

Books Beach

13 -17 APRIL

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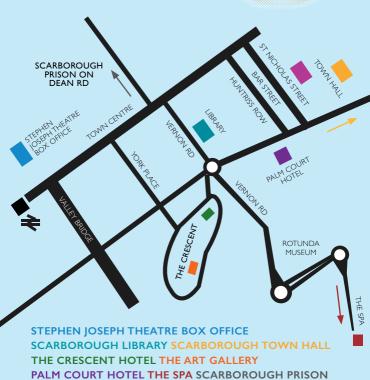
Tickets are available from Stephen Joseph Theatre Box Office, Westborough, Scarborough YOII IJW. Tel 01723 370541 Online ticket sales available through our website.

Opening Hours:

Weekdays I 0am - 6pm (Mon - Sat)

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit or debit card. Telephone booking available.

Please note: Festival tickets are not for sale from Scarborough Library. Please ensure you arrive on time for each event as late admittance is not permitted. GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FROM STEPHEN JOSEPH THEATRE



Venues above are situated close to car parking facilities and are within walking distance of Scarborough town centre. Wykeham Abbey is 8 miles outside Scarborough.

GREENSMITH & THACKWRAY



Books By The Beach are delighted to be celebrating their third Scarborough book festival. The town is famous for literary connections and this year we celebrate all things Charlotte Brontë

There's theatre at the town hall and the prison with worldwide favourite Sherlock Holmes and a tombstone trail around the cemetery...take part if you dare! Biographers, crime authors and psychological thriller writers interact with politicians and poets. Secrets are shared with espionage experts and unearthed with celebrity archaeologists.

Foodie events abound with two festival dinners, a Tudor literary lunch at Wykeham Abbey kitchen and a Wold Top Brewery beer tasting with Greensmith & Thackwray nibbles. Cheers!

We're inspired by nature, perfume and apple growing. From mindfulness to modern day heroes – something for everyone. Children's activities and community projects feature this year and we've introduced Books by the Beach for Nippers!

A BIG THANK YOU to all our visiting authors, sponsors, partners, volunteers, and of course you the audience for the continuing support and belief. Quite simply, we couldn't do it without you! Enjoy the festival!

Heather French and Peter Guttridge, festival co-directors

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WED 13 APRIL

PAUL HANNAM

The Wisdom Of Groundhog Day

TIME 10am
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

In thirty years of teaching and writing about personal development **Paul Hannam** has concluded, in his new work, *The Wisdom of Groundhog Day*, that the secret of a happy and fulfilling life lies in the classic 1993 Bill Murray movie. No, not by watching it again and again – although he has – but by seeing the film as a parable for changing your own life.

This morning he will explain how you can turn every day into the best day of your life. (Tonight at 5.15 pm you can watch the film at a special Scarborough Film Society screening.)



WED 13 APRIL

ALISON WEIR

Tudor Lunch

TIME 12noon (Please be seated by 11.45am)
PRICE £25.00

VENUE The Old Kitchen, Wykeham Abbey, Wykeham, Scarborough. Parking available at venue (This venue does not have wheelchair access.)
RUNNING TIME 2.5 hours

Alison Weir is the top-selling female historian in the UK and has sold over 2.7 million books worldwide. She has published seventeen history books and five historical novels. She is soon to publish *Katherine Of Aragon: The True Queen*, the first in a series of novels about the wives of Henry VIII. Today Alison will be discussing *The Lost Tudor Princess* her latest biography over an authentic Tudor lunch in a unique setting.

This event includes a two-course lunch with tea/coffee. Wine and beer available to purchase at the bar.





WED 13 APRIL

GROUNDHOG DAY

Scarborough Film Society, Cert PG

TIME 5.15pm
PRICE £5.00 pay on the door
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME 1.45 hours

Scarborough Film Society presents this classic American comedy starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell.

Weatherman Phil Connors trapped in a time loop is forced to live the same day over and over again until he gains some true insight into his life.

Earlier today **Paul Hannam**, personal development trainer, shares the moral of the tale and how to make the most of life's opportunities.



SHERLOCK HOLMES FESTIVAL DINNER

with David Stuart Davies

TIME 7.30pm Bar opens 7pm (Please be seated by 7.15pm)
PRICE £27.50
VENUE Scarborough Town Hall
RUNNING TIME 2.5 hours

David Stuart Davies, the world's leading authority on all things Sherlockian, premiered his play, The Game's Afootl, at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Tonight he is presenting this entertaining 'Encounter with Sherlock Holmes and Arthur Conan Doyle' in the theatrical atmosphere of the Victorian Town Hall. Of course, if you want to dress as any character from Sherlock Holmes that would add to the fun — although Moriarty isn't known to be a barrel of laughs and Mrs Hudson might get stuck with the washing up... This event includes a three-course dinner with tea/coffee.







THU 14 APRIL

HARRY PARKER

Anatomy Of A Soldier

TIME 10am
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Harry Parker joined the British Army when he was 23 and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2009 he was injured whilst on foot patrol in Afghanistan when he stepped on a bomb. Harry studied Art before joining the Army and turned to writing after his injury.

Not wanting to be defined by his injuries Harry avoided a memoir, but created instead a novel - one of conflict, community and catastrophe told uniquely through 45 objects. A topical, powerful and hopeful debut!

THU 14 APRIL

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Great Operatic Composers by Vincent and Maria Billington

TIME 12.30pm
PRICE Donation on the door
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

This year's concert features American soprano Michelle Rothery, violinist Phillip Mindenhall, pianist Frank James and is narrated by Maria Billington. The lives and music of some of the worlds best loved opera composers are explored including Bizet, Rossini and Gershwin.

Extracts from *Carmen, Rhapsody In Blue* and *William Tell* illustrate a wide variety of music. Discover that many of the composers' lives were more dramatic than their operas...





THU 14 APRIL

M.C. BEATON

Queen of the Village Mystery

TIME 3pm
PRICE £7
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME | hour

M.C. Beaton is the author of both the Agatha Raisin and Hamish Macbeth series, as well as numerous Regency romances. Her Agatha Raisin books are currently being turned into a TV series on Sky.

She is the number one most borrowed UK adult author in libraries and has sold over 15 million books worldwide to date.

Marion's books might be seen as 'cosies' but don't be deceived...this author is witty, razor sharp and wickedly funny. A must see event!



THU 14 APRIL

JOANN FLETCHER

The Story Of Egypt

TIME 5.30pm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

One of the world's leading Egyptologists Professor **Joann Fletcher** is the author of nine books and numerous articles.

Among her many television appearances, Mummifying Alan: Egypt's Last Secret won a BAFTA and a Royal Television Society Award.

In The Story of Egypt she shares strange secrets - Ramses II's penchant for dyeing his hair, how we know Montuhotep's wife bit her nails and that farmer Baki liked eating in bed...

Joann brings alive ancient Egypt's history as nobody else can!





THU 14 APRIL

PETER JAMES FESTIVAL DINNER

TIME 7.30pm
PRICE £30.00
VENUE Palm Court Hotel
RUNNING TIME 2.5 hours

Welcome back to festival friend, Peter James.

Peter is one of the UK's most treasured crime and thriller novelists and is this year's CWA Diamond Dagger recipient. His Roy Grace detective novels have sold over 15 million copies worldwide and are translated into 36 languages.

Peter regularly spends time with the Police, and even has his own patrol car in Brighton! Come dine with Peter for thrills, chills and the humorous side of crime writing...

Tickets for this event include a three-course dinner with tea/coffee. Please be ready to be seated by 7.15pm.

THU 14 APRIL

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL EVENT

The Poetry of Philip Gross

TIME 7.30pm
PRICE Donation on the door for
Amnesty International

VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall RUNNING TIME I hour

Philip Gross is one of the country's leading poets, whose collections weave enquiring questions in with deep feeling and a vivid sense of place. Water is his element: his T S Eliot-Prize-winning collection *The Water Table* was a meditation on the great Severn Estuary.

His latest book, Love Songs Of Carbon is a Poetry Book Society recommendation.





FRI 15 APRIL

FIONA BARTON & JANET ELLIS

Murder Most Foul!

TIME I Iam
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Two debut crime authors, who turned to writing best-selling fiction after successful first careers, compare notes. Award-winning former journalist **Fiona Barton** went on to volunteer in Sri Lanka. Then she trained exiled journalists before the worm' of the novel that had long 'infected' her became her fictional work, 'The Widow'.

Actress and former Blue Peter presenter, **Janet Ellis**, seen recently on TV with her daughter, singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor, decided in 2014 to fulfil a long-held ambition to write fiction. The result is *The Butcher's Hook'*, published this February.

FRI 15 APRIL

JOAN BAKEWELL Stop The Clocks!

TIME Ipm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Baroness Joan Bakewell is one of our best-loved broadcasters and public figures. Joan has led a varied, sometimes breathless life: she has been a teacher, copywriter, studio manager, broadcaster, journalist, the government's Voice of Older People and is now a Labour peer. She has written four radio plays, two novels and an autobiography.

In Stop The Clocks, she muses on all she has lived through, how the world has changed and considers the things and values she will be leaving behind. It's a thoughtful, moving and spirited book but we'd expect nothing less from this extraordinary woman.





FRI 15 APRIL

SIMON ARMITAGE

Walking Away

TIME 3pm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Simon Armitage CBE is professor of poetry at the University of Sheffield and the elected Professor of Poetry at Oxford University.

Recipient of numerous prizes and awards, he has published eleven collections of poetry including his acclaimed translation of *Sir Gawain* and the *Green Knight*. But he is also a playwright, a TV and radio writer and the author of three non-fiction bestsellers.

Today he is primarily talking about his travels on foot recounted in his 'Walking Away'.

FRI 15 APRIL

ALICE ROBERTS

The Celts

Sponsored by Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society.



TIME 5.30pm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Professor **Alice Roberts** is an anthropologist, author and broadcaster. Her interests focus on human anatomy, health and evolution, and her television work and books reflect these passions. She has presented *Digging For Britain, Coast, Horizon* and several series about human evolution — including *Prehistoric Autopsy*. She broadcasts on radio and writes a regular science column for *The Observer*.

Alice makes science and history highly accessible and today she takes us in search of The Celts.



FRI 15 APRIL

MELVYN BRAGG

Now Is The Time

TIME 7.30pm PRICE £10.00 Tickets are also available at The Spa. **VENUE** The Spa Theatre **RUNNING TIME I hour**

Writer and broadcaster Melvyn Bragg was born in Wigton in Cumbria, read modern history at Oxford and joined the BBC in 1961. Since then he has become a leading figure in broadcasting producing and presenting a large number of award-winning arts television and radio programmes across the cultural spectrum.

He has written several screenplays, twenty one novels and been long listed three times for the Man Booker prize. It's been twelve years since he wrote his last historical novel and Now Is The Time, a powerful retelling of The Peasants' Revolt is keenly awaited. A festival highlight!

SAT 16 APRIL

TRACY CHEVALIER & CLAIRE HARMAN

The World Of Charlotte Brontë Sponsored by The Royal Literary Fund

TIME 10am PRICE £7.00 **VENUE** Scarborough Library Concert Hall

RUNNING TIME I hour

Bestselling novelist Tracy Chevalier has a lifetime love of Charlotte's work and is curator of the 2016 celebratory exhibitions at Haworth Parsonage. Tracy also edited Reader I Married

Him, an anthology by today's finest women

writers, inspired by Jane Eyre. Claire Harman is a renowned biographer.

Her latest book is Charlotte Bronte: A Life. Claire will discuss Charlotte's literary reputation and how she coped with the pressures of London and the famous literary figures of the day.

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SAT 16 APRIL

RICHARD HINES

How Kes, My Kestrel Changed My Life

TIME Ipm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

In his riveting memoir, **Richard Hines**, BBC documentary filmmaker recalls growing up in a South Yorkshire mining village, and his struggle to find his place in life. His salvation came in his love of falconry. Richard was the real life character who inspired his brother Barry's classic novel *A Kestrel For A Knave*.

When production began on Ken Loach's iconic film Kes, Richard found himself training the kestrels that would soar on screen and into cinematic history.



SAT 16 APRIL

TRACY CHEVALIER

At The Edge Of The Orchard

TIME 3pm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Tracy Chevalier is the author of seven previous novels, including the international bestseller *Girl With A Pearl Earning*. To date it has sold almost four million copies globally.

This afternoon Tracy talks about and reads from At The Edge Of The Orchard featuring the Goodenough family who plant apple trees in the Black Swamp to claim the land.

In this rich, brutal story Tracy evokes the futility of struggle to escape our roots, no matter how hard we try.



SAT 16 APRIL

LIZZIE OSTROM

Perfume, A History Of Scents

TIME 5pm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Lizzie Ostrom is one of our most exciting commentators on perfume and a lifelong fragrance fan. She began hosting events about the world of scent under her alter ego of Odette Toilette bringing intelligence and wit to this most ravishing of subjects.

She has worked with many fashion brands, as well as cultural and scientific institutions including the Tate and The British Museum. She is also the co-host of the popular podcast *Life In Scents*. Lizzie lives in London and her favourite perfume changes far too often...





SAT 16 APRIL

WOLD TOP BEER & GREENSMITH NIBBLES!

5 Beers & accompanying snacks

TIME 6pm
PRICE £10.00
VENUE Greensmith and Thackwray,
St Nicholas St, Scarborough
RUNNING TIME I hour

Our beer sponsors **Wold Top Brewery** are delighted to be working with the guys from **Greensmith & Thackwray** to create an evening of beer and food tasting.

Food and Beer pairing is a growing trend in the industry. Enjoy 5 beers and nibbles in a relaxed setting.

Cheers!

(Disabled access to event but toilets are located upstairs.)





SAT 16 APRIL

VINCE CABLE

After The Storm

TIME 7.30pm
PRICE £9.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Sir Vince Cable was MP for Twickenham and the Liberal Democrat's chief economic spokesperson from 2003-2010, having previously served as Chief Economist for Shell. His role as Business Secretary placed him at the heart of the Coalition Government from 2010-2015.

In After the Storm, he provides a unique perspective on the state of the global financial markets and how the British economy has fared since 2008. A fascinating look into how our money should be managed to best effect over the next decade and beyond.

SUN 17 APRIL

CELEBRITY SUNDAY PAPERS

with Vince Cable & Franny Moyle

TIME 10am
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME 1 hour

Vince Cable, politician and economist may be searching for financial headlines... Franny Moyle, Theatre director and Art biographer could turn to the cultural sections... or both may target the lighter side of the news.

Peter Guttridge, crime writer and festival co-director will chair and help them discover the news 'nuggets'.

Listen to what's hot from the press and chance to have your say too!



SUN 17 APRIL

ADAM SISMAN & ANDREW LOWNIE

The Spying Game

TIME Ipm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

After blocking a biography from publication in the early 1990s, John le Carre, at the age of 84 has co-operated with **Adam Sisman** to write his life story. For more than fifty years Le Carre has been a bestselling novelist with surrounding speculation about how much his own experiences feature. Adam will reveal his findings...

Guy Burgess is the most complex of the 'Cambridge Spies'. Drawing on 30 years of archives research and close connections with British and USA Intelligence, **Andrew Lownie** presents us with an enthralling portrait of the secret agent.

SUN 17 APRIL

FRANNY MOYLE

The Art Of Turner

TIME Ipm (Disabled access to event but PRICE £7.00 toilets are located upstairs.)

VENUE Scarborough Art Gallery
RUNNING TIME I hour

Franny Moyle is a biographer and former BBC Creative Director. Her first book Desperate Romantics: The Private Lives Of The Pre-Raphaelites was adapted into a BBC drama serial. Her second book Constance: The Tragic And Scandalous Life Of Mrs Oscar Wilde was published to critical acclaim.

Today Franny will be talking about and reading from her newly awaited biography *The Extraordinary Life And Momentous Times Of J.M.W. Tumer.* Turner is one of our most admired yet misunderstood landscape artists. Join her for an astonishing portrait of the public painter and private man.





SUN 17 APRIL

JOANNE HARRIS & CHRISTOPHER FOWLER

Psychological Thrillers and Peculiar Crimes

TIME 3pm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Joanne Harris is one of our best loved and most versatile novelists. She has written acclaimed novels in diverse genres including historical fiction, fantasy and psychological suspense - her latest is in a Different Class.

Christopher Fowler is the author of cult fiction, horror-pastiche and short stories. Today he'll be speaking about his awardwinning Bryant and May detective series.

SUN 17 APRIL

HUGH FRASER

The Making Of An Assassin

TIME 5pm
PRICE £7.00
VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall
RUNNING TIME I hour

Aside from playing The Duke of Wellington in *Sharp*e, his appearances in Hollywood movies and on the West End stage, actor **Hugh Fraser** is probably best known as Captain Hastings opposite David Suchet in Poirot.

However, his debut novel, *Harm* is much harder-edged than anything Christie ever wrote as it recounts the thrilling story of a female assassin both in her present - dealing with Mexican drug cartels – and the squalid past of 1950s slum-ridden Notting Hill.



AT SCARBOROUGH LIBRARY

This day's events are sponsored by The Friends of Scarborough Library



Animated Objects Theatre Company Presents

Based on the classic stories of Rudyard Kipling





TIME 10am - 11am PRICE f2.00 **VENUE** Scarborough Library Concert Hall

Join professional theatre company Animated Objects for a journey far far up and along the great grey green greasy Limpopo River, as they introduce a number of Kipling's favourite characters in this lively and enchanting storytelling performance. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Poetry Workshop And Performance



TIME 11.30am - Ipm PRICE £3.00 VENUE Small Meeting Room and Library Concert Hall

Craig Bradley has had a variety of jobs ranging from pizza chef, heavy metal drummer and a comedian. Now he is a performance poet who believes he has the best job in the world! Come join him, learn how to "rhyme it, rhyme it!" and perform your own wonderful work on stage afterwards.



CARTOONING With Liz Collier



TIME 1.30pm - 3pm PRICE £3.00 **VENUE** Scarborough Junior Library

Calling all budding artists! Invent a cartoon character and contribute to the creation of a comic in this fun workshop with artist Liz Collier. Using simple drawing techniques and a wide range of materials, Liz will guide you through the process.



SEASIDE STORYTELLING

TIME 1.30pm – 3pm PRICE FREE drop in session **VENUE** Scarborough Junior Library

Libby is waiting in her deck chair to share some seaside stories with you. Come along in your sunglasses and sun hat to join in.





A GLASS
OF WINE
OR BEER
INCLUDED
IN TICKET
PRICE



SUN 17 APRIL

DAVID STUART DAVIES

The Game's Afoot

TIME 7pm
PRICE £10.00
VENUE Scarborough Prison, Dean Road Depot
RUNNING TIME I hour

David Stuart Davies, novelist, playwright and the world's leading authority on all things Sherlockian, premiered his play, *The Game's Afoot!* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival last year to much acclaim. He presented his 'Encounter with Sherlock Holmes and Arthur Conan Doyle' on the first evening of **Books By The Beach** in Scarborough's atmospheric Town Hall.

Tonight he presents the unexpurgated version in the even more atmospheric surroundings of Scarborough's Victorian prison.

Warning: dress warmly – and not just because David's performance will give you the chills! This venue does not have disabled access.

GLADSTONE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROJECT...



Books by the Beach have been working with Gladstone Road Primary School to produce community project DIG READING! Every pupil in the school (over 800...!) is taking part in this March event which moves storytelling out of the school walls and into gardens and outdoor spaces.

There's a mix of art, music, drama and writing using stories as stimulus. The children's classic 'The Secret Garden' features as a 'Big Read.' The fun starts on World Book Day, 3rd March when the children will be served a book themed lunch.

On Friday I I th March at 2pm a Scarborough live poetry record will be attempted at the railway station - on the world's longest railway bench led by Craig Bradley, Yorkshire performance poet.

Thanks to Scarborough Studios Ltd for use of the Old Parcel Office during the project and to First Transpennine Express for their kind co-operation. Thanks also to the teachers and school helpers with special mention to Lesley Dodd, co-ordinator of DIG READING!

This event is sponsored by Gladstone Road Primary School.



ENID BLYTON TRAIL 29 MARCH - 8 APRIL

Be a Blyton treasure hunter and have chance to enter the prize draw!

This year in an exciting partnership with Scarborough Museum's Trust and Scarborough Library we are running a children's Enid Blyton Trail.

An amazing Enid Blyton exhibition will be launched on Saturday 26th March at Scarborough Art Gallery. A must-see visit for Blyton fans of all ages! To coincide with this, Books by the Beach are running a 500 word story competition based on the following title:

Five go on holiday to Scarborough'

If you enjoy Enid Blyton's Famous Five stories you'll love this opportunity to write one yourself. Invent new characters, create an exciting adventure and let your imagination flow...

Story entry forms will be available at Scarborough library and the competition is open to all children aged 7 – 13 years. Closing date is **Friday 8th April**. A selection of the stories will be on display in the Sitwell Library at Woodend from 13 – 16 April. There will be a prize of book vouchers for the winning entry.

Scarborough Library are joining us in this Enid Blyton project by organising a BLYTON BIG READ.

To take part just join the library (it's free to join!) and borrow an Enid Blyton book to read. There's lots to choose from!

So where do I start?

It's easy! Just pick up your bookmark from the library and collect stickers as you take part in each activity. Get your final sticker when you show your completed bookmark at the gallery. Then register your name for the chance to win brilliant Blyton goodies in a prize draw.

Happy Hunting



prove difficult for

disabled access.

SAT 16 & SUN 17 APRIL

WARTIME LIES At the Cemetery

TIME The narration will begin on the hour, every hour, between 10am & 3pm. Audience size is limited to 10 per narration so tickets MUST be purchased in advance for a specific time. PRICE £7.00

VENUE Dean Road Cemetery (starting point The Dead House)

RUNNING TIME Approximately 30 mins

Dean Road cemetery has the graves of military men from almost two centuries of war: from the charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War through the Afghan and Zulu and Boer Wars to the Great War. But one of them contains a mystery and a murderer who got away with a terrible crime on the home front.

Follow this person's trail from tombstone to tombstone, as the tale unfolds on your headset narrated by actress Greta Scacchi (recently seen on TV in 'War and Peace') and John Benfield (A.D. and last year's Scarborough prison event, 'lack The Ripper').

Sign up for news of next year's festival and other Books by the Beach events at booksbythebeach@hotmail.com



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