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Friends of the Festival

If you belong to a book group, use a library or simply enjoy chatting with friends about books you've read, I'm sure you'll agree that books have a habit of bringing people together.

The Essex Book Festival goes one step further and enables you to meet your favourite authors and discover entirely new ones in a month-long annual celebration of literature which takes place across the county during March.

The Friends of Essex Book Festival has been established to support the festival's invaluable work, and to build up a network of people across the county who are as passionate about books as we are.

To find out how you can become a Friend of Essex Book Festival, and receive a wide range of membership benefits, please have a look at the website www.essexbookfestival.org.uk/friends or email us at friends@essexbookfestival.org.uk

I hope you enjoy this year's festival.

Pat Gaudin

Chair, Friends of Essex Book Festival

Welcome

Welcome to the twelfth Essex Book Festival.

Essex writers are riding high at the moment: Georgina Harding was the only British writer to be short-listed for the 2012 Orange Prize; Liz Trenow and Kate Worsley have produced powerful, captivating debut novels; and on 9th March we celebrate the 90th birthday of legendary East Anglian nature writer Ronald Blythe.

Sandi Toksvig, Gavin Esler and Michael Rosen are just some of the household names in this year's line-up. We are also delighted to be hosting Rachel Joyce whose heart-warming *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* was long-listed for the 2012 Man Booker Prize. Other new faces include US-born novelists Peggy Riley and Brian Kimberling who appear in *Kindling Short Stories* on 20th March when we will also announce the winner of our writing competition *Get it Writ*.

With workshops in 'Book-binding for the curious', short story writing and more, there's never been a better time to come along and try something new.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Seona Ford

Chair, Essex Book Festival

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Most bookings can be made through the Mercury Theatre box office, telephone 01206 573948, which is open Monday to Saturday 10am-8pm or online at www.mercurytheatre.co.uk

The Mercury Theatre box office will take bookings until 4pm on the day of an event and remaining tickets will be on sale at the event.

For most children's events, bookings can be made through the Just Imagine Story Centre, telephone 01245 267748 which is open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am-5.00pm, or online at www.justimagonestorycentre.co.uk/justimagine/events

Please advise the box office if you have any access requirements when making a booking.

Brochure information is available in alternative formats on request. For this or general access enquiries, please email hello@essexbookfestival.org.uk or telephone **01245 347456**.

For more information about booking and a booking form, please see page 38.

FRI
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Essex Book Festival Launch

BBC Essex's Dave Monk will broadcast live from Chelmsford Library as we celebrate the launch of the Book Festival.

10:00am: Meet Wendy Jones, author of *The Thoughts* and *Happenings of Wilfred Price Purveyor of Superior Funerals*. Wendy was the first person to do an MA in Life Writing at UEA and is currently completing a PhD in Creative Writing at Goldsmiths, where she teaches. Also at Clacton Library on 12 March.

11:00am: Meet Elizabeth Day, author of *Home Fires* a stunning, delicate portrait of a family bookended by war, explores the legacy of loss, the strictures of class and the long road to redemption. Elizabeth Day also wrote *Scissors, Paper, Stone* and is an award-winning journalist who has worked for the *Evening Standard*, the *Sunday Telegraph* and the *Mail on Sunday*, and who is now a feature writer for the *Observer*.

See and hear the launch highlights at www.bbc.co.uk/essex

WHERE & WHEN

Chelmsford Library
Market Road, Chelmsford
Essex CM1 1LH

Friday 01 March 2013
9.00am - 12.00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Free event

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Andrew Cowan: Worthless Men

Market day in Norwich, two years into the Great War and casualties are due. At the local hospital waits Montague Beckwith, himself a casualty. Winnie prays for the return of her son; Gertie dreams of romance and the ghostly presence of Walter watches on as the woman he loves falls into Montague's orbit. A mesmerising take on the impact of the War on the home front.

WHERE & WHEN

Burnham Library
130 Station Road
Burnham On Crouch CM0 8HQ
Friday 1 March 2013
8:00pm



TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

SAT
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Anthony Horowitz: Oblivion

One of our most celebrated and well-loved writers for both children and adults. Credits include the Diamond Brothers series, the Alex Rider Books and the supernatural fantasy sequence, The Power of Five. He has written for television, film and theatre and is the creator of the hugely popular detective drama Foyle's War. Hear Anthony talk about the inspirations, passions and experiences behind writing some of his most loved books, including Oblivion, the final book in The Power of Five series. Followed by book signing; World Book Tokens accepted. 10+

WHERE & WHEN

Mercury Theatre
Balkerne Gate
Colchester CO1 1PT
Saturday 2 March 2013
11:30am



TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £10, £8 Concessions
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Chris Mould, Pirates 'n' Pistols

Chris Mould: Pirates 'n' Pistols

Chris Mould, the master of gothic illustration, presents a swashbuckling workshop packed with stories and tips for drawing your own gruesome buccaneers. Avast me hearties!

Also on at 3pm at The Mill Arts & Events Centre,
Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED

Events followed by a book signing; World Book Day
Tokens accepted. 8 - 11 years

WHERE & WHEN

Just Imagine Centre
64 – 68 New London Road
Chelmsford CM2 0PD
Sunday 3 March 2013
11:00am



TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £6
To book tickets call the Box Office
01245 267748
justimaginesstorycentre.co.uk/
justimagine/events

SUN
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Nicola Werenowska

Writing the Self: Writers Workshop

"One sheds one's sicknesses in books" DH Lawrence. Whether you write poetry, fiction, drama or simply keep a journal, this stimulating workshop - open to writers of all levels of experience - enables you to explore the often complex relationship between writing and the self.

Led by Lakeside Theatre Associate Artist Andrew Burton and Nicola Werenowska, a Colchester-based playwright who is developing a personal integrated strand into her creative practice, this interactive workshop is open to writers of all levels of experience.

WHERE & WHEN

Lakeside Theatre, University of Essex
Wivenhoe Park
Colchester CO4 3SQ
Sunday 3 March 2013
11:00am - 4:00pm



TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £20, £15 Concessions
Box Office: Lakeside Theatre
01206 873261
lakesidetheatre.org.uk

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Michael Woodford: Exposure Inside the Olympus Scandal

Michael Woodford MBE is the first CEO in history to turn whistleblower and report on an accounting fraud approaching \$2 billion within his own company. Join him as he tells the extraordinary story, in his new book, of how, as CEO of Olympus, he put his family's lives at risk, when he decided to expose the scandal.

WHERE & WHEN

The Gateway Building, University of Essex
Southend Campus, Elmer Approach
Southend On Sea SS1 1LW

Monday 4 March 2013
2:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £7, £6 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948



TUE
5 MAR



James Canton: Out of Essex: Re-Imagining a Literary Landscape

Beyond the brash modern stereotypes of Essex there exists a landscape that has inspired some of England's finest writing. James Canton tracks the paths of literary figures who ventured into wilder parts of Essex, including Shakespeare, John Clare, H G Wells and Arthur Ransome. This personal response to landscapes, offers a fresh vision of Essex, its cultural history and its living legacy of wilderness and imagination.

WHERE & WHEN

Firstsite, Lewis Gardens
High Street
Colchester CO1 1JH

Tuesday 5 March 2013
7:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

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Rachel Joyce: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

A tender, quietly comic and very British coming of (old) age novel from a powerful new voice in fiction.

The least planned part of Harold Fry's journey was the journey itself. Leaving his wife quietly hoovering upstairs, Harold nipped outside to post a letter. He had no idea he was going to walk from one end of the country to the other until he started.

WHERE & WHEN

Brentwood Library
New Road
Brentwood CM14 4BP

Tuesday 5 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948



WED
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Helen Renaux

Helen Renaux: True Children of the Raj

Helen's book is a series of letters to her grandchildren about their Indian heritage. In it, she considers ancestry, history and geography of India and the colonisation of India by the British. Born in India during the British raj Helen witnessed first-hand the horrors of partition from Lahore, Pakistan, a border town adjacent to Amritsar, India.

Event delivered in partnership with the Essex Cultural Diversity Project.

WHERE & WHEN

Great Parndon Library
Parnall Road, Staple Tye
Harlow CM18 7PP

Wednesday 6 March 2013
1:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Free event but please book
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01206 573948 to reserve tickets



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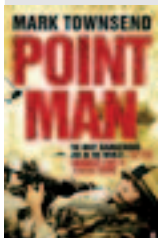
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Point Man: With Kenny Meighan, John Meighan and Mark Townsend

This is the true story of private Kenny Meighan in Afghanistan, told by Mark Townsend and based on his own reportage from the war and extensive interviews with Kenny and his family in Essex. Point Man vividly conveys the terror and intensity of the life of an ordinary soldier and the heart-wrenching struggle to adjust to civilian life, while exposing the wider political implications of the war.

WHERE & WHEN

Harwich Library
Upper Kingsway, Dovercourt
Harwich CO12 3JT

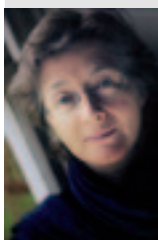
Wednesday 6 March 2013
3:00pm



TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

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Georgina Harding: Painter of Silence

Shortlisted for the 2012 Orange Prize for Fiction, this is an intimate and devastating portrait of Romania during and after the Second World War, through the prism of a moving and utterly original friendship. Beautiful, spare and intense, Painter of Silence captures the loss and the hope of a tragic time through the extraordinary vision of a mute outsider.

WHERE & WHEN

Rayleigh Library
132-134 High Street
Rayleigh SS6 7BX

Wednesday 6 March 2013
7:30pm



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Pauline Black: Black by Design - A 2-Tone Memoir

Pauline is a singer and actress who gained fame as lead singer of seminal 2-tone band The Selecter. Her dual heritage fuelled her desire to mix things up musically, showcased in the band's successful album Too Much Pressure.

Here she illuminates her experience as a British mixed-race woman who yearns to know her origins and answer the lifelong question - Who made me?

WHERE & WHEN

Grays Library
Orsett Road
Grays RM17 5DX

Wednesday 6 March 2013
7:30pm

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Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

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Sandi Toksvig: Valentine Grey

One of the nation's best-loved writers and performers discusses her striking new novel about liberty, empire and war.

Set in 1897, Valentine Grey is the moving and powerful story of a young woman, unused to the rigid rules of Victorian society, who pushes herself to the limits of honour, loyalty and love. Through her cousin Reggie, Valentine is introduced to the wonders that London has to offer, both obvious and secret but all in pursuit of adventure.

WHERE & WHEN

Ivor Crewe Lecture Hall
University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park
Colchester CM4 3SQ

Thursday 7 March 2013
7:30pm

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Genevieve Taylor: A Good Egg

A year of recipes from an urban hen keeper. Nutritious, low in fat and essential for baking, there's something magical about the humble egg.

Author and food stylist Genevieve Taylor has been inspired to find the most imaginative ways to make the best use of her hens' steady supply. With recipes shaped by the season, Taylor's passion for food shines through in this handy, unfussy and joyful book.

WHERE & WHEN

Ingatstone Library
High Street
Ingatstone CM4 9EU

Thursday 7 March 2013
7:30pm



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Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
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FRI
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Inspiration of Nature: With Ross Gardner, Ted Benton and Andrew Fallan

Panel event: Essex boasts a wealth of wild riches and plenty of people to write about them.

Essex-based natural history writers: Ted Benton (New Naturalist Series- Grasshoppers and Crickets), Ross Gardner (Never a Dull Moment) and Andrew Fallan (Winging It - Birding for low-flyers), talk about their passion for nature and the inspirations behind their work.

WHERE & WHEN

Thurrock Thameside Nature Park
Mucking Wharf Road, Mucking
Stanford Le Hope SS17 0RN

Friday 8 March 2013
7:00pm



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Martin Newell

If you only see one rhyming funny Essex poet called Martin Newell, make it Martin Newell. It may change your life.

Poet, raconteur and ageing former rock god. Celebrated for his column in The East Anglian, poems in The Independent and Sunday Express and his tearful appeals to Inland Revenue. Last time he played Maldon, the library was packed - crash team on stand-by.

Event supported by Wilkin and Sons Ltd. www.tiptree.com



WHERE & WHEN

"The Lock" Tea Room
Basin Road
Heybridge Basin CM9 4RS

Friday 8 March 2013
7:30pm



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Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
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SAT
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Clara Vulliamy: Martha and the Bunny Brothers: I Heart School

The author of Lucky Wish Mouse and The Bear with Sticky Paws leads a storytelling and craft workshop based on her latest book, the first in a new series. Come along and make your own felt Martha Bunny to take home. Followed by a book signing; World Book Day Tokens accepted.

4 - 8 years.

Also on at 2:00pm
Melbourne Library, Dickens Place, Copperfield Road, Chelmsford CM1 4UU

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Just Imagine Centre
64 - 68 New London Road
Chelmsford CM2 0PD

Saturday 9 March 2013
10:00am



TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5
To book tickets please call Just Imagine: **01245 267748**
justimaginestorycentre.co.uk/
justimagine/events

Sat 9 March
11am to 8pm approx.

Ronald Blythe – A Celebration

A day of talks, readings, films and music that reflect the career of Dr Ronald Blythe as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

Stoke by Nayland Church

For details and tickets visit <http://www.managingamasterpiece.org>

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Sam Gayton: Lilliput

Meet the author of the magical novel *The Snow Merchant* and hear all about his brilliant new book *Lilliput*.

Enjoy a fun-filled session of games, interaction and learn all about the author through a bag of mysterious objects. Followed by a book signing; World Book Day Tokens accepted. 8-12 years

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Just Imagine Centre
64 – 68 New London Road
Chelmsford CM2 0PD
Sunday 10 March 2013
11:00am

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SUN
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Elen Caldecott: The Mystery of Wickworth Manor

The multiple award winning author of *Operation Eiffel Tower* and *How Ali Ferguson Saved Houdini*, lets you into her secrets for writing great mystery stories and reads from her latest book *The Mystery of Wickworth Manor*.

Join Elen for this crash course in story writing with lots of audience participation. Followed by a book signing; World Book Day Tokens accepted. 8 - 12 years.

WHERE & WHEN

Just Imagine Centre
64 – 68 New London Road
Chelmsford CM2 0PD
Sunday 10 March 2013
2:00pm

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Jill Allen King: Jill's Leading Ladies

The story of Jill's six guide dogs.

Following her recent autobiography, Jill Allen-King OBE draws on her experiences of the problems facing blind and partially sighted people.

In Jill's *Leading Ladies*, she takes a heartfelt look at a life devoted to campaigning for the needs and rights of disabled people and how none of this would have been possible without the help of her trusted four-legged friends.

WHERE & WHEN

Prettygate Library
Prettygate Road
Colchester C03 4EQ
Monday 11 March 2013
2:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

MON
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Photo by Anthony Cullen

Kate Worsley: She Rises

A breathtakingly accomplished story of love, adventure and identity set in 1740's Harwich and at sea.

Kate's two main characters are linked through a gripping search for identity and survival and the worlds they find are more dangerous and more exciting than they could ever have imagined. Now living on the Essex coast, Kate Worsley has written an utterly original debut novel.

WHERE & WHEN

Manningtree Library
High Street
Manningtree CO11 1AD
Monday 11 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

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Writing Short Stories Workshop: with Maggie Freeman

Make a good start on writing your own story. Develop your ideas, explore characterisation, structure and how to fit everything into a short space.

Writer and creative writing tutor, two of Maggie's short stories have been accepted by Stand magazine and her novel Cymberie, set in 1580s Essex, was published recently by Indigo Dreams.

WHERE & WHEN

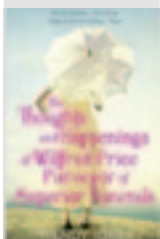
Jaywick Martello Tower
The Promenade Belsize Avenue
Jaywick CO15 2LF

Tuesday 12 March 2013
10:00am - 3:15pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948 Tea and coffee will
be provided, although participants
will need to bring lunch.

TUE
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Wendy Jones: The Thoughts and Happenings of Wilfred Price

The Thoughts and Happenings of Wilfred Price Purveyor of Superior Funerals. This début novel is a charming and moving depiction of love and secrecy set against the rural backdrop of a 1920s Welsh village.

Wendy wrote Portrait of the Artist as a Young Girl, a biography of Grayson Perry, was the first person to do an MA in Life Writing at UEA and this is her first novel.

WHERE & WHEN

Clacton Library
Station Road
Clacton-on-Sea CO15 1SG

Tuesday 12 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

March 12 – May 18



The Long Life and Great Good Fortune of John Clare by Tony Ramsay

Eastern Angles present their latest tour from March 12 - May 18, including: Brightlingsea Community Centre, March 19; Dedham Assembly Rooms, March 22; Maldon Town Hall, May 1; Grange Barn, Coggeshall, May 14 & 15. Visit www.easternangles.co.uk or ring 01473 211498

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Robert Hallmann: Bloody British History: Chelmsford

The brutal side of Chelmsford's history! Writer and photographer Robert Hallman takes us on a journey from woolly mammoths to V2 rockets via rioting peasants and the Black Death.

As Chelmsford grows from market town to new city every kind of wrong-doing has been through its courts and every imaginable punishment meted out by its Judges. A history NOT for the faint-hearted!

WHERE & WHEN

Writtle Village Hall
18 The Green
Writtle CM1 3DU

Tuesday 12 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
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Less is More: Celebrating Shorter Fiction

Join us for a fascinating evening in celebration of shorter fiction. Hear all six short-listed stories from Essex Book Festival's Get it Writ short story writing competition.

Discover what regional publisher Unthank Books looks for in a good short story; and enjoy the pared down prose of flash fiction expert David Gaffney as he reads from his forthcoming More Sawn Off Tales.



WHERE & WHEN

Mercury Theatre Studio
Balkerne Gate
Colchester C01 1PT

Tuesday 12 March 2013
8:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
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Julia Jones: Fifty Years in the Fiction Factory

The working life of Herbert Allingham 1867-1936.

Herbert Allingham was the father of detective novelist Margery and 'cheapjack' Phil. He spent his working life writing melodramatic serials for the penny papers and described his home in Essex as his 'little fiction factory'. His daughter Joyce, kept boxfuls of her father's papers and left them to Julia Jones. This biography is the result.

WHERE & WHEN

Epping Library
St John's Road
Epping CM16 5DN

Wednesday 13 March 2013
2:00pm



TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

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Richard Mabey: Annual Burrows Lecture

Richard Mabey is one of our greatest nature writers, author of over 30 books including Weeds, Flora Britannica, Food for Free and Nature Cure.

For the annual Burrows Lecture, Richard will be talking about the concept of "edgeland", the zone between inhabited and wild land that has influenced his writing from as far back as The Unofficial Countryside in 1974.

WHERE & WHEN

Lakeside Theatre
University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park
Colchester CO4 3SQ

Wednesday 13 March 2013
7:00pm

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TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price Free
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 873261
lakesidetheatre.org.uk

Wed 13 March
1-3pm



Bookbinding workshop: Mary Pullen

Participants learn skills in paper manipulation, book design and a traditional hand sewn bookbinding technique. Tools are provided and participants are welcome to bring their own papers and embellishments (ribbon/beads/other).

TACMEP, Winsleys House, High Street, Colchester CO1 1UG
Free event but must book. Ring Louise at TACMEP on 01206 769789

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Illustrating Children's Books

Are you interested in illustrating or simply finding out more about how children's books are created? Professor Martin Salisbury chairs a stellar panel with Richard Holland, Diana Mayo and others to explore the creative and publishing processes involved in picturebook making.

Meet at Reception at the Ashcroft building, Anglia Ruskin University where you will be directed to the room where the panel is taking place. Please allow an extra 10 minutes before the start of the event.

WHERE & WHEN

Ashcroft Building, Anglia Ruskin
University, Bishop Hall Lane
Chelmsford CM1 1SQ

Wednesday 13 March 2013
7:00pm



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TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price Free
To book tickets call the Box Office
0845 1964723
anglia.ac.uk/communityevents

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John Mullan: What Matters in Jane Austen?

Twenty Crucial Puzzles Solved

Is there any sex in Austen? Which important Austen characters never speak? And why is it risky to go to the seaside?

In his new book John Mullan shows that you can best appreciate Austen's brilliance by looking at the intriguing quirks and intricacies of her fiction - by asking what goes on in her novels and why, he reveals their devilish cleverness and their art.

WHERE & WHEN

Halstead Library
Bridge Street
Halstead CO9 1HU

Wednesday 13 March 2013
7:30pm

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TICKETS & BOOKING

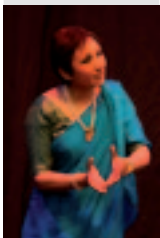
Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

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Vayu Naidu: Sita's Ascent

Following her daytime workshop for pupils at Castle View School, Vayu discusses her rich, deeply moving and original account set at the heart of the Ramayana, one of the greatest Indian epic stories of all time.

An Essex Cultural Diversity Project event.



WHERE & WHEN

Castle View School
Foksville Road
Canvey Island SS8 7FH
Thursday 14 March 2013
3:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price Free
To book tickets call the Box Office
01268 696811



THU
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Speed Dating for Writers 2

After the recent sell-out speed dating event in Rayleigh, we're gathering together authors, publishers, book sellers and journalists for another action packed evening. Whether you have some writing experience and want to take the next step or just want to begin, come along to an event that brings together new or aspiring writers with people on the inside.

WHERE & WHEN

Colchester Library
Trinity Square
Colchester CO1 1JB
Thursday 14 March 2013
7:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948



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Neil McKenna: Fanny & Stella

The Young Men who Shocked Victorian England.

With a cast of peers, politicians and prostitutes, drag queens, doctors and detectives, Fanny and Stella exposes the startling underbelly of 19th century London.

A gripping account of a scandalous trial, this is a tale of cross-dressing, cross-examinations and the invention of camp. Tragic, comic and meticulously researched, this is an enthralling tour-de-force by an award-winning writer.



WHERE & WHEN

Chelmsford Library
Market Road
Chelmsford CM1 1LH
Thursday 14 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

FRI
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What Next for Essex? From Essex Man to TOWIE - and Beyond

Everyone has an opinion on Essex. How much is myth and how much is true and where is the county heading in the 21st century? Five speakers, with a range of allegiances to Essex, come together for a fascinating and timely debate: bestselling novelist Martina Cole; the Daily Mail's Simon Heffer; head teacher Vic Goddard (C4's Educating Essex); Brentwood Gazette editor Neville Wilson; and University of Essex researcher on place and social class in Essex, James Scott. Chaired by Malcolm Burgess (Oxygen Books).

WHERE & WHEN

The Brentwood Ursuline Convent
High School, Queen's Road
Brentwood CM14 4EX
Friday 15 March 2013
7:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948



Sat 16 March
9-12pm or 1-4pm

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Summer Wave Breaking by Maggi Hambling

Talking on Water

A day of talks, readings and presentations on the theme of water, bringing together artists, writers and scientists. Contributors include artist Maggi Hambling, writer James Attlee and writer and journalist Caspar Henderson, with additional contributions from Marina Warner, James Canton, Adrian May, Philip Terry and others.

WHERE & WHEN

Lakeside Theatre
University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park
Colchester CO4 3SQ

Saturday 16 March 2013
10:30pm - 5:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 873261
lakesidetheatre.org.uk



SAT
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Laura Dockrill introduces the Wonderful World of Darcey Burdock

Meet the wild, dark and colourful brain of Laura Dockrill as it indulges in the world of Darcy Burdock.

Laura will entertain the audience with readings of Darcy's stories about the likelihood of octopuses trying to kiss girls and human pancakes. Weird, wacky, wonderful. Followed by a book signing; World Book Day Tokens accepted.
8 - 11 years

Also at 3.30pm The Mill Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED

WHERE & WHEN

Just Imagine Centre
64 - 68 New London Road
Chelmsford CM2 0PD

Saturday 16 March 2013
11:00am

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £6
To book tickets call the Box Office
01245 267748
justimaginestorycentre.co.uk/
justimagine/events



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Patricia Rennoldson Smith: The 1953 Essex Flood Disaster

Patricia's book, The People's Story captures the horror of the night in January 1953, when Essex families awoke to a nightmare; ice cold sea water was swirling through their homes, soaking the beds as their children slept.

Survivors of this North Sea tsunami tell their awe-inspiring and heartrending stories for the first time.

WHERE & WHEN

Jaywick Martello Tower
The Promenade, Belsize Avenue
Jaywick CO15 2LF

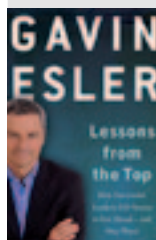
Saturday 16 March 2013
2:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
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Gavin Esler: Lessons from the Top

Great leaders have always understood the power of stories. Lessons from the Top illustrates how creating a strong story can promote success at all levels – for everyone. Award-winning novelist and journalist, Gavin Esler shows how leaders in all fields, from politics to business, showbiz to sport, are masters at crafting stories and illustrates how their methods could work for you.

WHERE & WHEN

Loughton Library
Traps Hill
Loughton G10 1HD

Saturday 16 March 2013
3:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £8, £7 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
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JJ Connolly and Peter Bradshaw

Join Peter Bradshaw, author of A Night of Triumph and Guardian film critic in conversation with JJ Connolly, screenwriter and author of Layer Cake and Viva la Madness.

The two authors discuss what it takes to be a crime writer - gritty or more light-hearted - and how books are adapted for different media and whether the pen is mightier than the camera.

WHERE & WHEN

Zinc Arts
High Street
Ongar CM5 0AD

Saturday 16 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948



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Andy Briggs: Tarzan and the Savage Lands

Travel through 100 years of Tarzan as Andy explains how he brought Tarzan back as a 21st century hero.

Journey with him into tropical rain forests and across African savannahs as you swing through his new book and finish with a hyperactive interactive African survival quiz. Followed by a book signing; World Book Day Tokens accepted.
9 - 13 years

WHERE & WHEN

Just Imagine Centre
64-68 New London Road
Chelmsford CM2 0PD

Sunday 17 March 2013
11:00am

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £6
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justimagine/event



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Atul Kochhar: Atul's Curries of the World

Atul demonstrates one of his recipes while talking about his inspiring new book for spice lovers.

Curry remains one of the world's most popular dishes and Atul's collection of mouth-watering dishes does more than enough to convince us why. Over 100 recipes in a collection of inspiring dishes that cover meat, fish and vegetable curries from all corners of the globe. This promises to be a book you will cook from again and again.

WHERE & WHEN

Wivenhoe House Hotel
University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park
Colchester C04 3SQ

Monday 18 March 2013
7:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £10, £9 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948
Ticket price includes
a glass of wine



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Jemima Dury: Halo Sausages: The Lyrics of Ian Dury

Zoë Howe (How's Your Dad? Living In The Shadow Of A Rock Star Parent) interviews Jemima Dury, daughter of legendary songwriter Ian Dury.

With lyrics from previously hidden demos and song fragments as well as released material, Halo Sausages chronologically covers Ian Dury's career, painting a warm, insightful and humorous portrait of the man behind the outrageous words.

WHERE & WHEN

Canvey Island Library
3 High Street
Canvey Island SS8 7RB

Monday 18 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948
Limited parking at the venue



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Elaine Fox: Rainy Brain, Sunny Brain

Do you see the glass half-full or half-empty?
Would you like to be more optimistic?

Leading psychologist and neuroscientist, Professor Elaine Fox from the University of Essex shows how we can brighten our lives and help ourselves flourish by retraining our brains, in her highly popular new book.

WHERE & WHEN

Lakeside Theatre
University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park
Colchester CO4 3SQ

Tuesday 19 March 2013
6:30pm

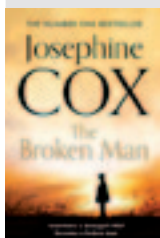
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Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 873261
lakesidetheatre.org.uk

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Josephine Cox: The Broken Man

Sometimes a damaged child becomes a broken man... A desperate tragedy, a life-long friend, and the long and lonely journey to find a family.

Come and hear Josephine, an author with over 40 books to her name, talk about her new bestseller. 'Cox's talent as storyteller never lets you escape the spell' Daily Mail.

WHERE & WHEN

Maldon Library, Carmelite House
White Horse Road
Maldon CM9 5FW

Tuesday 19 March 2013
8:00pm

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Paul Wreyford: Essex Villains, Rogues, Rascals and Reprobates

Paul talks about his fourth book which covers a multitude of sinners - highwaymen, smugglers, fraudsters, rebels, adulterers, witches and many more bad guys from our county's history.

Paul is a journalist and author who has worked on newspapers and magazines throughout Britain and the Middle East. He lives outside Chelmsford and is married with two young children.

WHERE & WHEN

South Woodham Ferrers Library
Trinity Square
South Woodham Ferrers CM3 5JU

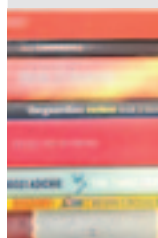
Wednesday 20 March 2013
7:30pm

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Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
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Kindling Short Stories

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Essex Book Festival and Tinder Press present the winner of the Get it Writ short story writing competition, alongside readings from debut novelists published by Tinder Press, a major new UK imprint.

Peggy Riley's Amity and Sorrow is about God, sex and farming; an unforgettable journey into the horrors a true believer can inflict upon his family. Brian Kimberling's Snapper is an intricately woven nest of stories about bird-watching, inspired by his own experiences in Indiana

WHERE & WHEN

Witham Library
18 Newland Street
Witham CM8 2AQ

Wednesday 20 March 2013
7:45pm

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Jack Straw: Last Man Standing

Memoirs of a Political Survivor.

Growing up in Epping Forest, Jack Straw could never have imagined that one day he would become Britain's Lord Chancellor. Yet he spent thirteen years in government and this is the story of how he got there.

Jack Straw's memoirs reveal the private side of a very public face and offer a vivid and authoritative insight into the last forty years of British politics. In conversation.

WHERE & WHEN

Helena Romanes School and Sixth Form Centre, Parsonage Downs
Great Dunmow CM6 2AU

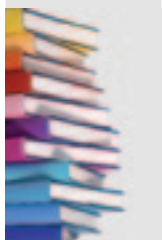
Thursday 21 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £8, £7 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948



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Harlow Writers: Finding Our Voice

Join Harlow Writers and escape into an imaginative world of poetry and prose. Enjoy an evening of pathos and passion, fantasy and fun as you travel through space and time to visit the unexpected. Laugh and cry with members of the Harlow Writers' Workshop as they celebrate the launch of their latest anthology.

WHERE & WHEN

St John's Arc, St John's Walk
Market Street
Old Harlow CM17 0AJ

Thursday 21 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
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The State of the Nation: the state of the UK today and tomorrow.

Four distinguished speakers discuss the financial crisis, globalisation and climate change. Simon Burns, MP for Chelmsford and Minister of State for Transport; Polly Toynbee, Guardian columnist and author of Dogma v Disarray: Cameron at Half-Time; Stephen Bloomfield, Principal Lecturer at Anglia Ruskin University; Tony Juniper who was executive director of Friends of the Earth and wrote What Has Nature Ever Done For Us? Chair Eduardo Reyes is features editor of The Law Gazette.



WHERE & WHEN

Lord Ashcroft Building
Anglia Ruskin University
Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford CM1 1SQ

Friday 22 March 2013
7:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948
Meet at reception in the Lord Ashcroft Building.



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Jo Hodgkinson: My Friend Nigel

Billy rescues Nigel the snail from his parents' smelly magic spells and they become the best of friends.

Join picture book writer and illustrator, Jo Hodgkinson for a workshop and storytelling session and hear all about her latest picture book, a tale of magic and an unlikely friendship.

Also at 2pm at Rayleigh Library, 132-4 High Street, Rayleigh SS6 7BX



WHERE & WHEN

Just Imagine Centre
64-68 New London Road
Chelmsford CM2 0PD

Saturday 23 March 2013
11:00am

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £6
To book tickets call the Box Office
01245 267748
justimaginestorycentre.co.uk/
justimagine/events

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Director's Talk: 'A Tale of Two Cities'

Award-winning director Adam Spreadbury-Maher, passionate about reviving critically neglected plays by literary giants of the 20th century, will talk about how this adaptation of A Tale of Two Cities has been rediscovered and its relevance for contemporary audiences.

Talk is free with an evening performance ticket for Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities, based on the 1930's adaptation by Sir Terence Rattigan and Sir John Gielgud. On from Wed 20 to Sat 23 March at 7.30pm.

WHERE & WHEN

Corbett Theatre, East 15 Acting School
Hatfields, Rectory Lane
Loughton IG10 3RY

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6:00pm

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TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £8, £5 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
020 8508 5983

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Linda Green: The Mummifesto

When Sam, Jackie and Anna campaign to save a school lollipop lady, they are asked if they fancy standing in the general election.

Surely running the country couldn't be any harder than running their own lives? Award-winning journalist Linda Green presents The Mummifesto, a smart and touching read about how sometimes the craziest ideas turn out to be the best.

WHERE & WHEN

Dunmow Library
47 White Hart Way
Great Dunmow CM6 1FS

Saturday 23 March 2013
7:30pm

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TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
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Michael Rosen: Even My Ears Are Smiling

Former Children's Laureate, best-selling author and broadcaster Michael Rosen returns to Chelmsford with a wonderful collection of favourite poems.

Come and watch Michael perform some of his poems from Even My Ears Are Smiling in his own unique way and be prepared to get involved!

WHERE & WHEN

Cramphorn Theatre
Fairfield Road
Chelmsford CM1 1JG

Sunday 24 March 2013
11:00am

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TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £7, £6 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01245 606505

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From Astrosaurs to Z. Rex - the Wild Worlds of Steve Cole!

Steve Cole is the slightly crazy, millions-selling author of Astrosaurs, Cows In Action, The Slime Squad and many other books.

In a fun-filled, frantic session he reveals the loopy origins of his many creations, gives story-writing tips, shows you how to dream up your own funny ideas - and make plenty of atrocious jokes... Everything you ever wanted to know about space-dinosaurs and monster superheroes but were afraid to ask!

WHERE & WHEN

Cramphorn Theatre
Fairfield Road
Chelmsford CM1 1JG

Sunday 24 March 2013
2:00pm

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TICKETS & BOOKING

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Dr WHO: Past, Present and Future

It's 50 years since the first Doctor, stepped out of his Tardis into a junkyard in contemporary London.

Dr Who has regenerated ten times and a number of spin-offs include the Sarah Jane Adventures and Torchwood. Tonight, three Doctor Who writers, Steve Cole, Jacqueline Rayner and Gary Russell give us the inside story on writing about The Doctor. We put their fearsome knowledge to the test in a chaired discussion with plenty of audience participation. Be part of the celebration.

WHERE & WHEN

Cramphorn Theatre
Fairfield Road
Chelmsford CM1 1JG

Sunday 24 March 2013
6:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £9, £8 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01245 606505

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Peter Conradi: The Great Survivors

How Monarchy made it into the Twenty-First Century. This new book from the bestselling author of The King's Speech (written with Mark Logue), compares and contrasts the history of the House of Windsor with that of its Continental counterparts.

The Great Survivors looks at monarchy today, its political role, the way it is financed, its relationship with the media, the threat it faces from republicanism - and the often controversial behaviour of its members.

WHERE & WHEN

Essex Record Office
Wharf Road
Chelmsford CM2 6YT

Monday 25 March 2013
7:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

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Nigel Warburton and David Edmunds: Philosophy Bites Back

Lively, engaging, and accessible, this second book from the hugely successful podcast Philosophy Bites, explores the work and ideas of some of the most important western philosophers.

David is an award-winning documentary maker for the BBC World Service and author. Nigel is a lecturer and author who is now ranked in The Sunday Times' Twitter Top 100.

WHERE & WHEN

King Edward VI Grammar School
Broomfield Road
Chelmsford CM1 3SX

Tuesday 26 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

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Liz Trenow: The Last Telegram

A powerfully-moving debut reflecting this Essex based author's family history as silk weavers for nearly three hundred years.

It is based on little-known events of the Second World War, when work at the silk mill became vital to meet the technicalities demanded for weaving parachutes. Lily falls for a German Jewish refugee and is sorely tested when he is sent to Australia on the infamous troopship Dunera.

WHERE & WHEN

Braintree Library
Fairfield Road
Braintree CM7 3YL

Wednesday 27 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
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Lynn Shepherd: A Treacherous Likeness

From London in 1850, we are taken through time and across Europe, to reveal the dark secrets and tangled lives of the dazzling but doomed Young Romantics, the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, his wife Mary and Lord Byron. The Shelleys' story is one of love and death, of loss and betrayal. A Treacherous Likeness fuses the documented history of the Shelleys and seeks to answer questions that history has left untold.

WHERE & WHEN

Wickford Library
Market Road
Wickford SS12 0AG

Wednesday 27 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

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Rock Writing: From (fan)'Zine to (ama)'Zon

Panel Event

Rock writing once had a mystical quality like that surrounding musicians themselves. Punk and fanzines ushered in a new breed of iconoclastic wordsmith. Today with self-generated Amazon reviews, everyone is a critic.

This lively discussion will look at music writing in all its aspects and discuss its rise and fall and rise again. Chaired by Daryl Easlea with Simon Benham, Barney Hoskyns, Zoe Howe and Brian Southall.

WHERE & WHEN

New Road Methodist Church
New Road
Leigh On Sea SS9 2EA

Thursday 28 March 2013
7:00pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
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Photo of Roger McGough by Will Wilkinson

Roger McGough: As Far As I Know

A new book of poems by Roger McGough is always an exciting event and As Far As I Know is truly a cause for celebration.

Hilarious and surreal, Roger is a poet of many voices. Menace and melancholy there may be, but with plenty of McGough's characteristic wit and wordplay too. Suitable for ages 14+

'rueful, unpredictable observation to please the sharpest wits' The Independent. www.rogermcgough.org.uk

WHERE & WHEN

Layer Marney Tower
Layer Marney
Colchester C05 9US

Thursday 28 March 2013
7:30pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £10, £9 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
01206 573948

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Aline Templeton: Five Red Herrings and a Flock of Hens

Templeton talks about following in the footsteps of Dorothy L Sayers with her crime series set in Galloway. Evil for Evil is the latest in her DI Marjory Fleming series.

'Aline Templeton has demonstrated that, just when we thought Scotland was saturated with detectives, a strong woman can elbow her way in and find a unique niche' The Scotsman

A Dorothy L. Sayers event at Essex Book Festival

WHERE & WHEN

Witham Library
18 Newland Street
Witham CM8 2AQ

Thursday 28 March 2013
7:45pm

TICKETS & BOOKING

Ticket Price £5, £4 Concessions
To book tickets call the Box Office
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Thu 28 March
8pm – til late

Middle (P)Age Spread

Grown up disco for people unafraid to dance. Join the Middle Age Spread DJs for a night of literary tunes to celebrate the end of the Essex Book Festival and a right old knees up.

The Ship, New Road, Leigh on Sea SS9 2EA • To book email dance@thespread.uk.com • £3

How to book your tickets

The Box office will open for bookings on Friday 4 January 2013.

Please be aware that events may have different box office telephone numbers and this will be noted.

Most bookings can be made through the Mercury Theatre box office, telephone **01206 573948**, which is open Monday to Saturday 10am-8pm or online at **www.mercurytheatre.co.uk**

For most children's events, bookings can be made through the Just Imagine Story Centre, telephone **01245 267748**, which is open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am-5.00pm, or online at **www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk/justimagine/events**

There are no booking charges made by the Mercury Theatre although there will be a charge of £1 for postage unless tickets are collected from the theatre or booked online.

The Mercury Theatre box office will take bookings until 4pm on the day of an event. Any remaining tickets will be on sale at the event.

Concessions

Concession prices are available to under-18s, full-time students, registered unemployed and people in receipt of state benefits including pensions.

Disabled Access

Essex Book Festival is a partnership programme with multiple venues and we aim to make it as accessible as possible in order that everyone can enjoy the events.

Please advise the box office if you have any access requirements when making a booking. Visitors with a disability are offered a free tickets for a companion. If you require a BSL interpreter, please advise the box office and we will do our best to accommodate this.

Brochure information is available in alternative formats on request. For this or general access enquiries, please email hello@essexbookfestival.org.uk or telephone **01245 347456**.

Refunds

The festival cannot refund money or exchange tickets except if an event is cancelled, in which case please return your tickets to the box office within 30 days for a full refund.

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Events may be subject to change.

Festival booking form

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