

NEWARK BOOK FESTIVAL

11th – 14th July 2024



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Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to Newark Book Festival 2024, the 8th in our stunning market town, with a programme packed full of joy and words from around the world.

This year, we have curated a rich and diverse collection of events for everyone to enjoy, as we celebrate The Power of Play - our theme for 2024.

Over the four days, you will be introduced to over 70 writers and storytellers and over 50 events taking place in iconic venues across Newark. Our programme showcases words from crime fiction and mystery, fantasy and time travel, history and nature, sports, music, and comedy, with events suitable for young children, families, teens, young adults, and adults alike.

Our much-loved Literature Village will be back under the red and white stripes of the Newark Royal Market stalls with street performances to add even more vibrancy to the cobbled square. The Family Day will also be returning to the grounds of Newark Castle, where we have an accessible programme of family friendly activities, all on the theme of stories and play!

As part of our work with Newark Creates we are delighted to be launching the BookBench Sculpture Trail in Newark, so look out for your trail maps and associated events and join us this summer in a season of play.



Sara Bullimore
Artistic Director

Over 50 events
Over 70 writers
& storytellers



HOW TO BOOK

Box Office

To get the most out of your visit to Newark Book Festival, we advise booking your tickets in advance, however there will be tickets available for some events at the Box Office on site.

Online

All tickets can be purchased in advance on newarkbookfestival.org.uk or directly through the Palace Theatre Website: palacenewark.com

By Telephone

Call the Palace Theatre Box Office on 01636 655755 to book your tickets in advance over the phone.

Palace Theatre Box Office

The Palace Theatre Box Office is open 10am - 4pm, Tuesday to Saturday where you can book your tickets in advance.

During the Festival

All tickets are available for sale from the Palace Theatre until the day before each event. On the door tickets can be purchased at the event venue before the event start time.

Most author events last 45-60 minutes, with book signings post-event. Look out for the Family Friendly Logo next to events!



Please note that tickets are non-refundable and non-exchangeable, except in the event of a cancellation by the festival or venue. Latecomers will not be admitted. See all our terms and conditions online: newarkbookfestival.org.uk/terms

Join our Mailing List

Want to keep up with the festival news? Join our mailing list: newarkbookfestival.org.uk

YOUR VISIT & ACCESS

Entrance to the Festival Literature Village and Play at the Castle at Newark Castle is free; you simply buy tickets to the individual events you wish to see.

Getting to the festival

Newark is easily accessible from all over the UK by train, bus and car. There are two train stations in Newark: Newark Northgate and Newark Castle. Both are within walking distance to Newark Town Hall, the main hub of the festival. For information on how to travel to Newark, where to park and where to stay, go to: newarkbookfestival.org.uk/plan-your-visit.

Festival Venues

All festival venues are within walking distance of each other, including the Literature Village, with a maximum of 15 minutes walk between each venue at a leisurely pace.

You can find the Festival Map at the back of this programme, view or download the map on our website, or pick up a larger scale version at the festival from participating venues.

Accessibility

We're committed to providing the best service possible for all of our festival goers and work with our venues to provide the following where possible:

- 'Complimentary' carers and personal assistant tickets
- Assistant and Guide Dogs are welcome
- Hearing Loop at select venues

Visit newarkbookfestival.org.uk/access-requirements for more information.

Family Events

Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 with a valid ticket (where applicable) at all events. Everyone over 12 months needs a ticket and a seat, except babies in arms (12 months and under) unless otherwise specified on the individual event information.



Filming & Photography

Please note that filming and photography will be taking place across the entire festival site and at each venue before, during and after events by the festival organisers, volunteers and official contractors.

The Festival Bookseller

The Bookcase (Lowdham) will return with their brilliant festival bookstall. They'll be in the Council Chambers at Newark Town Hall, so make sure you visit them throughout the festival, and pick up a signed book or two. The Bookcase will be running pop-up shops at author events for signings. Please note we will have a card reader at the Town Hall and Theatre but for smaller events you may need cash or visit the Town Hall bookstall to purchase by card.

Museums to Visit

Heritage Barge

Open Sunday to Friday 8am - 4pm and Saturday 8.30am - 5pm

Newark Town Hall Museum & Gallery

Open Wednesday to Friday 10.30am - 1pm and Saturday 10.30am - 3.30pm

National Civil War Centre

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 5pm

Free entry for Newark & Sherwood residents.

2024 marks the bicentenary of Lord Byron's death. Discover more about Newark's literary connections and plan your visit to the museum to view the original printing press where Byron's first poem was published. newarkbookfestival.org.uk/lord-byron



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Help us create unforgettable experiences, give people the opportunity to see and hear from even more fantastic authors and illustrators, and nurture the next generation of writers.

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SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

April to July

The Newark Book Festival Schools Programme is back for 2024! Matching authors and local schools with a series of inspiring talks and workshops to celebrate words, writing, pictures and more.

Our wonderful writers will meet pupils at: Magnus Academy, Barnby Road, Claythorpe Primary, Coddington Primary, Mount CofE Primary, John Hunt - and many more!

Authors and storytellers taking part include Becky Goddard-Hill, Darren Simpson and Nicky Rafferty, with more to be announced! Discover more about the Newark Book Festival Schools Programme on our website, with details on how to get involved with your school for 2025: newarkbookfestival.org.uk/schools

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Join Barry the Bookworm as a Newark Book Festival Young Ambassador

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FRINGE EVENTS

Young Ambassadors Events

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE – SATURDAY 6TH JULY

A wonderful programme of events curated by Newark Book Festival's talented Young Ambassadors taking place in the weeks leading up to the festival.

From creating a Zine to learning printing techniques and more, there are plenty of opportunities to try something new or enjoy something you already love. Visit the Newark Book Festival website and social media for the full timetable.

Crack the Code: Detective Trail

1ST JUNE – 14TH JULY // ACROSS NEWARK

FREE - SELF-LED WALKING TRAIL

Embark on an adventure through the cobbled streets of Newark becoming a crime detective. Collect clues along the way to crack the code, meet shady characters and be entered for the reward. Don't forget your magnifying glass and note book!

Discover more about Crack the Code: Detective Trail and download your clue sheet on newarkbookfestival.org.uk.

Newark Creates BookBench Trail

THURSDAY 11TH JULY – THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

ACROSS NEWARK

FREE - SELF-LED WALKING TRAIL

To launch the festival this year, Newark Creates have teamed up with Wild In Art to curate the Newark BookBench Trail; a sculpture trail featuring fun, fabulous and interactive benches designed by local and regional artists and communities.

Follow the trail across the town centre to find all 11 benches and discover their hidden depths! Throughout summer, take part in the fantastic free programme of workshops, activities, and Meet me at the Benches events too.

Download the map on the Newark Creates website or pick up your copy from venues across Newark!

newarkcreates.co.uk

BookBench Art Exhibition

MONDAY 1ST – WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY NEWARK LIBRARY

FREE

Local Nottinghamshire schools have been busy designing their own poster creations of the Newark Creates Wild in Art BookBenches - you can find these on display at the Library throughout July.

Book & Jigsaw Swaps

Bring your old, and go home with "new" to you at the Newark Book Festival Book and Jigsaw Swaps. If you don't have a book or jigsaw to swap, you can still go home with handfuls of your new favourite reads by making a donation to the festival.

- Saturday 11th May - 10am - 3pm
Palace Theatre Foyer
- Sunday 16th June - 11am - 3pm
Newark Market Place

Morning News

GANNETS CAFÉ AND BISTROT, CASTLE GATE // 10AM

£5 Please email hello@newarkbookfestival.org.uk for further information and to book

Join our monthly Morning News event with Newark Book Festival board members, Mary and Richard Haig. Upcoming 2024 dates:

- Sunday 5th May
- Sunday 2nd June
- **Sunday 14th July**
- Sunday 4th August
- Sunday 1st September
- Sunday 6th October
- Sunday 3rd November
- Sunday 1st December

Book Making for Beginners

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE; 12TH JUNE AND 19TH JUNE

6PM – 8PM // INSPIRE BUTTERMARKE

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Books play an important role in our lives, despite all the changes in technology. Learn how to make and bind your own books using traditional techniques. Book your place on this short course by emailing: learning@inspireculture.org.uk or calling 01623 677200.

THURSDAY 11TH JULY



Literature Village

NEWARK MARKET PLACE

THURSDAY 11TH JULY 10AM – 3.30PM

FRIDAY 12TH JULY 10AM – 3.30PM

SATURDAY 13TH JULY 9.30AM – 4PM

SUNDAY 14TH JULY 10AM – 3.30PM

Enjoy four days of wonderful local crafts, bookish organisations, authors and published books of all genres at the Festival Literary Village, under the red and white stripes of Newark's Royal Market. Here you'll find street performances, music and workshops, and the Festival Stall where you can pick up your very own Newark Book Festival merchandise and sign up to become a Festival Friend.



Little Roars Musical Play

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, CHURCH STREET

10AM – 10.40AM

FREE

Bring your little ones for a Little Roars Musical Play session led by Charlotte Lion. There will be songs, puppets, bubbles, instruments and more for your kids to engage in musical PLAY!

Suitable for: Ages 0-5 years



Creativity in Autism – Olivia Macnab & Dr. Clare Lawrence

NEWARK LIBRARY – MEETING ROOM // 11AM – 12 NOON

£6 / £4 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

The Importance of Play and Creativity in Creating Empathy across Neurotypes.

For many years, we have been told that autistic people cannot understand metaphors or non-literal language, that we cannot be creative or empathise. But in truth, autistic people are incredibly creative! Join **Olivia Macnab** and co-author **Dr. Clare Lawrence** on a journey of play, exploration and metaphor as they discuss and overcome these barriers in their new book **Creativity in Autism**.

Sponsored by author Matt Haig

Smoke & Mirrors Swing Dance

LITERATURE VILLAGE, NEWARK MARKET PLACE // 12PM – 1PM

FREE

Swing Dancers will be taking to the streets at Newark Market Place, spreading the joy of their toe-tapping hip-swinging moves to music. Enjoy the free entertainment as part of the Festival's Literature Village with your lunch from one of the many surrounding cafés or pubs and soak up the atmosphere.



The Missing – Michael Rosen

NEWARK PALACE THEATRE // 1.30PM – 2.30PM

£12/ £10 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

One of Britain's best loved writers and performance poets for children and adults with over 200 books. His books include **The Sad Book** with Quentin Blake and **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** with Helen Oxenbury. **A Great Big Cuddle** with Chris Riddell plus his poetry for adults **Don't Mention the Children**.

In this moving talk about his 2022 non-fiction publication, **The Missing**, the award-winning author traces the history of his relatives lost in the Holocaust in a personal, powerful narrative with resonance for readers today.

This event is also suitable for school groups - Upper KS2 / lower KS3. (10+). Tickets for schools £2 per child and 1 teacher free per 10 children. Please contact the Theatre to book.

In conversation with **Dr Tim Rideout**

Sponsored by The National Holocaust Centre and Museum



Wine & Words

OLD SCHOOL TEA ROOM, CHAPEL ANTIQUES CENTRE, ALBERT STREET, NG24 4BJ
4PM – 6PM (DOORS OPEN 3.30PM)

£15

Join local poets **Fiona Theokritoff** and **Jane Wyles** for an afternoon of poetry, wine and afternoon tea at Newark's newest tea room.

Fiona and Jane will perform an entertaining mix of their poems and renditions of some well-loved works of art. You'll also have the chance to contribute to the Newark Book Festival poem for 2024! Tickets include a welcome drink and afternoon tea.

Book Tickets: Call Fiona on 07553 928099



An Interview with Mark Billingham & Abir Mukherjee



NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 7PM – 8PM

£10 / £8 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

A chance to hear from two crime writers at the top of their game. Author of 22 Sunday Times bestsellers, **Mark Billingham**, introduces his twisty and witty follow-up detective novel **The Wrong Hands**. The award-winning author of the bestselling Sam Wyndham crime novels set in 1920s India, **Abir Mukherjee**, introduces his exciting new book **Hunted**, in an interview with fellow crime writer, and co-founder of the Hull Noir crime writing festival, **Nick Quantrill**.

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FRIDAY 12TH JULY



Play With Your Food – Ally Pally Arts Story Emporium

LITERATURE VILLAGE, NEWARK MARKET PLACE // 10AM – 3.30PM

FREE

Get your wonderful imaginations ready to craft up a feast fit for a fairytale with the Ally Pally Arts Story Emporium at their Fictional Food Market Stall. Suitable for all ages.

Recommended - Home Educated Community Event.



Bookmaking & Journaling

LEARNING SPACE, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE // 11AM – 12.30PM

FREE - BOOKING REQUIRED

To celebrate the launch of the Newark Creates BookBench Trail, Open Doors are hosting a free creative session of bookmaking and journaling. Join Creative Arts Officer Milly to make your own scrap-paper book and explore the art of journaling. Get some creative inspiration to help you pen your next masterpiece!

Suitable for adults and children aged 9+ Young people under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



OPEN DOORS



Poetry Workshop with Joseph Coelho

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 10AM – 11AM

FREE - EVENT FOR SCHOOLS AND HOME EDUCATORS.

Children's author, poet and Waterstone's Children Laureate 2022-24, Joseph Coelho shares his tips, tricks and engaging ways to start writing poetry in this fun and interactive schools event.

Suitable for children aged 7-11 years.

To book your place please email: hello@newarkbookfestival.org.uk



The Lost Paths – Jack Cornish

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 1PM – 2PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

As Head of Paths at the Ramblers, **Jack Cornish** is on a mission to rediscover the parts of our ancient network of footpaths that have been lost or forgotten. **The Lost Paths - A History of How We Walk from Here to There** is the story of how our modern network reveals the way our ancestors interacted with their surroundings and retrace their footsteps through history. Having spent five years walking across Britain exploring our millenia-old system of pathways, Jack will share his experiences in an interview with **Dr Tim Rideout**.

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Storytime with Frances Stickley

BEANBLOCK, ST MARKS PLACE // 10.30AM – 11.15AM

CHILDREN £2 / ADULTS FREE - BOOKING REQUIRED.

Bring your favourite bear and join picture book author **Frances Stickley** for a whistle-stop tour of stories across winter wonderlands, rolling waves and dusty deserts in **What will you dream of tonight?** Meet Cat and Mouse in their cartoon caper **Not a Cat in Sight**. Dance and wiggle as we move like superheroes, pirates and aliens in **What Will I Be?** Until finally, all the way back home, again, we tuck our teddy bears up tight for one last sleepy story with **A Bear called Blue**.

Sponsored by Sarah & Duck - Quack Quack



Kate Rhodes & Victoria Dowd – Crime Fiction with Alex Hawley

TUDOR HALL, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE // 1PM – 2PM

£6 / £4 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Two acclaimed crime writers discuss their work, inspiration and celebrate their latest publications in an interview with crime awards judge and panellist **Alex Hawley**. **Kate Rhodes** introduces the seventh novel in her windswept Scilly Isles series: **Hangman Island**, while **Victoria Dowd** presents the latest in her bestselling Smart Woman's Mystery Series: **Murder Most Cold**.



Beyond the Blue – Broken Instruments

NEWARK LIBRARY – MEETING ROOM // 10.30AM – 11.30AM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Inspired by the poems of **Donna Ashworth**, singer/songwriters **Nina Blaszczyk** and **Phil Baggaley** of **Broken Instruments** are returning to the festival with a new project and original songs in **Beyond the Blue**. An intimate concert performance interspersed with beautiful poetry, echoing the best of acoustic traditions.



Literature Village on today

FRIDAY 12TH JULY



My My! Abba Through the Ages – Giles Smith

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 3PM – 4PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Can you quite believe it has been 50 years since ABBA's phenomenal Eurovision win with Waterloo? Join journalist, spoof memoir and ghost writer of eight Sunday Times bestsellers, **Giles Smith** as he shares the story of ABBA told through a selection of their greatest hits.

Interviewed by **Dr Tim Rideout**.

Sponsored by **Peachy Events**



Folk Games – Ivan Brett

TUDOR HALL, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE // 4PM – 5PM

£6 / £4 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Folk Games, just like folk music and folklore, gain life from being passed from person to person. Hear from author, **Ivan Brett**, bestselling author of **The Floor is Lava** (and 99 more games for everyone, everywhere) and star of BBC's *The Traitors*, to continue that chain. Having been brought up thinking he had been born in a bike shop, we are sure this is going to be a thrilling and entertaining afternoon with the master of misunderstandings and mistakes which have crafted his life so far!



An Evening with Tom Cox

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 7PM – 8PM

£10 / £8 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Cat-lover and Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Good, The Bad and The Furry*, **Tom Cox**, discusses his folklore-influenced first novel **Villager**, and brand new book **1983**. Inspired by his childhood growing up in Nottinghamshire, in this second novel we meet eight year old Benji and his eccentric family, living in a mining village among the spoil heaps and chip shops of industrialisation. An enthusiast of rambling, wildlife, psychedelic rock, local history, and golf; in his own words Tom can "talk for Britain" so with **Dr Tim Rideout** asking the questions, this is sure to be a fascinating interview!



SATURDAY 13TH JULY



Shed of Stories

LITERATURE VILLAGE, NEWARK MARKET PLACE // 10AM – 4PM

FREE

Capture the words and stories as they tumble out of a mysterious shed and onto the cobblestones of Newark Market Place. You'll be leaving with wonderful tunes stuck in your head, magical words in your minds, and surrounded by laughter in this family-friendly story space packed with books and toys for all to enjoy. Storytelling sessions take place at **10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15 and 3:15**.



Kids VS Adults Poetry Workshop with Joseph Coelho

THE MEETING ROOM, NEWARK LIBRARY // 9.30AM – 10.30AM

£2 CHILDREN & ADULTS

In this fun and interactive workshop, where kids and adults go head to head, children's author and poet **Joseph Coelho** gives you the tools and inspiration to write poetry about any topic!

Suitable for children aged 7 - 11 years & their grown ups.



Battle of the Genres

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM
9.30AM – 10.30AM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

An epic battle between Crime, Vikings and Legends, Teen Humour and Time Travel, umpired by **Dr Tim Rideout**.

Jo Callaghan brings her hotly anticipated and intricately plotted follow-up, **Leave No Trace** to the battle, while multi-award winning Young Adult Literature author **Holly Smale** adds in **Harriet Manners** from



her **Geek Girl** series into the ring, as well as her time travelling counterpart from **Cassandra in Reverse**. **Giles Kristian** throws in the Viking worlds from **The Rise of Sigurd** trilogies and reimagined island history from **Lancelot, Camelot and Arthur**. And to finish off our battle we are delighted to welcome award-winning bestseller author **Laura Purcell** with her YA debut, **Moonstone**.

SATURDAY 13TH JULY



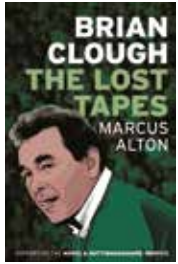
This Rock is Mine – Alice McKinley

NEWARK LIBRARY – CHILDREN'S AREA // 10AM – 11AM

Suitable for children aged 3 - 7 years

FREE

Joining us for our Summer Reading Challenge event this year is picture-book illustrator **Alice McKinley** with **This Rock is Mine**. Alice will read the heartwarming tale about a quarrel between two hilariously stubborn frogs and a rock they are both claiming to be theirs, before live drawing and teaching kids (and adults alike) to draw their own amphibian friend.



Brian Clough The Lost Tapes – Marcus Alton

TUDOR HALL, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE // 10AM – 11AM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Hear from Nottinghamshire author **Marcus Alton** as he shares his own stories and exclusive archive recordings in this new tribute to the footballing legend Brian Clough. Lifting the lid on a treasure trove of Clough stories and quotes following the publication of his latest book, **Brian Clough The Lost Tapes**.



An Interview with Joseph Knox

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 11.15AM – 12.15PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Launching his brand new title **Imposter Syndrome**, Bestseller **Joseph Knox** brings his scandalously entertaining true crime story to the ballroom stage. Hailed a "truly immersive: complex, disturbing, unexpectedly funny and very smart" read by Laura Wilson, from The Guardian.

Interviewed by **Dr Tim Rideout**



Saving Hanno – Miriam Halahmy

A National Holocaust Centre and Museum Event

THE MEETING ROOM, NEWARK LIBRARY

READING: 11.30AM – 12.30PM PAY WHAT YOU CAN

WORKSHOP: 1PM – 2PM £2 PER PERSON

Join **Miriam Halahmy's** beautiful interactive storytelling of a German Jewish boy who comes to London in 1939 on the Kindertransport and has to save his dog's life. Stay into the afternoon to take part in her writing, drama and discussion workshop, where everyone will be given a pet!

Suitable for ages 7+.



Play in an Inspiring Way!

INSPIRE BUTTERMARKET, FIRST FLOOR (ABOVE TAMBO LOUNGE) // 12PM – 4PM

FREE - DROP-IN

Join the **Inspire Learning** and **Music** teams for fun, noisy creative play in their interactive music room. Have a go at playing a musical instrument that you've never tried before, create your own curious peg doll characters, make your own dressing up props, and dress up for a sensational selfie in a giant, Inspire photo frame. You'll also have the chance to design your own mathematical game or puzzle with their Multiply team and try your hand at balloon modelling with the Joker entertainers, plus choose from bountiful book stalls filling the mezzanine floor.



Spies & Thrillers with Tammy Cohen & Nicci French

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 1.30PM – 2.30PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

A spies and thriller trio event bringing together internationally renowned authors and their latest chilling reads. **Tammy Cohen** will be introducing

her film-inspiring action-thriller **Argylle** to the Newark Stage alongside her thriller **The Wedding Party**. While the outstanding husband and wife writing team, **Nicci French**, share snippets of their latest bestseller **Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter?** This event is brought together with a compelling interview by award-winning former journalist and author of **All Of Us Are Broken**, **Fiona Cummins**.



Teatime at Peggy's: A Glimpse of Anglo-India. Clare Jenkins & Stephen McClarence

TUDOR HALL, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE // 2PM – 3PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Enjoy a warm, humorous and evocative afternoon celebrating the eccentric, time-warped and fast-disappearing world of one of India's most endangered communities. **Stephen McClarence** and **Clare Jenkins** share their tales of visits to the Indian railway town Jhansi, and a glimpse of Anglo-India.



Exploring the Universe with Fantastic Numbers

THE MEETING ROOM, NEWARK LIBRARY // 2.45PM – 3.45PM

£6 / £4 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Leading theoretical physicist **Antonio Padilla** and astrophysicist **Emma Chapman** take us on a cosmic tour of the subjects that inspired their popular science books and YouTube videos: the most extraordinary numbers in physics, and how they help us explore the universe in both time and space.

SATURDAY 13TH JULY



Olympic Moments with John Goodbody

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 3.30PM – 4.30PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Dive into the thrilling world of the Olympics ahead of the Paris 2024 Summer Games with **John Goodbody**, award winning sports journalist at The Times and Sunday Times. Featuring 100 iconic moments from the history of the global sporting competition, from Jesse Owens to the Fosbury Flop, Phelps' medal collection, and much more. Interviewed by author **Andrew Bannister**



Orenda Historical Fiction with Essie Fox & A.J. West

TUDOR HALL, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE // 4PM – 5PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Two bewitching and bestselling fiction writers come together to share their latest historical titles. Victorian gothic novelist **Essie Fox** will be introducing her "magical, macabre masterpiece" **The Fascination**. She will be joined on stage by **A.J. West** and his fiendishly clever novel **The Betrayal of Thomas True** set in Georgian London.

Chaired by **Dr Tim Rideout**



Count Magnus Ghost Stories – The M.R James Project

NEWARK PALACE THEATRE // 7.30PM – 9.10PM, WITH INTERVAL

£12 / £10 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

An unmissable evening with an atmospheric performance based on the supernatural tales by Montague Rhodes James (1862 – 1936), the Master of the English Ghost Story, performed by **Robert Lloyd Parry**.

The ghost stories of M.R James amuse and terrify as powerfully today as when they were first written over a century ago. Nunkie Theatre Company brings two of these classic spinechillers to life, in this thrilling one-man show.

In **Count Magnus** a travel-writer's over-inquisitiveness leads to a diabolical chase from darkest Sweden to rural Essex. Denmark is the setting for **Number 13**, where a hotel room with the famously unlucky number, conceals a ghostly, baffling secret.

"At first they hear nothing at all. Then they hear someone scream, just as if the most inside part of his soul was twisted out of him."

SUNDAY 14TH JULY



UrbanCanvas Word Art

LITERATURE VILLAGE – MARKET PLACE // 10AM – 3PM

FREE

Following their visit to Newark for Rainbow Road, Historical Street Games and 3D Pavement Art in 2023, UK based pavement artists **Urban Canvas** (Philip Battle and Catherine McMahon), return, bringing more interactive and live pavement art to the streets of Newark. Come and find them at the Literature Village to discover what they are creating for the festival and join in with some street art yourself.



Beetlejuice – Rhubarb Theatre – Wacky Walkabout

LITERATURE VILLAGE – MARKET PLACE // 1PM – 1.30PM // 2PM – 2.30PM

FREE

Watch out, watch out, Beetlejuice is about. These chilling characters are rolling into town, they'll make you spin the wheel of chance. I hope you're ready to have a dance!

Daisy the Play – Walkabout

LITERATURE VILLAGE, NEWARK MARKET PLACE // 11AM – 12NOON

FREE

Join Daisy in the market place with hula hoops, skipping ropes, bean bags, and a bag full of challenges to get everyone involved, big or small playing all day!



SUNDAY 14TH JULY

Play at the Castle

NEWARK CASTLE // 10AM – 4PM

Enjoy an entire day of free family fun in the grounds of Newark Castle. Take part in arts and crafts workshops, be entertained by street theatre, relax with authors and illustrators, and have a go in the sports zone with the Open Doors team from the Palace Theatre. And don't forget to look out for our 2024 Trail as created by our schools – all based on play!

All events are free and suitable for all ages (including adults!)



The Book-Ends – Rhubarb Theatre

10AM – 10.30AM
11AM – 11.30AM

The Book-Ends pop-up to bring their stories to life! With a rickety old book cart and some novel ideas, surprises leap off every page wherever our papery pals roam. Join the book-bonkers buddies as they act out tales of whales, bonkers bears and manic monsters. Be amazed as they twist fantastic adventures of pathetic pirates, merry musketeers and hairy hairdressers. Full of music, comedy and general silliness!



Storybook Emporium

10AM – 4PM
DROP-IN CRAFTS

Hop, skip and jump your way over to the Ally Pally Arts "World Famous Story Emporium", back by popular demand for more story-inspired crafty fun and games!

BookBench Art with Vicky Kuhn

10AM – 4PM

DROP-IN CRAFTS

A drop-in arts and crafts workshop inspired by the Newark Creates BookBench trail with picturebook illustrator and one of our fabulous Bench designers, **Vicky Kuhn**.



Play Tales with Nicky Rafferty

10AM – 4PM

Join in with interactive crafty tales with storyteller **Nicky Rafferty**.



Family Yoga with Peaceful Possums and Emma Oldham

12PM – 12.45PM // 1.30PM – 2.15PM

With storytelling, imaginations, music and games, enjoy family yoga sessions with **Peaceful Possums Yoga** based on **The Whale Who Disappeared** by **Emma Oldham**, who is joining in with the fun, too! There will also be a mindful area for children to chill out during the day, including colouring and sensory resources, ideal for children with neurodiversity or young children to have a break.

Meet me at the Benches! – Storytelling with Emma Oldham

RIVERSIDE PARK (YOU WILL SEE THE SHIMMERY BENCH FROM THE BRIDGE ENTRANCE OF THE PARK OPPOSITE THE CASTLE!) // 10.30AM – 11AM

Meet author **Emma Oldham** at the **Shimmer and Shine** BookBench by artist Carla Dee at Riverside Park for a storytelling session of **The Whale Who Disappeared**.



New Uses for a Wand – Five Leaves New Poets

INSPIRE BUTTERMARKET // 10AM – 11AM

FREE - BOOKING REQUIRED.

Fiona Theokritoff's book **New Uses for a Wand** is one of two new titles joining the Five Leaves New Poets series this summer. The poems highlight how we grow and transform ourselves in life, whatever happens to us. Enjoy hearing Fiona share poems about making pots and maps, even blackberry vinegar. **She is joined by three other poets from the series, who will also read: Nathan Fidler, Julie Burke and Teresa Forrest.** A feast of poetry from Five Leaves.



5-a-Side: Young Ambassadors VS Authors & Illustrators

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 10.30AM – 11.30AM

£5 / £3 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Five authors and illustrators in the hot seat are quizzed about their work and careers by five of Newark Book Festival's Young Ambassadors. Featuring crime novelist **Sarah Hilary**, children's author and Patron of Reading **Gareth Baker**, children's book illustrator **Momoko Abe**, children's fiction author **James Nicol** and fantasy and sci-fi author **Wilf Morgan**. Chaired by **Dr Tim Rideout**.



Confessions of a Teletubby – Nikky Smedley

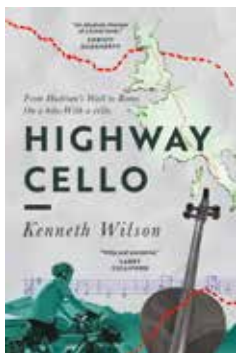
NEWARK PALACE THEATRE // 11.30AM – 12.40PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Suitable for 16+

Dancer, singer, actor, writer and producer **Nikky Smedley** takes us on the journey of her fascinating career. Divulging the tales of how she went from creating shows about Quantum Physics to famously becoming **LaLa** from **Teletubbies**, and her work after leaving television to write and perform stories and theatre, and choreograph for an online children's channel **Cocomelon**.

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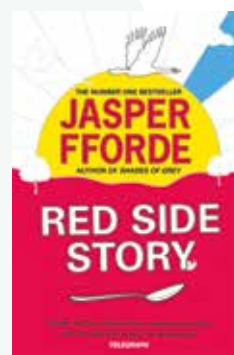
Highway Cello: Kenneth Wilson

TUDOR HALL, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE // 11.30AM – 12.30PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

In 2022 author and cellist Kenneth Wilson cycled with his cello from Hadrian's Wall to Rome, performing every day along the way. This delightful storytelling performance of Highway Cello combines readings from his published book and live music.

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Red Side Story – Jasper Fforde

NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 2.45PM – 3.45PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Acclaimed author of **Shades of Grey** and the **Thursday Next** series, **Jasper Fforde** invites you into a world where your position in society is dependent on what section of the colour spectrum you can see. His latest novel **Red Side Story** continues to follow the mishaps and adventures of Eddie and Jane, and the residents of East Carmine, as they navigate the Rules, finding loopholes and trying to avoid being sent to the Green Room. Expect an entertaining afternoon of meandering through the various absurd and surreal Ffordian worlds, as Jasper gives us a glimpse into his inventive and mischievous mind.



How to Raise a Viking & Live Danishly – Helen Russell

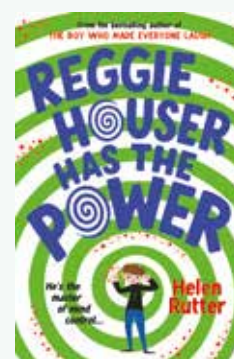
NEWARK TOWN HALL, BALLROOM // 1PM – 2PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

What do Vikings know about raising children? Turns out, quite a lot...

After a decade of living in Denmark and raising a family there, **Helen Russell** noticed that Scandinavian children are different from UK children back home. **How to Raise a Viking** gives a fascinating peek behind the cultural curtain of how the Nordic nations raise their kids. Refreshingly funny and unfailingly optimistic about the new generation of humans growing up in the world right now, this is a heart-warming love letter to Russell's adopted homeland and proof that we could all use a bit more Viking in our lives.

Interviewed by **Dr Tim Rideout**.



Reggie Houser Has the Power – Helen Rutter

TUDOR HALL, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE // 4.30PM – 5.30PM

£4 / £3 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Suitable for 8-12 year olds

Award-winning author of the bestselling book *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh*, **Helen Rutter** introduces her brand new laugh-out-loud story about a boy with ADHD who goes on a mission to learn mind control. Will Reggie's incredible talent solve all his problems or just get him into deep trouble?

Interviewed by **Kate Hancock**.

Warning: in this event Helen will be attempting to hypnotise the audience.
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Historical Buildings: Mythbusting – Dr James Wright

TUDOR HALL, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE // 2PM – 3.30PM

£7 / £5 FESTIVAL FRIENDS

Go to any ancient building and there will be interesting, exciting, and romantic stories presented to the visitor. Uncovering folklore, history and archaeology, award-winning buildings archaeologist **Dr James Wright** introduces his new mythbusting publication centred around **Historical Buildings**. Learn about the development of such myths and investigate the underlying truths behind them in this captivating talk.

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