost a million of the world's poorest children are being fed every day by Mary's Meals. Chaired by Sally Magnusson.

Patricia Hodge

9.30pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

From the 'Portia of our chambers' in Rumpole of the Bailey to Miranda's Mum, Patricia talks to Rory Bremner about her life and career as one of Britain's leading actresses, having starred in musicals, the West End, feature films and TV. She has played Margaret Thatcher and starred opposite Jeremy Irons and Ben Kingsley in the film of Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*. A wonderful actress, a star.



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Waverley and Other Railways

11.30am / LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / £6

Borders Writers Forum members read from their contributions to a specially compiled anthology that celebrates the opening of the new Borders rail line. *Waverley and Other Railways* will be available for sale at the event.

MacArts Presents: Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon

12.00pm - 2.00pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE
 £10 / Ticket includes a coffee and Sunday papers

Ease your way into Sunday afternoon with fabulous jazz trio Colin Steele (trumpet), Brian Shiels (double bass) and Graeme Stephen (guitar). Smooth...

Waverley Lines Poetry Writing Workshop

12.45pm - 2.30pm / DAVIDSON CHALMERS
 STORYTELLING TENT / FREE / Age 18+

Sharpen your pencils and get on track to celebrate the reopening of the Waverley Line in a special poetry workshop. Hosted by Selkirk based writer and poetry teacher Julian Colton, explore simple techniques and exercises which will inspire writers of all abilities to write their own poems. Your poem, if you choose, will then be entered into The Eildon Tree – Waverley Lines poetry competition.

Supported by The Eildon Tree writing magazine, Arts Development, Scottish Borders Council

James Naughtie



James Naughtie

2.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

After all the politicians have passed through the Today programme studio and all the polls have been superseded by the only poll that counts, Jim Naughtie offers his unique analysis of the 2015 general election. His talk after the 2010 election was utterly brilliant, spellbinding. Jim at his matchless best.



Scottish Opera: A Little Bit of Carmen

3.00pm - 3.30pm / SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER,
 ST MARY'S ROAD / £8

Scottish Opera is on the road, with a mobile theatre that has been charmingly converted to resemble the interior of Glasgow's Theatre Royal. This cleverly rewritten version of Bizet's *Carmen* is performed by a storyteller, singers and instrumentalists on guitar, cello and flute. **NOTE: limited spaces**

Missed out on tickets? Even if an event is showing as sold out it may be possible to buy returns or go on a waiting list. Contact the box office for information.



Afternoon Tea with Jenny Colgan

3.15pm - 4.45pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE
£15 / Ticket includes tea and cake

What could be nicer? Tea and cake with Jenny talking about her delicious best-selling novel *Summer at Little Beach Street Bakery*. And hear all about her brand new book *Resistance is Futile* – a riotous cocktail of action, maths and kissing. Pass the buns, please.

Alice in Wonderland

3.30pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

150 years after it was first published, Jonathan Miller, Rory Bremner, Patricia Hodge, John Sessions and John Bird will celebrate Lewis Carroll's great novel with readings and talk. Jonathan directed the remarkable BBC film of *Alice* which was shown in 1966, 101 years after the novel was published. John Bird played the Fish Footman.



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M C Beaton

4.45pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

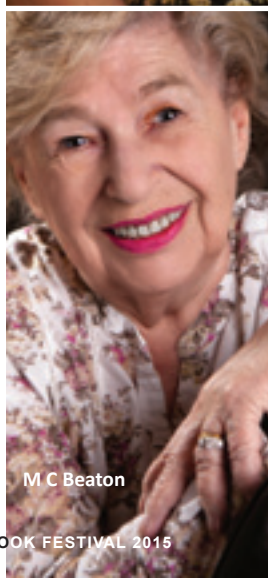
The creator of *Hamish Macbeth* and *Agatha Raisin*, the most borrowed British author and with 15 million sales worldwide, MC Beaton is a phenomenon and laugh-out-loud funny. If after 30 *Hamish Macbeth* novels and 25 *Agatha Raisin* mysteries, readers are still panting for more, do not despair. There is more to this author than meets the eye. She also writes under the pen-names of Ann Fairfax, Jennie Tremaine, Helen Crampton, Marion Chesney, Charlotte Ward and Sarah Chester. Which one will be in Melrose?



Jenny Colgan



Jonathan Miller



M C Beaton



Alan Cochrane



Matt Haig

Alan Cochrane

4.45pm / LOHCARRON MARQUEE / £10, £8

The Scottish Editor of the *Daily Telegraph* is also the author of *Alex Salmond: My Part in his Downfall*. Possibly. With humour, some remarkable admissions, and all the insights and instincts of an experienced journalist, Alan Cochrane supplies a unique perspective on one of the most turbulent and uncertain times in Scotland's history.

Jonathan Miller

5.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

From *Beyond the Fringe* to *The Body in Question* and a clutch of landmark opera productions, Jonathan Miller is a cultural phenomenon. We are delighted to welcome him to Melrose to talk about his life, career and books that influenced him.

Matt Haig: Reasons to Stay Alive

6.00pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE / £10, £8

Reasons to Stay Alive is a runaway bestseller and a true story. Aged 24, Matt's world caved in. He could see no way to go on living. Described as a 'masterpiece' by Joanna Lumley, this is an account of how he came through crisis, triumphed over an illness that threatened to destroy him and learned to live again. Unmissable.

The Borders Railway with David Parker & David Spaven

6.15pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

With the opening of the new line only 3 months after the festival, the two Davids will talk about the updated book, the milestones on the way and coming events.

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Celia Imrie



David Crane

6.15pm / LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / £10, £8

Went the Day Well?: Witnessing Waterloo is a wonderful collection of eye witness accounts of the seminal Battle of Waterloo intercut with stories of what was going on in Britain on that fateful day. David Crane is a superb communicator.

Celia Imrie

6.30pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

She is not just a great actress, a star of *Calendar Girls*, *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason* and *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and *The Second Best Marigold Hotel* but also a superb novelist. According to Joanna Lumley, *Not Quite Nice* is 'utterly delicious in every way'. So is Celia.

Chris Brookmyre

7.45pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £12, £10

Be warned. You are being watched. The brilliant Brookmyre's new novel *Black Widow* has a climactic scene that takes place – in Harmony Garden. A sneak preview may be possible. And it will be wrapped around by the inimitable Brookmyre style. Not only is he a great novelist, he can also entertain audiences royally.

MacArts Presents

7.45pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE

We can't reveal anything yet, but promise a fine musical morsel to wrap up the MacArts Presents feast in the Eat Your Words Marquee! Keep an eye on our website for updates.

Rory Bremner

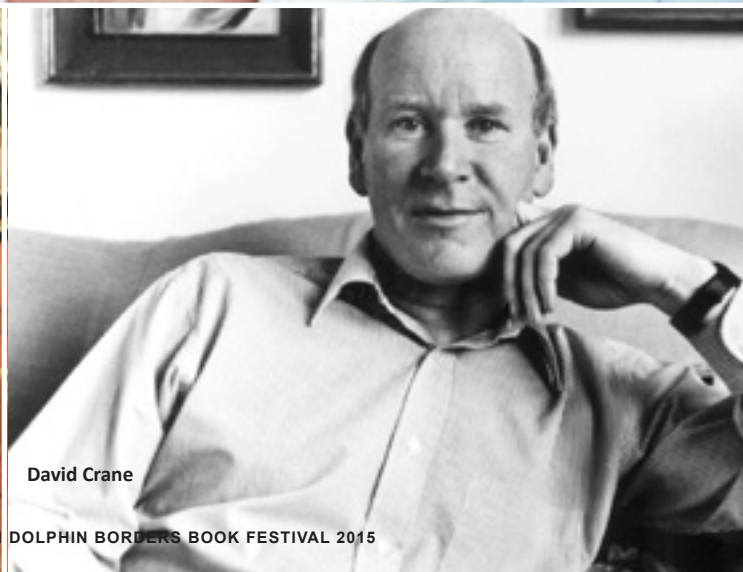
8.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £14, £12

Without him no Borders Book Festival can begin, far less end. He's a comedy genius and an Honorary Borderer - let's hear it for the big man.

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We hope you will love our fabulous Family Book Festival events – from favourite characters to laugh out loud humour, fascinating stories and amazing facts to fun crafty sessions and singalongs. Join us for a weekend of surprises and delights!

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Where's the White Rabbit?

From 1.30pm / HARMONY GARDEN / FREE / All ages

Can you help us find the White Rabbit? He was last spotted running around Harmony Garden, exclaiming that he was late, before popping down a rabbit hole! Take on the challenge to find the mini White Rabbits hiding around the walled garden – pick up your free activity pack from the festival bookshop.

Activity runs from Friday afternoon and throughout the Family Book Festival weekend.

Waverley Lines Poetry Writing Workshop for Young Poets

1.30pm - 3.30pm / LOHCARRON MARQUEE / FREE
Age 8 - 18

Get on track to celebrate the reopening of the Waverley Line in a special poetry workshop. Hosted by writer and poetry teacher Julian Colton, explore simple techniques and exercises to inspire young people of all abilities to write their own poems. Your poem, if you choose, will then be entered into The Eildon Tree – Waverley Lines poetry competition. Supported by The Eildon Tree writing magazine, Arts Development, Scottish Borders Council.



Scottish Opera: Puffy Macpuffer and the Crabbit Canals

3.00pm - 3.40pm / SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER,
ST MARY'S ROAD / £5 / Age 5 - 8 / NOTE: limited spaces

Scottish Opera brings its pop-up theatre on wheels to Melrose, with a storyteller, singers and instrumentalists, in this fun story of the five Scottish canals for young audiences. Supported by a set of colourful illustrations, this show gives young children a fantastic introduction to the world of opera. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

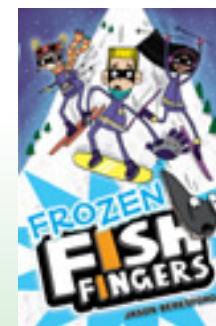
The Fabulous Four Fish Fingers with Jason Beresford

4.15pm - 5.45pm / EAT YOUR WORDS MARQUEE
£8 / Age 7-11

Join an interactive story-writing and character-creation workshop with the author of superhero series The Fabulous Four Fish Fingers. Ticket includes a fish finger sandwich and juice – and a singalong with Jason playing the ukulele!



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Hugless Douglas with David Melling

10.30am / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £5 / Age 5+

FDP Join David Melling, one of the UK's favourite authors and illustrators, for stories, pictures and a chance to meet the huggable, lovable Douglas!

The Most Wonderful Thing in the World...The Making of a Book with Vivian French

10.45am / HARMONY MARQUEE / £5 / Age 9+ and adults

FDP Author Vivian French takes us on a magical journey through the making of her beautiful book of faraway kingdoms, mysterious pyramids and mythical beasts. Illustrated by the iconic Angela Barrett, *The Most Wonderful Thing in the World* was five years in the making and is a true labour of love. Of particular interest to illustrators.

Making History Come Alive!

10.45am / LOHCARRON MARQUEE / Age 11 - 19 FREE

Writers can make history come to vibrant life by using what they see in the mind's eye. The Young Walter Scott Prize is a new creative writing competition for 11 to 19 year olds, set up in 2014. Come along and see how you could use your imagination and skills to turn facts into a good story - perhaps you could become a brilliant writer of the future.

The World of Bob with Simon Bartram

12.00pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £5 / Age 5 - 8

FDP Meet Bob. He is an ordinary man with an extraordinary job. Each day he zooms space-wards and becomes The Man on the Moon! Why not go along with him and find out all about his amazing lunar life. But don't ask him about aliens. Everybody knows they do NOT exist. Do they?



Bookbug Rhyme Session*

12.00pm - 12.30pm / DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT
Babies and under 3s / FREE

Join Scottish Borders Libraries for a fun-packed half hour of interactive songs and stories for babies and toddlers.

David Almond

12.15pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £5 / Age 10 to adult

FDP David Almond is one of the most exciting and innovative children's authors writing today. His books are translated into over 40 languages, and many of them, including *Skellig* and *The Fire-Eaters*, are bestsellers all over the world. His latest book is the magnificent *A Song for Ella Grey*. Come and meet him.

Alice in Wonderland Publishers' Family Workshop

12.30pm - 1.15pm / LOHCARRON MARQUEE / £5
Age 6 - 8

The Mad Hatter takes you on an adventure through Wonderland to find the White Rabbit, with an imaginative story-trail re-telling of the classic novel and creative craft activities. Why not come dressed as your favourite character and make the Cheshire Cat smile?



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Sam J. Butterbiggins - Knight in Training with Vivian French & David Melling

1.45pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £5 / Age 7 - 10

FDP Vivian French and David Melling adore working together. They'll talk about how they bounce ideas off each other, and how they invented Sam, his horrible cousin Prune, and all the other weird and wonderful characters in their six book series. Maybe you could help them invent a new one for book six?

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*Tickets available from the box office on day of event.
Ticket admits 1 child + 1 accompanying adult

Storytime*

2.15pm - 2.45pm / DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT / FREE / All ages

Join Mark Timmins for a great collection of magical, funny and captivating stories from your best-loved writers. Especially suited to 3 - 10s.

Sixteen String Jack with Tom Pow

3.15pm / LOHCARRON MARQUEE / £5 / Age 6 - 9

FDP Take a peep with Daisy into this wild garden and imagine shipwrecked friends, Sixteen String Jack and Dare Devil Dick, bravely fighting off cut-throat pirates. Tom Pow tells this beautiful story of J. M. Barrie - who was Sixteen String Jack.

The Dreamsnatcher with Abi Elphinstone

3.30pm / DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT / £5 / Age 8+

Join author Abi Elphinstone as she draws you into a world full of Romany secrets, magic and adventure, and learn how to carve catapults, build dens and throw the oracle bones..

The Rhino Farm with Annabel Claridge

4.45pm / LOHCARRON MARQUEE / £5 / Age 13 - 16

When researching her latest book *The Rhino Farm*, Annabel Claridge became outraged by what she learned about rhino poaching, and amazed by the efforts to fight it. The result is this thought-provoking whodunnit in which a holiday to Africa becomes a race against wildlife traffickers.

Event in association with the charity, Tusk - www.tusk.org



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Mac and Bob: The Party Problem

11.00am / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £5 / Age 3 - 7

FDP

Come and join Mac for the exciting launch of the second Mac and Bob picture book. Mac and his dog Bob are invited to a party but have to solve a big problem before they can go. With lots of fun, story-telling, pictures and songs to sing along to!

Storytime*

11.30am - 12.00pm / DAVIDSON CHALMERS
STORYTELLING TENT / FREE / All ages

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Gill Arbuthnott: What Makes Your Body Work?

12.15pm / HARMONY MARQUEE / £5 / Age 8 - 12

FDP

Your body is made up of trillions of cells (though not all of them belong to you!) which form organs with special jobs, like your lungs, gut and brain. Learn about your amazing body and carry out some experiments on yourself as you do so. Did you know that you are really just like a doughnut? That what you see isn't the same as what you look at? Come along and find out more!

Sticky Buns and Exploding Pizza: A Feast of Fun with Nick Sharratt & Vivian French

12.30pm / THE TIMES MARQUEE / £5 / Families and up to age 9

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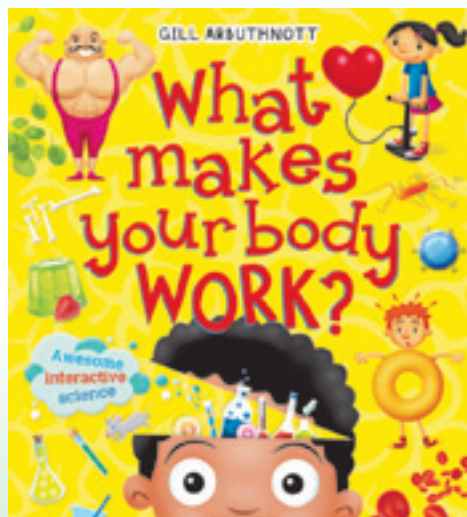
Join much-loved, award-winning Nick Sharratt, known for his popular picture books such as *You Choose* and *Just Imagine*, and FABULOUS festival favourite Vivian French for a fun-packed event...and get ready to invent your very own crazy food favourite!



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12.45pm - 1.25pm / SCOTTISH OPERA TRAILER,
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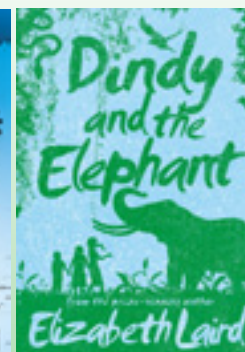
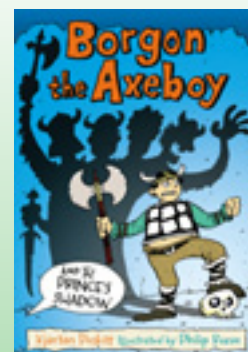
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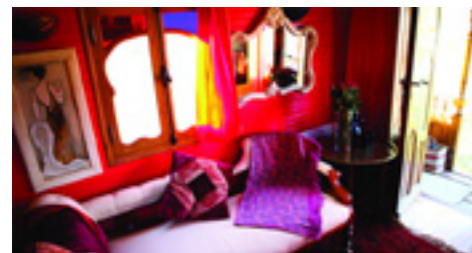
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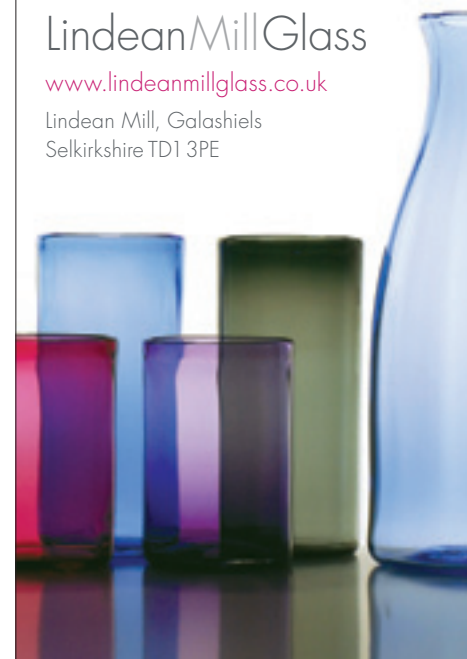
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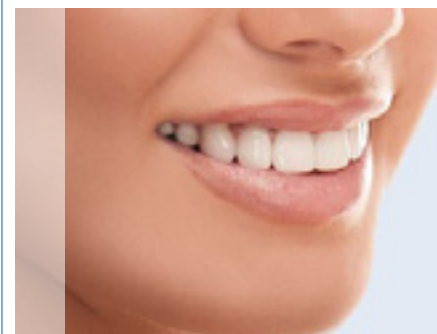
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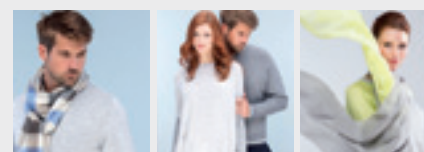
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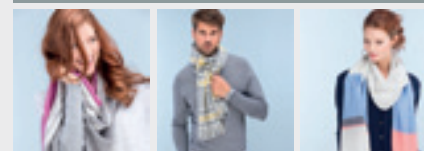
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