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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

bordersbookfestival.org for the latest news, special events and information.

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THE ENCHANTING GARDEN

Some places are simply magical, mood-changing, sparkling, unique. Once through the gates of Harmony Garden in Melrose in June, you will suddenly find yourself in another world, in a country of the imagination, of wit, intelligence, debate and laughter. Despite persistent pressure to grow and expand the festival to more than a long weekend in June and beyond the walls of the garden, we have refused. Instead we aim to improve, to do our best to make the festival experience better for everyone. And although we fashion an annual rod for our own backs by saying so, what follows is by any measure the best Borders Book Festival programme yet. Its diversity, verve, sheer quality and promise are extraordinary.

None of this would happen without our mainstays: Brewin Dolphin our superb headline sponsor, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch for the mighty Walter Scott Prize for historical fiction, two imaginative and steadfast public funders in the Scottish Borders Council and Creative Scotland, and our many festival Friends.

Welcome to the magical, sparkling Brewin Dolphin Borders Book Festival.

ALISTAIR MOFFAT, DIRECTOR

SHARING OUR ENTHUSIASM

As Alistair says, good times are coming to Melrose in June. This is largely courtesy of our generous lead funders. But a great book festival needs, and appreciates, supporters of many types and sizes.

To begin with, without Knight Frank we wouldn't have our traditional Schools Gala Day on the festival Friday - bringing literary fun and knowledge to nearly 1,000 Borders schoolchildren. Our other sponsors this year are such a range: Pike & Chapman, who have been with us since we began in 2004; Davidson Chalmers, first-timers who are lending their name to the Storytelling Tent; old friends like The Mainstreet Trading Company, Brett Investment, Stark Main, TRICapital, The Networking Company, Lochcarron of Scotland, Reiver Business Services and Meigle Colour Printers; and welcome new arrivals like The Scottish Borders Brewery, RP Adam and Speaking Lives. Not to mention our loyal media partners - The Scotsman, Southern Reporter, Radio Borders and ITV Border - and the many other advertisers in our programme. See page 4 for the full, long list.

As for our staff and volunteers - they are simply the best. We love what we do, and are lucky to do it. Please come and share our enthusiasm.

FRANCIS HAMILTON, CHAIRMAN

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IN PERFECT HARMONY

The Festival Bookshop, well stocked with our authors' works as well as other books of local interest, is the place to visit between festival events. It is where authors will be delighted to sign and dedicate copies of their books after their sessions, and is open from 10.00am until late each day for those who would rather browse than join a queue. Please check the board outside the Bookshop for when signings are scheduled. All proceeds from the Bookshop go directly back to the Book Festival.

In the same marquee as the Box Office and Bookshop is Marmion's Café Bar, where you can enjoy a tempting selection of teas, coffees, snacks, mouth-watering cakes, chilled white wines, full reds, soft drinks and other delights. If you would like to buy a bottle of wine to take into a session simply order it from the Café Bar.

A welcome newcomer this year will be the Scottish Borders Brewery, serving two of their just launched, plough-to-pint real Borders ales on all four days of the festival. And on Saturday and Sunday, you can visit the Over Langshaw Farmhouse ice cream stand, and treat yourself to locally made delicious luxury ice cream and sorbets which come in a range of mouthwatering flavours.

Harmony Garden will once again be the beautiful backdrop to a sculpture exhibition mounted by the members of the Borders Sculptors collective. For more information about the collective, visit www.bordersculptors.org.

Be ready to go on air with Radio Borders, who will be broadcasting interviews with authors and audiences throughout the festival. ITV Border will also have a festival presence, with lots of material to report on in their nightly news bulletins.

Children as well as adults will enjoy the Family Book Festival (details on pages 25-29), a riot of weekend noise and colour. And our Family Day Passes are a real bargain – book early!

Our two chosen charities this year are Book Aid International and the Borders Children's Charity, both hugely deserving causes. Information about them will be available in the Festival Bookshop, and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to donate. We are delighted to assist.

We believe your festival experience in Harmony Garden will be better than ever. Please come and prove us right.

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HARMONY GARDEN IS A NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND PROPERTY AND NO DOGS WILL BE ADMITTED EXCEPT HEARING AND GUIDE DOGS.

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“BORDERING ON THE SUBLIME”

SCOTLAND ON SUNDAY

In the brief but glittering listings of no fewer than 65 events in the following pages, words will come alive in many senses. Not only will authors talk about their new books, actors will bring life to the immortal words of three of our best loved writers. In association with Birlinn, Scotland's most dynamic publisher, Robert Powell will recall his role as Richard Hannay in John Buchan's *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, David Rintoul will revisit his starring role as Dr Finlay when he reads from A.J. Cronin's stories and Vivien Heilbron will once more become Lewis Grassie Gibbon's heroine, Chris Guthrie, when a new edition of *Sunset Song* is celebrated.

Our Family Book Festival builds on the sell-out success of last year with ten sparkling events over the weekend, and the range of the whole of the 2011 Borders Book Festival is simply dazzling; fiction, history, historical fiction, crime writing, politics, humour, art, travel, photography and autobiography.

Read on and enjoy!

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THURSDAY 16 JUNE

TIME	EVENT	VENUE	P
6.00pm	SARAH BROWN	Festival Marquee	10
6.15pm	MULL, IONA AND STAFFA with MALCOLM MacGREGOR	Harmony Marquee	10
6.15pm	DAVID CAMPBELL - A TRAVELLER IN TWO WORLDS	Lochcarron Marquee	10
7.30pm	PETER SNOW	Festival Marquee	11
7.45pm	MARK BEAUMONT - THE MAN WHO CYCLED THE AMERICAS	Harmony Marquee	11
7.45pm	ALLAN MASSIE	Lochcarron Marquee	11
9.00pm	EDWARD STOURTON	Festival Marquee	12
9.15pm	MICHAEL FRAYN	Harmony Marquee	12
9.15pm	ANDREW MURRAY - THE ULTIMATE MARATHON MAN	Lochcarron Marquee	12

FRIDAY 17 JUNE

TIME	EVENT	VENUE	P
6.00pm	KIRSTY WARK - A LIFE IN BOOKS *	Festival Marquee	13
6.15pm	CHRISTOPHER BROOKMYRE **	Harmony Marquee	13
7.30pm	MICHAEL PARKINSON	Festival Marquee	14
7.45pm	BELLA BATHURST	Harmony Marquee	14
9.00pm	AN EVENING WITH RORY BREMNER	Festival Marquee	15
9.15pm	ANN CLEEVES	Harmony Marquee	15

* Please note re-arranged time and venue for this event.

** Alternative event from one originally published.

SATURDAY 18 JUNE

Family BOOK Festival EVENT

F FAMILY DAY PASS EVENT

TIME	EVENT	VENUE	P
10.45am	ROODICA THE RUDE AND THE FAMOUS FLEA TRICK with MARGARET RYAN	Harmony Marquee	F 26
11.00am	WRITE ON! WRITING COMPETITION AWARDS FREE	Lochcarron Marquee	26
12 noon	BOOKBUG RHYME SESSION FREE	Davidson Chalmers Storytelling Tent	26
12 noon	BEAST QUEST CHALLENGE	Festival Marquee	F 26
12.15pm	DANNY BAKER, RECORD BREAKER with STEVE HARTLEY	Harmony Marquee	F 26
12.15pm	THE GREAT TAPESTRY OF SCOTLAND FREE	Lochcarron Marquee	16
1.30pm	THE WALTER SCOTT PRIZE	Festival Marquee	16
1.00pm	BOOKBUG RHYME SESSION FREE	Davidson Chalmers Storytelling Tent	27
1.45pm	DONALD & BENOIT: THE STORY OF A CAT AND A BOY with JOHN BYRNE	Harmony Marquee	F 27
2.00pm	YOU CAN WRITE! FREE	Melrose Parish Church Hall	17
2.00pm	STORYTIME FREE	Davidson Chalmers Storytelling Tent	27
3.00pm	THE MURDEROUS MATHS OF EVERYTHING with KJARTAN POSKITT	Festival Marquee	F 27
3.15pm	JOSCELINE DIMBLEBY	Harmony Marquee	17
3.15pm	JAMES DOUGLAS-HAMILTON	Lochcarron Marquee	17
3.15pm	STORYTIME FREE	Davidson Chalmers Storytelling Tent	27
4.30pm	MAZES AND MONSTERS WORKSHOP with TERESA FLAVIN	Davidson Chalmers Storytelling Tent	27
4.30pm	ROBERT POWELL and THE THIRTY-NINE STEPS	Festival Marquee	17
4.45pm	CHRISTOPHER LLOYD - IN SEARCH OF A MASTERPIECE	Harmony Marquee	18
6.00pm	JOHN BYRNE	Festival Marquee	18
6.00pm	CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION with ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH	Lochcarron Marquee	18
6.15pm	DAVID MITCHELL	Harmony Marquee	19
7.30pm	ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH	Festival Marquee	19
7.45pm	SALLY MAGNUSSON	Harmony Marquee	19
7.45pm	STEPHEN McGINTY	Lochcarron Marquee	19
9.00pm	RORY McGRATH	Festival Marquee	20
9.15pm	VAL McDERMID and PROFESSOR SUE BLACK	Harmony Marquee	20
10.30pm	THE BORDERS SKY AT NIGHT with STUART CLARK	Harmony Marquee	20

SUNDAY 19 JUNE

Family BOOK Festival EVENT

F FAMILY DAY PASS EVENT

TIME	EVENT	VENUE	P
10.45am	FUN SCIENCE: GENETICS FOR KIDS with GILL ARBUTHNOTT	Harmony Marquee	F 28
10.45am	BORDER VOICES with the BORDERS WRITERS' FORUM	Lochcarron Marquee	21
11.00am	AN INTRODUCTION TO WRITING FOR CHILDREN with VIVIAN FRENCH	Davidson Chalmers Storytelling Tent	21
12 noon	PRECIOUS AND THE MONKEYS with ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH	Festival Marquee	F 28
12.15pm	THE LOON ON THE MOON with CHAE STRATHIE	Harmony Marquee	F 28
12.15pm	FLAT STANLEY	Lochcarron Marquee	28
1.30pm	STORYTIME FREE	Davidson Chalmers Storytelling Tent	29
1.45pm	SIR CHARLIE STINKY SOCKS with KRISTINA STEPHENSON	Harmony Marquee	F 29
1.45pm	FLAT STANLEY	Lochcarron Marquee	29
2.30pm	STORYTIME FREE	Davidson Chalmers Storytelling Tent	29
3.00pm	THE SCOTS: A GENETIC JOURNEY with ALISTAIR MOFFAT	Festival Marquee	21
3.15pm	WHICH WITCH?!! with DEBI GLIORI and VIVIAN FRENCH	Harmony Marquee	F 29
3.15pm	SUNSET SONG with VIVIEN HEILBRON and DAVID RINTOUL	Lochcarron Marquee	22
4.30pm	MAUREEN LIPMAN	Festival Marquee	22
4.45pm	BOB MARSHALL-ANDREWS	Harmony Marquee	22
4.45pm	HENRY WORSLEY - IN SHACKLETON'S FOOTSTEPS	Lochcarron Marquee	22
6.00pm	LARRY LAMB	Festival Marquee	23
6.15pm	BARBARA DICKSON	Harmony Marquee	23
6.15pm	THE LOST MAKAR: ROULL OF CORSTORPHIN with STEWART CONN and JOHN SAMPSON	Lochcarron Marquee	23
7.30pm	JAMES NAUGHTIE - A FUNNY THING HAPPENED...	Festival Marquee	24
7.45pm	DR FINLAY'S CASEBOOK	Harmony Marquee	24
7.45pm	CHRISTOPHER WARD - AND THE BAND PLAYED ON	Lochcarron Marquee	24
9.00pm	AN EVENING WITH TOM CONTI	Festival Marquee	24

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SARAH BROWN FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 6.00pm / £13, £11(c)

Sarah Brown was a witness to history. In her fascinating account of family life at 10 Downing Street from 2007 to 2010, *Behind the Black Door*, she tells a fresh, warm and perceptive story of the background to the great events that rumbled across the world stage. Her view of the key personalities involved in the financial crash of 2008 and its aftermath is a unique and close-up perspective. Fresh, lively and often humorous, *Behind the Black Door* is a superb read.

MULL, IONA AND STAFFA with MALCOLM MacGREGOR HARMONY MARQUEE / 6.15pm / £9, £7(c)



This collection of photographs by Malcolm MacGregor is simply stunning, one of the most beautiful photographic books about Scotland ever published. Through bone-numbing patience,

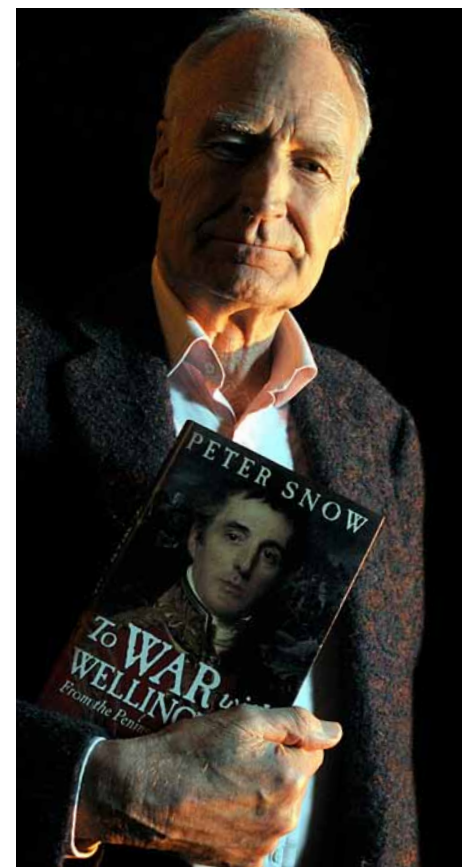
dogged persistence and supreme technique, Malcolm has managed to capture the authentic atmosphere of these islands of the Inner Hebrides. In the moment of a shutter-click the light and the land are made into still-frame works of art. This book arrived just as the festival programme was about to go to press and we halted production to include it. A wonderful contribution.

DAVID CAMPBELL - A TRAVELLER IN TWO WORLDS LOHCARRON MARQUEE / 6.15pm / £9, £7(c)



Tales from two lives emerge as David Campbell remembers the great storyteller, Duncan Williamson. His new book is a feast of tales from Duncan's life and culture – and from the author's twenty year-old sunshine and thunder friendship

with this most charismatic of men, described by Hamish Henderson as 'the Scottish folk tradition in one man'. Unmissable.



PETER SNOW FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 7.30pm £13, £11(c)

Now retired from swingometers, virtual Houses of Commons and the hurly burly of election nights, Peter Snow has made himself into a superb historian. And in *To War with Wellington*, he tells of one of British history's greatest military careers. This is the stuff of legend, one man's spectacular achievement against great odds. From a tiny foothold in Portugal, Wellington led his men across Europe to Waterloo and the final defeat of Napoleon in 'a damned close-run thing'. The son of a British army officer, Peter has combined his own heritage with storytelling skills of great verve and dash in what is a page-turning tour de force of war reporting.



MARK BEAUMONT - THE MAN WHO CYCLED THE AMERICAS HARMONY MARQUEE / 7.45pm / £9, £7(c)

The Man Who Cycled the Americas is an epic. Cycling on his own, without any support team around him, Scotsman Mark Beaumont completed an astonishing feat of endurance. From the US's northwestern tip to Chile and Tierra del Fuego, he cycled 15,000 miles, climbing Mount McKinley in Alaska and Aconcagua in Argentina (the highest peaks in North and South America) en route, and making his way through a series of fascinating adventures and tremendously diverse cultures. With his trademark humour and self-deprecation, Mark tells the story of this extraordinary journey.

ALLAN MASSIE LOHCARRON MARQUEE / 7.45pm / £9, £7(c)



Image: Claudia Massie

Death in Bordeaux is a superb whodunit – and much, much more. Set in the spring of 1940, the novel opens with the discovery of the mutilated corpse of a homosexual, and then another body is found. Meanwhile, history is rumbling in

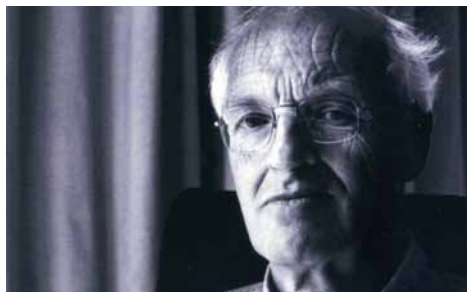
the north as the Battle of France flares into life and after the breathtaking speed of the German advance, Bordeaux is engulfed with refugees. Superintendent Lannes' investigation becomes deeply political and very dangerous. This is Allan Massie at the peak of his talent as a novelist – and the joy is that *Death in Bordeaux* is the first part of a planned trilogy.



Image: Andrew Crowley

EDWARD STOURTON FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 9.00pm / £13, £11(c)

Distinguished journalist and dog owner, Edward Stourton can leave behind, at least for the length of a walk with his dog, Kudu, the cares of reporting on The World at One and the Today programme on Radio 4, doing a galaxy of other radio and TV programmes and writing journalism. Instead, he has compiled *Diary of a Dog Walker: Time Spent Following a Lead*. And he follows several leads, musing on how well he knows Kudu. Does Kudu see Edward as his owner, does the dog ever feel guilty, is he devoted? All dog walkers know that they can talk to anyone and anyone can talk to them – about anything. Edward's adventures with Kudu are funny, surprising – and a sparkling source of amusement and comfort for all dog owners.



MICHAEL FRAYN HARMONY MARQUEE / 9.15pm / £9, £7(c)

One of Britain's greatest playwrights and novelists, Michael Frayn has written a wonderful account of his upbringing in *My Father's Fortune*. It is an honest portrait of Tom Frayn, but also paints an atmospheric picture of life before, during and after the Second World War. The critics have heaped praise: "A masterpiece – Frayn has never written with more searching brilliance than in this quest for his past", and "Often funny, sometimes painful, but always exquisitely well written, it reveals the extraordinariness that can lurk in even the most ordinary of lives". An intimate self-examination of Frayn the man, as well as Frayn the writer.

ANDREW MURRAY - THE ULTIMATE MARATHON MAN LOHCARRON MARQUEE / 9.15pm / £9, £7(c)

Image: Richard Else



Andrew Murray ran 2,659 miles from John o' Groats to the Moroccan Sahara Desert to raise cash for charity. In a record-breaking endurance run, he covered an average of 34.4 miles a day – every day. Thousands joined him. Andrew

has also won races in some of the harshest environments on Earth - the Arctic in winter, the jungle, and the plains of Mongolia. As well, he is a doctor at the Borders General Hospital and a GP in Hawick, Melrose and Galashiels. The stories of this extraordinary double life are riveting.

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KIRSTY WARK - A LIFE IN BOOKS FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 6.00pm / £9, £7(c)

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AND VENUE FOR THIS EVENT

Book festivals are about readers as well as writers, and the distinguished television journalist Kirsty Wark has never lost the childhood habit of devouring books. Her career may have begun in reporting some of the toughest stories – she was one of the first on the scene at Lockerbie in 1988 and two years later conducted a famously direct interview with Margaret Thatcher – but she has also remained close to the world of books. Kirsty presents the Man Booker Prize ceremony, hosts the Radio 4 Book Quiz, and - the ultimate cultural accolade - appeared in an episode of Dr Who. She comes to Melrose to talk to fellow readers about books that changed her life, and why books will keep changing her perceptions and views.

CHRISTOPHER BROOKMYRE HARMONY MARQUEE / 6.15pm / £9, £7(c)

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A
REPLACEMENT EVENT
FROM ONE ORIGINALLY
PUBLISHED

There is no novelist working in Britain like Christopher Brookmyre, and in his new *Where the Bodies are Buried*, he is in scintillating form. Set in Glasgow, it is a whodunit, a thriller, and is full of edgy comedy. Christopher famously does wonderful book festival sessions and two years ago, he wowed Borders Book Festival audiences with his humour, insights and the verve and brio of his creativity. This is a stunning new novel – out only days before he comes to Melrose - and a session not to be missed.

Image: BBC





MICHAEL PARKINSON

FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 7.30pm / £13, £11(c)

The legendary interviewer has produced a wonderful anthology of 100 people he has met and talked to in a long and glittering media innings; Lauren Bacall, Richard Burton, Tony Blair, David Beckham and Michael Caine are only the beginning of a star-studded alphabet in *Parky's People*. Like its author, the book is witty, perceptive and revealing. Rory Bremner turns the tables and interviews Michael Parkinson about his own career and his life, from a Yorkshire mining family to a knighthood and a different world. When Michael kissed Lauren Bacall on his programme, he wondered out loud how a Barnsley boy had managed to do that.



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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.

BELLA BATHURST

HARMONY MARQUEE / 7.45pm / £9, £7(c)



The Bicycle Book is a rip-roaring narrative celebration of the 21st century's greatest transport success story: the bicycle. Since the millennium its use in Britain has doubled, and doubled again. In trial after trial it is the bike, not the bus, car, the underground or walking, that gets people to urban destinations faster. Award-winning writer Bella Bathurst takes us on a tour through cycling's best anecdotes, adventures and history. It is a story of passion, obsession, technology, exultation and risk.

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AN EVENING WITH RORY BREMNER

FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 9.00pm / £13, £11(c)

"Always good fun. With the backdrop of the Abbey and the Eildon Hills, it's hard to beat." RORY BREMNER

Unique, completely unpredictable, and not available in any other format, Rory Bremner's sessions at the Borders Book Festival are the stuff of legend. With the help of the cast of characters at his command, he will look back on the past year, reflect on the foibles of the famous and the vanities of politicians, and - with the help of the occasional audience intervention - illuminate the festival with his huge talents. Rory is never happier, never funnier than when he comes to Harmony and the Borders, his spiritual - and soon to be actual - home.

ANN CLEEVES

HARMONY MARQUEE / 9.15pm / £9, £7(c)



In the shape of DI Vera Stanhope, Ann Cleeves has created a superb character and ITV has made five two-hour films based on her novels. Starring Brenda Blethyn, these will be broadcast soon

and ITV has taken the unprecedented step of committing to a series before the pilot has been aired. Ann's new Vera Stanhope novel is *Silent Voices* and she comes to Melrose to talk about the creation of this fascinating character, her setting in Northumberland and the deliberate move away from the stereotype of young, fit female detective to someone middle-aged, single, overweight but very bright, human, sharp and shambolic.

Image: Antje Deistler

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THE GREAT TAPESTRY OF SCOTLAND

LOHCARRON MARQUEE / 12.15pm - 1.00pm / FREE

To commemorate the Battle of Prestonpans of 1745, Andrew Crummy designed an amazing object, a tapestry of 105 panels, bigger than the Bayeux and as beautifully made by over 260 stitchers from Scotland and beyond. Hugely popular, this stunning work of art has had a tremendous impact, making an ancient way of telling history very dynamic. At the Borders Book Festival in June one of Scotland's greatest novelists and favourite sons, Alexander McCall Smith, will announce a sweeping new project – no less than the creation of a

tapestry for all Scotland, a series of brilliantly designed and stitched panels to be made in every part of the country, from Shetland to Galloway, and to tell the vivid story of our nation. All will be revealed in Melrose!

FREE tickets can be ordered through the festival box office.

THE WALTER SCOTT PRIZE

FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 1.30pm - 2.15pm / £5

In its second year the prestigious Walter Scott Prize has come down to a sparkling shortlist of six superb novels. Their diversity, historical range and character could scarcely be more extended – from imperial Japan and Tsarist Russia to the slave plantations of Jamaica and beyond. So successful has the prize become that next year entries will be invited from Commonwealth authors who are published in Britain. Thanks to the continuing generosity of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, the prize is now one of the most sought-after in the English-speaking publishing world. The shortlisted novels for 2011 are:

The Long Song by Andrea Levy

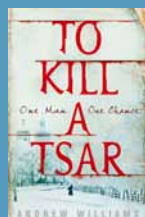
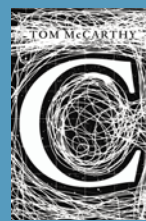
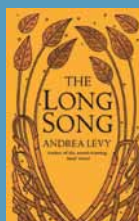
C by Tom McCarthy

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet by David Mitchell

Ghost Light by Joseph O'Connor

Heartstone by C.J. Sansom

To Kill a Tsar by Andrew Williams



THE WALTER
SCOTT
PRIZE
FOR HISTORICAL FICTION

YOU CAN WRITE!

MELROSE PARISH CHURCH HALL / 2.00pm - 4.00pm / FREE

You Can Write!, a creative writing workshop, is part of our festival for a fifth year and this time we're going back to our roots. Join learners from Community Learning and Development (Scottish Borders Council) and follow the journey from blank page to a finished piece of writing. Come prepared to write. Come prepared to listen with an open mind. Come prepared to have your perceptions of what it takes to write challenged.

FREE tickets can be ordered through the festival box office.

For more details about CLD contact Oonagh McGarry, Community Learning & Development, SBC, Langlee Complex, Marigold Drive, Galashiels Tel: 01896 755110 Email: mcgarry@scotborders.gov.uk

JOSCELINE DIMBLEBY

HARMONY MARQUEE / 3.15pm / £9, £7(c)



A fluent and creative cookery writer, Josceline has compiled a wildly eclectic and absolutely delicious collection of recipes, travels and memories in *Orchards in the Oasis*. It transports readers and cooks on a journey from Britain to Syria, via Peru, Lanzarote and Morocco to North America and Burma. Flavours never before tasted spill out of this beautifully made book and, as a superb storyteller, Josceline talks to Eleanor Updale about an itinerant life, starting as the child of a diplomat in places where the food was entirely new and exotic. *Orchards in the Oasis* includes 70 superb recipes but is also a wonderfully well-written memoir of a life of great contrasts.

JAMES DOUGLAS-HAMILTON

LOHCARRON MARQUEE / 3.15pm / £9, £7(c)



A unique British politician, James Douglas-Hamilton has served in three legislatures. The voters of Edinburgh West sent him to Westminster as their MP, he was then elected to Holyrood as MSP for the Lothians and now he sits in

the House of Lords. Immensely respected, universally liked (perhaps another unique distinction for a politician), James has written a wonderfully balanced memoir *After You, Prime Minister*. In it he offers a fresh and humane perspective on British politics over the last 50 years and remembers his encounters with Harold MacMillan, Helen Suzman, Jomo Kenyatta and of course the indomitable Margaret Thatcher.

ROBERT POWELL and THE THIRTY-NINE STEPS

FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 4.30pm / £13, £11(c)



As arguably the best Richard Hannay, Robert Powell will read extracts and talk about his experiences in making a movie from the classic John Buchan thriller. And he might also be persuaded to talk about his film work in general and how difficult it is to translate the written word to the screen – even the words of the greatest story ever told. The editor of the splendid new Birlinn edition of *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, Stuart Kelly, will join Robert to talk about Buchan in general and his masterpiece thriller in particular.

In association with



Special screening of *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, starring Robert Powell at The Wynd Theatre on Tuesday 14 June. For details visit www.thewynd.com

CHRISTOPHER LLOYD - IN SEARCH OF A MASTERPIECE

HARMONY MARQUEE / 4.45pm / £9, £7(c)

Image: Alex Lloyd



In Search of a Masterpiece is an essential guide. Not all the great paintings in Britain and Ireland are to be found in the obvious places, the National Galleries in London and Edinburgh and Dublin, the Tate or the Burrell Collection. In this

superbly illustrated new book, Christopher Lloyd lists 265 pictures to be found in galleries all over these islands. If you find yourself in Hull, Dundee or Cork, and have an hour to spare, there are masterpieces close by, and in a lifetime of looking at great works, Christopher has mapped out a treasure trail to see them. A beautiful book written by a passionate lover of beautiful paintings.

In association with SBC Museums and Gallery Service



Images: Campbell Mitchell

JOHN BYRNE

FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 6.00pm / £13, £11(c)

In the course of a phenomenally creative life, John has achieved an amazing output. Painter, designer, illustrator and playwright, he wrote *Writer's Cramp*, which was performed at the 1977 Edinburgh Festival Fringe with Bill Paterson starring as the alarming Francis Seneca McDade. An immediate hit, it was followed by the *Slab Boys* trilogy with Robbie Coltrane in a minor role. Then when the unforgettable TV series *Tutti Frutti* came along, Robbie created the central character of Danny McGlone and Emma Thompson starred as Suzi Kettles. Now John has written a children's book *Donald & Benoit* based on tales he told his twins. Robert Hewison has written a biography *John Byrne: Art and Life*. Both art and life are extraordinary. And, as John will show at the Book Festival, he's no 'deid yet!

CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION with ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH

LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / 6.00pm - 7.15pm / £15



Hosted by Alexander McCall Smith, this reception celebrates the work of Book Aid International, the charity supported by the Borders Book Festival for the last three years. In sub-Saharan Africa, Book Aid helps children find the magic of literacy and literature and last year more than half a million books went to 2,000 libraries and schools across the continent. All the proceeds from this event will go to help Book Aid do even better this year and we shall also be encouraging donations throughout the festival.

DAVID MITCHELL

HARMONY MARQUEE / 6.15pm / £9, £7(c)

Image: Murdo Macleod



Be transported to a place like no other, a tiny man-made island in the Bay of Nagasaki, for 200 years the sole gateway into Japan from the West. Here in the dying days of the 18th century a young Dutch clerk arrives to make his fortune.

Instead he loses his heart. Step into the streets of Dejima and mingle with scheming spies, traders, interpreters, servants and concubines as two cultures merge. Step into the world of David Mitchell's stunning novel, *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet*. Hailed by ranks of critics as a masterpiece, it is the latest and perhaps best work of the author of *Cloud Atlas* and *Ghostwritten*.

ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH

FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 7.30pm / £13, £11(c)



There could never be a road sign announcing that you are entering Sandy McCall Smith Country. There are too many of them, for one of Britain's greatest novelists has created many worlds. His latest in the Corduroy Mansions series is called *A Conspiracy of Friends* and promises another feast of superb storytelling based around the crumbling house in London's Pimlico. Meanwhile, the latest series of 44 Scotland Street episodes has been gracing the pages of *The Scotsman* – and since he is appearing in *Melrose* in a big tent on a Saturday, Sandy might be persuaded to talk about *The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party*, the latest from the world of Mma Ramotswe – and Mma Makutsi.



SALLY MAGNUSSON

HARMONY MARQUEE / 7.45pm / £9, £7(c)

In one of the more unexpected and strangely fascinating titles of recent months *Life of Pee: The Story of How Urine Got Everywhere*, Sally Magnusson tells an amazing tale. Alchemists sought gold in it, David Bowie froze his to ward off evil and everybody by the name of Fuller, Tucker or Walker first owed their livelihoods to it. Humans produce a great deal, enough of the stuff to fill Loch Lomond each year. In addition to this riveting story, Sally will be talking about her day (and evening) job as one of Scotland's best loved journalists and mother of five.

STEPHEN MCGINTY

LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / 7.45pm / £9, £7(c)



In one of the most bizarre episodes of World War Two, Rudolf Hess, Deputy Fuhrer and Hitler's confidant, parachuted into Renfrewshire on 10th May 1941. His unlikely mission was to contact the Duke of

Hamilton and see if he would broker a peace deal between Britain and Germany. Hess was taken to Mytchett Place near Aldershot and on Churchill's orders held in isolation for 13 months. Interrogated constantly for any detail that might inform the conduct of the war, he began 36 years of imprisonment in solitary confinement, dying in 1987 at Spandau Prison in Germany. Out of this extraordinary tale, award-winning journalist Stephen McGinty has created, in *Camp Z: The Secret Life of Rudolf Hess*, a superbly written page-turner.

RORY McGRATH

FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 9.00pm
£13, £11(c)

One of a legendary generation of comedians, writers and actors, Rory was involved with many hit TV series such as *Who Dares Wins*, *They Think It's All Over*, *QI*, *Three Men in a Boat* and *Rory and Paddy's Great British Adventure*. Now he has written a memoir of his upbringing in Cornwall as a Catholic and how the church continues to affect his life. *The Father, Son and the Ghostly Hole: Confessions from a Guilt-Edged Life* is simply wonderful, not only funny (the blurbs warns - May contain traces of jokes) but also honest and accurately observed. Many baby boomers of Rory's generation will recognise and identify with Rory's angst as well as what he finds funny. A superb piece of writing.

VAL McDERMID and PROFESSOR SUE BLACK

HARMONY MARQUEE / 9.15pm / £9, £7(c)



Two middle-aged women sit on the stage carrying out a somewhat surprising conversation. "Which artery would I need to sever to produce the biggest pool of blood imaginable?" asks one. "The common carotid artery," replies the other. Val McDermid and forensic anthropologist Professor Sue Black will form a darkly hilarious on-stage double act when they discuss the type of advice the renowned crime writer seeks from her friend to ensure the scientific accuracy of her work.

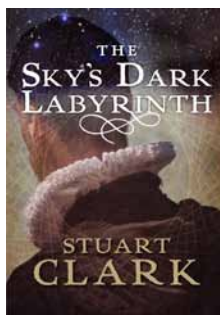


THE BORDERS SKY AT NIGHT

with **STUART CLARK**
HARMONY MARQUEE / 10.30pm / £9, £7(c)



Acclaimed astronomer, journalist and the author of *The Sky's Dark Labyrinth*, a wonderful new book about Kepler and Galileo, Stuart Clarke encourages an audience to look up and closely at the sky above them. A captivating speaker and writer, he somehow makes the stars and planets shine more brightly when he talks about them. A unique and unmissable experience on a June night in Melrose.



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BORDER VOICES with the BORDERS WRITERS' FORUM

LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / 10.45am / £9, £7(c)

Come and celebrate the new collection of Border Voices on a summer Sunday morning! This vivid anthology of stories, history, poetry and photographs springs directly out of the rich Border earth, from the people who live here, people who know it best. Compiled from the writings of members of the Borders Writers' Forum, this sparkling new volume understands both past and present.

AN INTRODUCTION TO WRITING FOR CHILDREN

with **VIVIAN FRENCH**
DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT
11.00am - 1.00pm / £15



Love children's stories? Always wanted to write your own, but don't know where to start? Vivian French has written well over 200 books for children of all ages, both fiction and non-fiction.

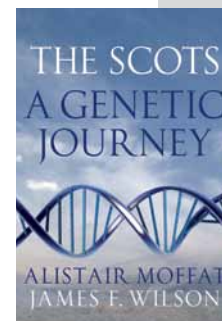
She has run writing workshops from Orkney to Oklahoma, including the Edinburgh International Book Festival and the prestigious Arvon Foundation, and many of her former students have gone on to achieve success. Come and join her for two hours of advice, tips and exercises - and there'll be plenty of time for questions!

Event suitable for adults and age 14+



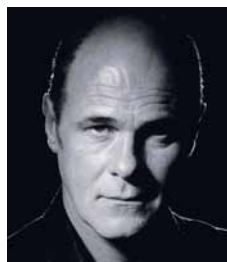
THE SCOTS: A GENETIC JOURNEY

with **ALISTAIR MOFFAT**
FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 3.00pm / £13, £11(c)



At last all is revealed! This is the conclusion - or at least an extensive interim report on the findings - of the survey of Scotland's DNA history undertaken by Alistair Moffat and Dr Jim Wilson. The results are sometimes startling, confirming legends, destroying stereotypes and posing unexpected questions. Alistair Moffat will talk of a people's history, the story of our DNA - we all have it - and how it is both somehow ennobling as well as utterly demographic, collapsing distances in time, geography and status. *The Scots: a Genetic Journey* is a striking new way of looking at our shared past and present.

SUNSET SONG with VIVIEN HEILBRON and DAVID RINTOUL LOHCARRON MARQUEE / 3.15pm / £9, £7(c)



Reckoned by many to be among Scotland's greatest novels, Lewis Grassic Gibbon's *Sunset Song* will be celebrated at Melrose. In an unforgettable performance, Vivien Heilbron played the central character, Chris Guthrie, and she will read extracts and talk about her role. David Rintoul will support with passages of the wonderful narrative, read as they should be in David's native speech, the speak of the Mearns. A new edition has been edited and introduced by Professor Ian Campbell,

a wise and witty man well known to the Melrose Literary Society, and he will join Vivien and David to enjoy this most sublime of Scottish stories.

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MAUREEN LIPMAN FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 4.30pm / £13, £11(c)

There is no-one like Maureen Lipman. Piercingly bright, immensely vivacious, very, very, very attractive (steady) and the author of a sparkling new book *I Must Collect Myself: Choice Cuts From A Long Shelf-Life* she comes to Melrose to entertain. She has the knack of making the mundane supremely funny, the everyday absurd and unexpected. Packed with stories and reminiscences from a long and varied career (Maureen was in Roman Polanski's *The Pianist*, *Educating Rita* and Coronation Street as well as playing Beattie in the memorable BT adverts), her new book is simply wonderful.



BOB MARSHALL - ANDREWS HARMONY MARQUEE / 4.45pm / £9, £7(c)



In his wonderful *Off Message*, Tony Blair's least favourite fellow Labour MP casts a mordant eye on whips and rebels, wars and liberties, spin and patronage, expenses and legacies. At the same time, he delivers a passionate

message about parliament's enduring value. This subversive and richly comical account of British political life during New Labour's term of office presents an intimate and informed picture of what it was like to be its most prominent dissident member – the man who was never On Message.

HENRY WORSLEY - IN SHACKLETON'S FOOTSTEPS LOHCARRON MARQUEE / 4.45pm / £9, £7(c)

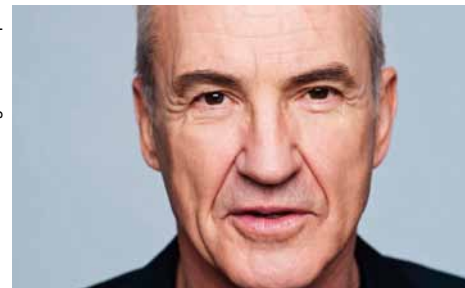


On 9th January 1909, having walked 800 miles over the frozen wastes of the Antarctic, Ernest Shackleton halted his pioneering Nimrod expedition just 97 miles from the South Pole. Facing certain death if they continued, Shackleton

took the agonising decision to turn back. Exactly a century later, Army officer and author Henry Worsley's three-man team - all descendants of colleagues of Shackleton - followed in their frozen footsteps. They then continued, with others, to cover the final 97 miles to the Pole. This extraordinary book recounts both stories, Shackleton's and Worsley's, side by side. It is a riveting double tale of danger, determination and inspiration.

LARRY LAMB FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 6.00pm / £13, £11(c)

Image: Neil Cooper



Having become one of Britain's best-loved actors by playing two very different dads - Gavin's in *Gavin and Stacey* and Archie Mitchell in *Eastenders* - Larry has written a superb autobiography in which the baleful presence of his own dad looms large. In *Mummy's Boy*, he writes with unflinching honesty about his father and the break-up of his parents' marriage – and how it moulded his close relationship with his own son, George. The book is also brimful of excellent anecdote: Larry onstage with Vanessa Redgrave and Maggie Smith, being fired by Peter Hall and drying completely in the first scene of *Hamlet* for the Royal Shakespeare Company. A wonderfully captivating read.

BARBARA DICKSON HARMONY MARQUEE / 6.15pm / £9, £7(c)

Barbara Dickson is one of Scotland's most successful exports. A singer, song-writer and actress, she has been entertaining audiences for over forty years. In her recording career she has earned six platinum, eleven gold and seven silver albums. She has also won two Olivier Awards for her work in theatre. She talks about her autobiography, *A Shirt Box Full of Songs*, which traces her life from childhood in Fife to international stardom, detailing en route the close relationships with figures such as Willy Russell, Elaine Paige and Billy Connolly. Barbara Dickson is as creative today as she has ever been, with a new album recently released and a successful UK concert tour in 2010.

THE LOST MAKAR: ROULL of CORSTORPHIN with STEWART CONN and JOHN SAMPSON LOHCARRON MARQUEE / 6.15pm / £9, £7(c)



The long-lost mediaeval poet Roull of Corstorphin, elegised in William Dunbar's great *Lament for the Makers*, is conjured up vividly and wittily, yet with touches of lyrical tenderness, in this poem sequence written by Stewart Conn during his tenure as Edinburgh's inaugural makar and included in his subsequent collection *Ghosts at Cockcrow*. Joyously interwoven is music from the period, played by widely travelled wind-instrumentalist extraordinaire John Sampson.

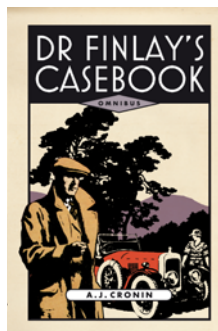


JAMES NAUGHTIE - A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE STUDIO (AND IN IT)
FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 7.30pm / £13, £11(c)



After a distinguished career in print journalism with The Scotsman and The Guardian, Jim joined the BBC in 1988, succeeding Sir Robin Day as presenter of The World at One on BBC Radio 4, and becoming a presenter of Today six years later. He has occupied a ringside seat on public life, interviewing a glittering cast of characters and reporting from home and abroad on the events that have shaped our time. Jim looks back on the momentous, the tragic and the hilarious, reliving the joys and the frustrations of a life on the road and behind the microphone. A personal and political story, not to be missed.

DR FINLAY'S CASEBOOK
HARMONY MARQUEE / 7.45pm / £9, £7(c)



The eponymous star of ITV's superb revival of Dr Finlay, David Rintoul reads from a new edition of *Dr Finlay's Casebook*, ably assisted by Vivien Heilbron. Joining David is Alan Davies, the author of a definitive biography of A.J. Cronin, the creator of Tannochbrae, Arden House, Dr Cameron, Janet, Dr Snoddie and a

memorable cast of characters. Listen to literature come alive, with readings from David and Vivien and a writer's life recounted by Alan.

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CHRISTOPHER WARD - AND THE BAND PLAYED ON
LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / 7.45pm / £9, £7(c)



When the Titanic began to sink and the order to abandon ship was given, the ship's orchestra took their instruments on deck and continued to play as the great ocean liner upended and disappeared into the Atlantic. The violinist,

21 year-old Jock Hume from Dumfries, was drowned, leaving a pregnant fiancée, Mary. Their child was the mother of Christopher Ward - eminent journalist, publisher and Borders-based environmentalist - who has written a moving and dramatic story of how the great disaster impacted on his family. He talks about the historical detective work, and the personal journey of discovery, that have led to this remarkable book.

AN EVENING WITH TOM CONTI
FESTIVAL MARQUEE / 9.00pm / £13, £11(c)



From an astonishing performance in Frederic Raphael's *Glittering Prizes*, a soaring career followed for one of Britain's greatest actors. Tom will talk about his work on stage, screen and television. Oscar-nominated for *Reuben, Reuben* and the winner

of several Tony and Laurence Olivier awards, he is a master-actor with immense presence, a wealth of experience in the front rank and a wonderful sense of humour and perspective. At last year's Lennoxlove Book Festival a packed audience laughed uproariously, listened intently and applauded wildly on an unforgettable evening. It will happen again in Melrose.

SUNDAY 19 JUNE

Fiction, fantasy, and fun fun FUN at the Family Book Festival!

This year there's a cornucopia of delight for all and everyone, whatever their age. Monsters, mazes, monkeys, maths and moons are just a few of the offerings - and there'll be so much more from all the sparkling talents gathered together at Harmony Garden.

Family BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday
18-19 June

£20 FAMILY DAY PASS

Why not come to Harmony for the day?

By buying a Family Day Pass* for either Saturday or Sunday you get the chance to go to a variety of Family Book Festival events at a special rate, and there are EVEN MORE fantastic events to choose from than last year!

The number of Family Day Passes are strictly limited - so book soon!

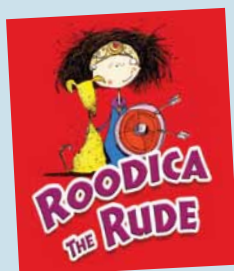
* Family Day Passes cost £20 for two adults and up to three children. The Family Day Pass is valid for all events highlighted in the programme with the logo.

Don't miss out! Make sure you join us!

Image: Nick Sharratt

Roodica the Rude and the Famous Flea Trick with Margaret Ryan

HARMONY MARQUEE / Age 5-8 / 10.45am / £5



Roodica the Rude and the *Famous Flea Trick* has just been chosen as one of Richard and Judy's first ever Children's Book Club choices! When the Romans conquered Britain the Celts were none too pleased.

Princess Roodica the Rude fought back with the help of her friend, Gideon, her dog, Fleabag, and her pony, Plodette. Come and find out how she takes on her arch enemy, the tax collector, Fatius Guttus and his snivelling son, Copius Mucus. Dress up as a Celt or a Roman, make a Celtic bookmark, and find out why, in those days, no one wore underpants!



WRITE ON! Writing Competition Awards

FREE

LOCHCARRON MARQUEE / Age 9 +
11.00am - 11.45am

Hundreds of young writers from primary schools across the Scottish Borders enter the Write On! short story competition each year. Cheer on this year's winners as they leap to the stage to accept their well-deserved prizes!

This competition is jointly promoted by Scottish Borders Council Libraries, The Borders Book Festival and the Southern Reporter.

Bookbug Rhyme Session

FREE

DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT
Babies & under 3s / 12 noon - 12.30pm



Join Scottish Borders Libraries for a fun event of interactive songs and stories for babies and toddlers.

Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event.

Beast Quest Challenge

FREE

FESTIVAL MARQUEE / Age 6-9 / 12 noon / £5

Calling all valiant knights and questors! Six mystical beasts are guarding magical golden armour for the evil wizard Malvel. Help the good wizard Aduro, in this interactive event, to solve cryptic puzzles and free the beasts from Malvel's evil spell. Exclusive Beast Quest goodies for all participants!



Dancing Devil Dogs: John Byrne

Danny Baker, Record Breaker with Steve Hartley

HARMONY MARQUEE / Age 7 +
12.15pm / £5

FREE

Danny Baker wants to be the best in the world at something - anything - and he doesn't care how stinky, sticky, itchy, slimy, noisy or grubby he gets on his way to becoming a Record Breaker! Join author Steve Hartley for a hilarious show including a giant pair of knickers and an inflatable bogey. And, he will also be forming - for one performance only - the Book Festival Armpit Orchestra. Definitely not to be missed!!!

Bookbug Rhyme Session

FREE

DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT
Babies & under 3s / 1.00pm - 1.30pm



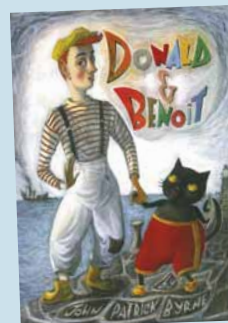
Another chance to join Scottish Borders Libraries for a fun event of interactive songs and stories for babies and toddlers.

Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event.

Donald & Benoit: The Story of a Cat and a Boy with John Byrne

HARMONY MARQUEE / Families & Age 7+
1.45pm / £5

FREE



Award-winning artist, designer, playwright and all-round creative genius John Byrne has written and illustrated a refreshing, whimsical story about the friendship between a boy and his small and mischievous black kitten. While waiting for Benoit's father to return from his fishing trip, this team makes life more

interesting for everyone around them, shaking things up by raiding the library, taking drum lessons, and befriending the coolest troupe of dancing dogs this side of Glasgow. Originally told to the author's children at bedtime, Donald and Benoit's rollicking adventures will entertain and amuse readers of ALL ages.



Storytime

FREE

DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT
All ages / 2.00pm - 2.30pm

Mark Timmins is back this year with a fresh collection of funny, magical and wonderful stories from your favourite writers. All ages welcome but particularly suited to 3 - 10s.

Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

The Murderous Maths of Everything

with Kjartan Poskitt

FREE

FESTIVAL MARQUEE

Families & Age 8+
3.00pm / £5



Have you ever wondered what a rabbit has to do with maths? Or how numbers can tell you the most interesting things about a person? Join Kjartan Poskitt, author of the acclaimed Murderous Maths series, for a hilarious, interactive demonstration of mathematical tricks and oddities. This is an event that is guaranteed to bend your brain and blow your mind! Discover more about the truly wacky World of Maths with this hilarious event that will have children, and adults, rolling in the aisles - and you might learn something too! It's maths with the laughs added in!

Storytime

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DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT
All ages / 3.15pm - 3.45pm

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Mazes and Monsters Workshop with Teresa Flavin

DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT
Age 9 - 12 / 4.30pm / £5

Blackhope Tower is full of mysteries: an old painting, a strange labyrinth and skeletons that appear in a locked room. Author-illustrator Teresa Flavin will introduce you to *The Blackhope Enigma's* imaginative world of castles, mazes and monsters. She will show you how to create an exciting story and illustrate it with a maze or a map of your own.

Fun Science: Genetics for Kids with Gill Arbuthnott

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HARMONY MARQUEE

Families and Age 8+ / 10.45am / £5

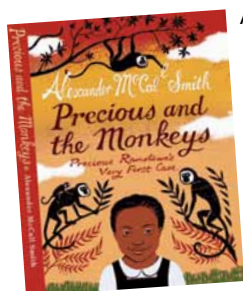
Evolution... DNA... genes... clones... everyone's heard the words, but what do they actually mean? Come along to find out how they affect YOU. See some DNA for yourself and discover how to make it in your own kitchen. Find out if you are a clone and discover the truth about mice with human ears and the woman who was really twins. Prepare to have your mind boggled!



Precious and the Monkeys with Alexander McCall Smith

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FESTIVAL MARQUEE / Families & Age 8+ 12 noon / £5



As *Precious and the Puggies*, Alexander McCall Smith's story for children of Mma Ramotswa's first case was originally translated into Scots by James Robertson. Now Sandy joins us to talk about this jewel of a tale, newly rendered into English.

With extracts read by Vivien Heilbron and music by the infectiously enthusiastic John Sampson, the warmth of Botswana and its people comes to vivid life in Melrose. Great fun for everyone from eight to eighty - and, as the book's first outing, an event you do not want to miss!

The Loon on the Moon with Chae Strathie

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HARMONY MARQUEE / Age 3-7 / 12.15pm / £5

Who lights up the light bulbs that make the moon glow? The Loon on the Moon of course! But when the children on Earth stop dreaming, he has a big problem on his hands. Join author Chae Strathie as he follows the Loon's outer space search for dream steam. Meet Jiffles, Moptops, Vimtingles and Pollywollyplumpkins. Sing! Draw! Zoom and boom! But will Chae reveal what's in his top secret envelope? And what does a Flapdoodle's broom actually look like?

Flat Stanley LOHCARRON MARQUEE

Age 7-9 / 12.15pm / £5

Flat Stanley and his friends have been entertaining children for generations and now he's coming to Melrose with an exciting new story *The Japanese Ninja Surprise*. Stanley and his brother, Arthur, are such huge fans of the ninja movie star Oda Nobu that they decide to send him something even better than fan mail - Stanley himself! Learn all about the amazing flat boy who can slip under doors, fly like a kite, and, best of all, travel by mail! You can even make your own Flat Stanley and post him after the event.....prepare yourself for a flat-out amazing time! Spaces are limited for this event so book early if you don't want to miss out!



Storytime FREE

DAVIDSON CHALMERS STORYTELLING TENT

All ages / 1.30pm - 2.00pm

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Sir Charlie Stinky Socks With Kristina Stephenson

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HARMONY MARQUEE / Age 4 - 8 / 1.45pm / £5

After a sell-out event at the Lennoxlove Book Festival, author and illustrator Kristina Stephenson brings her hero Sir Charlie Stinky Socks to Melrose for another really big adventure. Join her for a fun-packed event with interactive musical storytelling and hilarious songs - unmissable!

Flat Stanley

LOHCARRON MARQUEE / Age 7-9

1.45pm / £5

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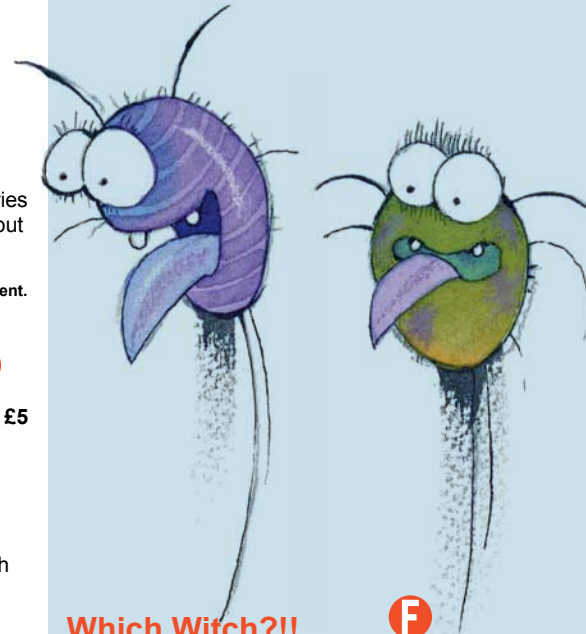
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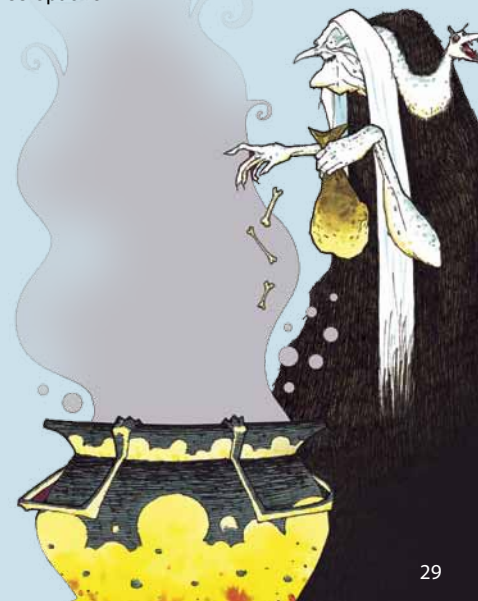


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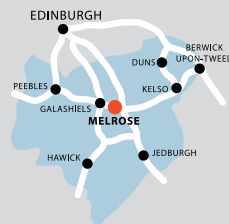
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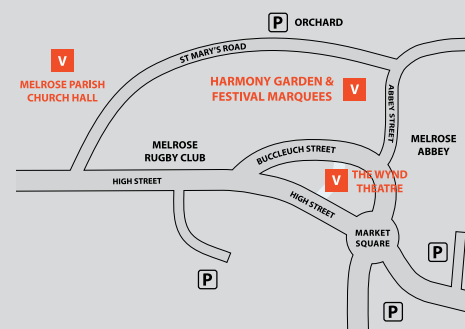
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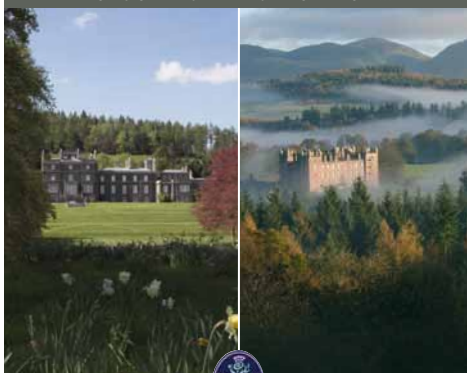
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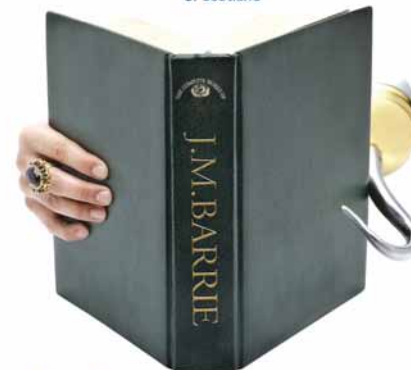
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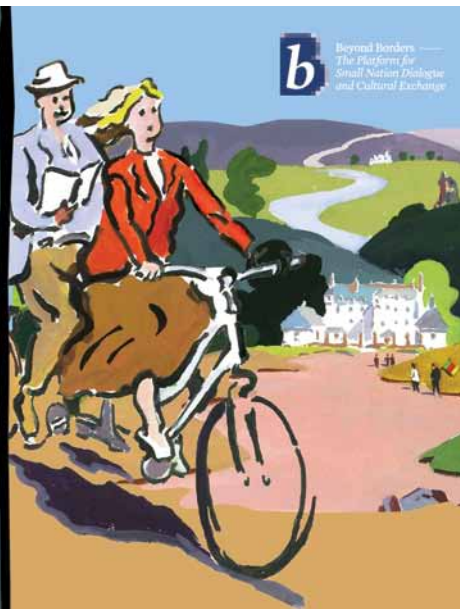
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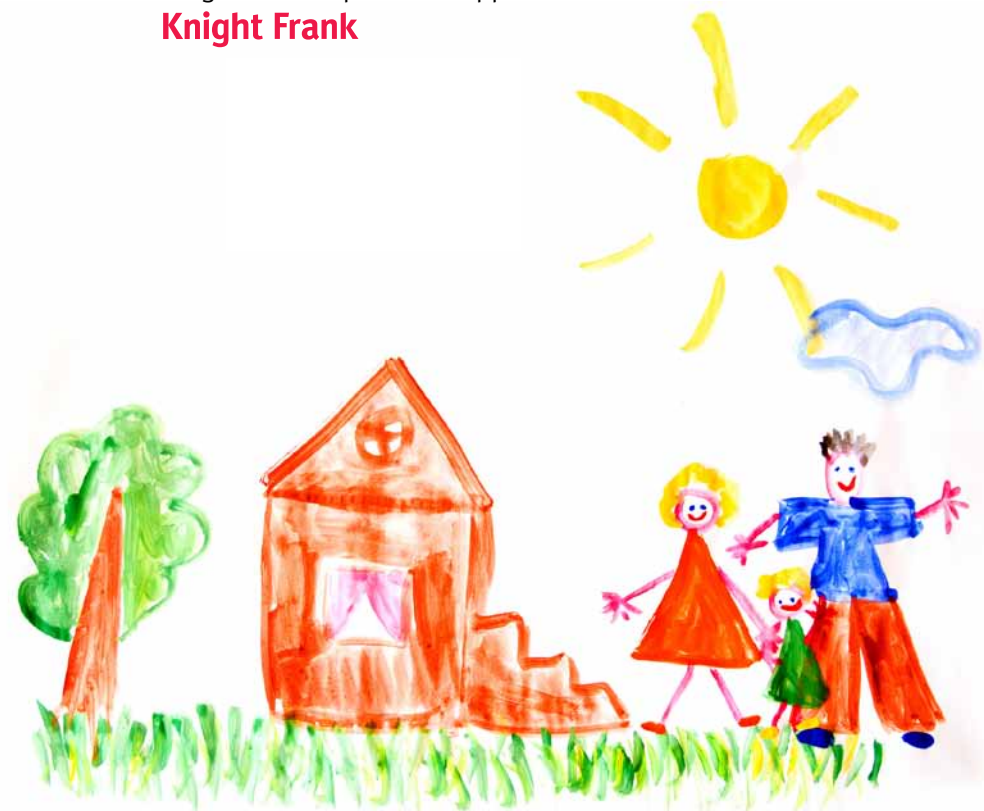


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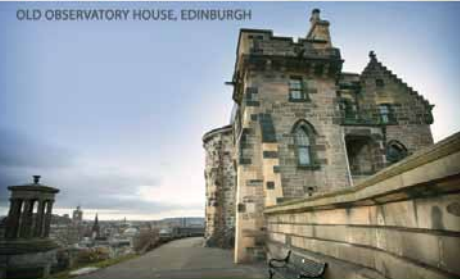
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