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SHOREHAM WORDFEST 2021

FAST FORWARD

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Welcome to the **2021 Shoreham Wordfest** programme. We are delighted to bring you a stellar list of authors and performers for our autumn festival of words and ideas. Our theme this year is **FAST FORWARD** – with visioning, debate and reflection, and the best of new literature, poetry, drama, music and comedy for all ages and tastes. Our first event is **Radio 4's Any Questions?** We also have our own 'Question Time' event with top political journalists including **Katy Balls** and **Stephen Bush**.

With headliners such as **David Olusoga** and **Cerys Matthews**, we can promise you a programme of events you will not want to miss. **Alexander McCall Smith** will be launching our festival live from his home in Edinburgh. **Murray Lachlan Young** will offer his humorous take on life, and **Emerald O'Hanrahan**, the voice of Emma Grundy in *The Archers*, is performing *Jane Austen at Home*. Just a few tasters of our lively and eclectic events.

Ticket prices are as affordable as possible with high-quality events which are safe and compliant with

the current government guidelines. Over the last year, with the support of **Arts Council England**, Shoreham Wordfest has been able to invest in live recording and streaming technology. Many of the 2021 events will also be live-streamed and we will launch those tickets nearer the time.

Thank you to our **local partners** and **venues**, the **loyal businesses** who sponsor our festival, and to **Adur District Council** and **Arts Council England** who have supported various **Wordfest** projects over the last year.

The programme is only possible due to a huge amount of **voluntary work** from all the **Wordfest Team** who look forward to welcoming you to our 2021 autumn festival.

Details of our festival programme are listed in this brochure and on our website: **www.shorehamwordfest.com** where you can buy tickets for all events.

Tickets are also available from **Shoreham Art Gallery**, 27 Brunswick Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WA, and there will be a Wordfest presence at the **Shoreham Farmers' Markets**: August 14 & 28 and September 11 & 25

For enquiries please contact us via the website or telephone **07515 800957**

Friday 24 September

BBC Radio 4's Any Questions?

The Shoreham Centre.

Doors open from 6.30pm for an 7.30pm start.

Radio 4's flagship panel programme comes to Shoreham-by-Sea to start of our 2021 Wordfest programme. Presenter Chris Mason will chair the topical discussion, in which a panel of personalities from the worlds of politics, media and elsewhere are posed questions by the audience. As the political party conference season is about to begin, you can look forward to a lively debate. Members of the panel will be announced during the week of the event.

Tickets are free on application via our website. You must apply for a ticket in advance, and all the audience must be seated by 7.30pm. Questions can be put forward on the evening, before the show starts, or a few days in advance to: anyquestions@bbc.co.uk

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Chris Mason

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Thursday 30 September

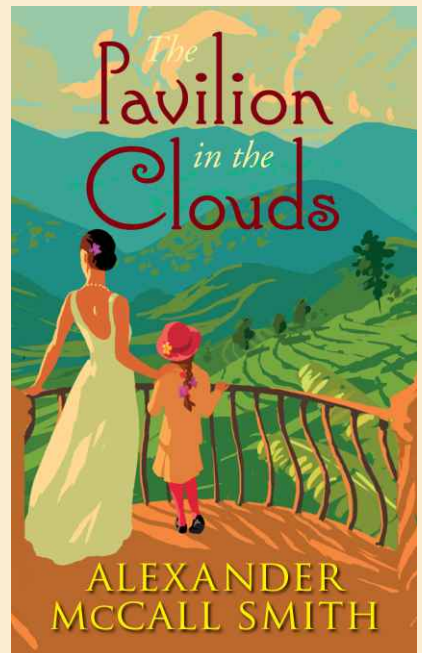
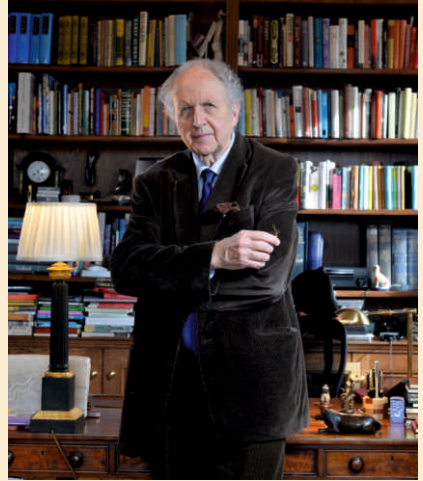
Fast Forward Launch Event

featuring Alexander McCall Smith

7pm Sussex Yacht Club

Join master storyteller **Alexander McCall Smith**, live from his home in Edinburgh, as he virtually welcomes you to Shoreham Wordfest. The delightful raconteur will bring you up to date on the latest news from Mma Ramotswe and her No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency in Botswana, the new goings on at 44 Scotland Street, and he will be discussing his new stand-alone novel, *The Pavilion in the Clouds*, a beautiful story set on a tea plantation in 1930s Ceylon during the final days of the British Empire.

There will be a welcome drink beforehand in the glorious new Sussex Yacht Club. An evening not to be missed!



Tickets: £12

Friday 1 October

'O Happy Living Things!'

Learning to love our world with Coleridge and other poets. A talk by **Malcolm Guite**

St. Mary de Haura Church

7.30pm

Beginning with Samuel Taylor Coleridge's prophetic and ecological tale *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* and then looking more widely at other poets, Malcolm Guite explores how poetry can help transform our attitude to ecology.

Malcolm is a poet, singer-songwriter, author, Anglican priest, and academic. He is a charismatic speaker and performer with a deep love and knowledge of poetry. His latest book, *Mariner*, is an interpretation and celebration of Coleridge's famous poem.



There will be pre-event music and bar from 7pm, and an interval.

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Saturday 2 October

Ending the War on Nature

Speakers include :

Isabella Tree, Tony Whitbread,
Professor Dan Osborne, Nicola Peel.

The Shoreham Centre

10.30am - 3.30pm Doors open from 10am

We all need a more resilient world where nature can thrive, not just be exploited as a resource. We need to build back differently and to feel we can act for the better. Embark with us on a journey to find global and local solutions to the climate and biodiversity crises.

This whole day event will focus on four themes with key-note speakers, discussion and networking with local activist groups:

- Ending the War on Nature
- Living as Part of the Ecosystem
- Citizen Response
- An Economy Fit for Purpose

Full details will be on our website. Please contact us if you wish to have a display stand.

A partnership event: Shoreham Wordfest, CPRE and Sussex Wildlife Trust

Tickets £20 Under 18's £5



Isabella Tree



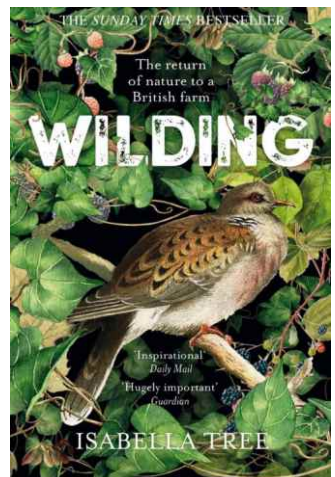
Dr. Tony Whitbread



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Saturday 2 October

Blood and Gold

Mara Menzies in conversation with
Umi Sinha

St. Nicolas Church

7.30pm

Enter the world of *Blood and Gold*, and let performance storyteller Mara Menzies take you on a journey of tragedy, wonder and magic. Listen and watch as she explores African ancestry through tales of slavery, cruelty and colonisation, unearthing pride, love and sacrifice along the way. Her book, *Blood and Gold* explores the themes of loss and oppression, while asking us to examine our own identities, attitudes, and humanity.

Mara will be in conversation with author and story-teller Umi Sinha, whose novel *Belonging* covers similar themes set in India. Mara will discuss her novel and perform stories from the book in the atmospheric setting of St. Nicolas Church.



Refreshments available

Tickets £10

Sunday 3 October

River Adur Estuary Walk led by Dr Geoffrey Mead

10am – 12 noon meet outside Ropetackle Arts Centre from 9.45am

This walk will look at the influence of the river on the town; starting at Ropetackle we head north to the Old Shoreham Bridge. Crossing the footbridge we can see how the river has created the wide Adur valley over time. Back south along the new embankment and past the airfield, we then follow the riverbank beside the houseboat colony. Taking a short detour onto the shingle beach we can note how the movement of the pebbles has influenced Shoreham's fortunes, before returning to town across the Ferry Bridge.

Geoffrey is a geographer and specialist in local geology and social history. He is an emeritus tutor at Sussex University, and runs popular guided walks and talks on the Sussex landscape.

Tickets £10



To book go to: www.shorehamwordfest.com

Sunday 3 October

Mara Menzies:

Story Telling for Children and Families

The Shoreham Centre

10.30am

Join award-winning storyteller Mara Menzies for a rip-roaring, eye-popping session of incredible stories drawn from her dual Kenyan/British heritage. Enter magical worlds where eagles can talk, turtles can fly and where a family discovers how to rescue their precious baby from the kingdom of the fairies. Bring your imagination and the rest will follow!

Family friendly event, all ages welcome.

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ART FROM THE HEART

Sunday 3 October

Author Day

Combined ticket all 3 events £24

Tickets: £10

A Life of Crime:

Authors **Elly Griffiths** and **William Shaw** discuss their writing careers.

The Shoreham Centre

2pm

Elly Griffiths and William Shaw are successful, award-winning crime novelists. They will discuss how they got into writing and why the crime genre is so popular.

Elly wrote four novels under her own name (Domenica de Rosa) before turning to crime with *The Crossing Places*, the first novel featuring forensic archaeologist Dr Ruth Galloway. The thirteenth Ruth book, *The Night Hawks*, will be published in February 2021.

William's *The Trawlerman* is the fourth in his series set in Dungeness and featuring DI Alex Cupidi. William was previously an award-winning music journalist and is the author of several non-fiction books. He runs an on-line book event and community bookstore.



To book go to: www.shorehamwordfest.com

Sunday 3 October

Sally Bayley

Girl with Dove and
No Boys Play Here

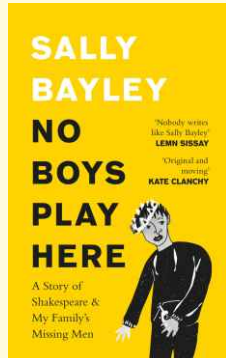
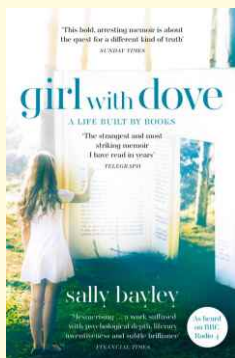
The Shoreham Centre

4.30pm

Sally's first novel, **Girl With Dove** was featured as BBC Radio 4's Book of the Week. It is an extraordinary book describing a chaotic and deprived childhood, based in Littlehampton and Lancing, where life is redeemed and understood through the stories and characters in the books she took refuge in. The sequel **No Boys Play Here** continues the exploration of childhood, family and identity with the assistance of Falstaff and Prince Hal from Shakespeare's Henry IV. The books are humorous, troubling, lyrical and fascinating.

Sally was the first child to go to University from West Sussex Social Service's care system. She now teaches Literature and Creative Writing at Oxford University. *"No-one writes like Sally Bayley"* – Lemn Sissay.

Tickets £10



Sunday 3 October

It's A Conspiracy!

Tom Cutler with
Dr David Bramwell

The Shoreham Centre

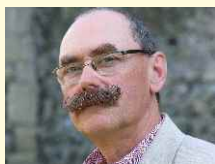
7.30pm

The launch of Tom Cutler's latest book about the world's wildest conspiracy theories.

Dive down the conspiracy-theory rabbit hole with bestselling author and conspiracy buff Tom Cutler. This compelling collection is packed with startling stories, curious characters and freakish facts – covering everything from Princess Diana to weather control, from the cloning of Paul McCartney to 9/11, and from Lizard Men to JFK. *It's a Conspiracy!* will make you think again about everything you thought you knew.

Dr David Bramwell is an author, fellow conspiracy-watcher and organiser of the very popular Catalyst Club. David's latest book, album and live show, *The Cult of Water*, explores the myths and legends of waterways.

Tickets £10



Monday 4 October

Bungalow Town

Plotlands, shanty towns and 'scattered squalor'.

A talk by Dr Geoffrey Mead about the development of Shoreham Beach.



Ropetackle Arts Centre.

7.30pm

During the early 20th century, the acute UK housing shortage saw a range of informal settlements spring up on largely marginal land, offering a range of housing opportunities. Ex-army huts, redundant railway carriages, old tram cars, bus bodies and even a WW1 bomber (minus wings) served as makeshift housing. Local authorities, especially the rural district councils such as Lancing, Steyning, Chailey and Newhaven were largely powerless to stop this tide of low-quality accommodation... Shoreham, of course was different! The development of Bungalow Town from the late 19th century mirrored other such UK communities, but with a more exotic twist.

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Tuesday 5 October

Ah Yes! I Remember It Well

Magical Memories of Movies and Musicals

Ropetackle Arts Centre

7.30pm

50 glorious years of cinema, from the 1920s to the 1970s - the films, the feuds, the facts, the fun and, of course, the songs! A glamorous anthology performed through stories and song by Amaryllis Crooke, Janet Behan, Libby Longhurst & guest star, Nelson Ward

Created by: Amaryllis Crooke

Film Posters & props loaned by Vanguard Productions



Tickets £10

Wednesday 6 October

A Changed Britain in a Global World

A discussion about International Relations with **Robin Lustig** (BBC broadcaster and former foreign correspondent) and **Kelly Shephard** (Integrity International Aid organisation)

Ropetackle Arts Centre

7.30pm

Brexit and Covid-19 have consumed a great deal of internal focus in recent years, but what impact has there been on Britain's standing in the world, our geo-political alliances, trading partnerships and global influence, including our policy on international aid and development? Join us for a discussion with two experts in International Relations. Robin Lustig is a journalist and broadcaster with extensive experience of reporting from overseas. He presented The World Tonight on BBC Radio 4 for more than twenty years. Kelly Shephard has recently joined Integrity Research and Consultancy, which helps to monitor and inform international aid work and conflict resolution.



Tickets £10 Under 18's £5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 24 September

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7.30 – 9pm The Shoreham Centre
Free but ticketed

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Mara Menzies
7.30 - 9pm St. Nicolas Church £10

Sunday 3 October

River Adur Estuary Walk

with Dr. Geoffrey Mead
10 - 12 Meet 9.45pm outside
Ropetackle Arts Centre £10

Family Story Telling

with Mara Menzies
10.30 – 11.30am The Shoreham Centre
£10 one adult and one child

Elly Griffiths and William Shaw

2 - 3.30pm The Shoreham Centre £10*

Sally Bayley – Girl with Dove

4.30 - 6pm The Shoreham Centre £10*

Sunday 3 October

Tom Cutler and David Bramwell

7.30 - 9pm The Shoreham Centre £10*
* All three author talks for £24

Monday 4 October

Bungalow Town - Dr Geoffrey Mead

7.30 – 9pm
Ropetackle Arts Centre £10

Tuesday 5 October

Ah Yes! I Remember It Well

7.30-9.30pm
Ropetackle Arts Centre £10

Wednesday 6 October

Britain in a Global World?

Robin Lustig and Kelly Shephard
7.30 - 9pm
Ropetackle Arts Centre £10

Thursday 7 October

National Poetry Day

Poetry Pharmacy

12 - 2pm Outside St. Mary de Haura Free

The Poetry of John Keats

2 - 3.30pm St. Mary de Haura Free

Open Mic with Katrina Quinn

7.30 – 9.30pm Tarmount Studios £8

Friday 8 October

Murray Lachlan Young

7.30 – 9pm The Shoreham Centre £12

Saturday 9 October

Cautionary Tales for Children

10.30 – 11.30am Ropetackle Arts Centre
£10 / £35 for a family of 4

To book go to: www.shorehamwordfest.com

Saturday 9 October

David Olusoga OBE

The Job of a Historian

2 – 3.30pm

The Shoreham Centre £16

Risen Road – Post-Modern Folk

8 - 10pm St. Mary de Haura £10

Sunday 10 October

Marilyn Stafford

A Life in Photographs

7 - 8.30pm The Shoreham Centre £10

Monday 11 October

Seals Come to Shoreham

Stephen Savage

7.30 - 9pm

The Ropetackle Arts Centre £10

Tuesday 12 October

**Creative Writing
with Janet Pressley**

7.30pm The Shoreham Centre £12

Wednesday 13 October

An Evening with Cerys Matthews

7.30 - 9pm Ropetackle Arts Centre £20

Thursday 14 October

**Poetry Creative Writing
with John McCullough**

7.30 Ropetackle Arts Centre £12

Friday 15 October

Standing at The Crossroads

Debate with Katy Balls & Stephen Bush

7.30-9.30pm

The Shoreham Centre

£12 Under 18's £5

Saturday 16 October

15

Family Detective Game

Gavin Milnthorpe

10.30-11.30 Methodist Church

£10 one adult & one child

Jane Austen at Home

2pm or 4pm St Nicolas Church £12

Women in Jazz

Rebecca Askew

8pm St. Nicolas Church £12

Sunday 17 October

Edward the Travelling Bear

Family show 10.30-11.30am

Ropetackle Arts Centre

£10 one adult & one child

**Writers Mosaic - Colin Grant with
Yvonne Bailey Smith & special guests**

2 - 3.45pm Ropetackle Arts Centre £10

Finale Fling

End of Fest party

7.30 – 10pm Sussex Yacht Club £10

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Thursday 7 October

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Poetry Pharmacy

St Mary de Haura Church.

12-2pm, last consultation 1.40pm.

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St Mary de Haura Church in Shoreham-by-Sea town centre -

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poems are free until the poem cetamols run out.

Donations welcome.

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Free Event

The Poetry of John Keats

'O for a life of sensation rather than thought...'

St. Mary de Haura Church

2-3.30pm

Join us in Keats' bicentenary year to explore *Choice*, this year's National Poetry Day theme. We will look at well-known poems such as *Autumn* and *Ode to a Nightingale*, as well as some which may be less familiar.

Donations to the church welcome.



Free Event

Fast Forward Open Mic.

Poetry and Short Stories

The Secret Garden, Tarmount Studios

7.30pm

Join local writer and performer Katrina Quinn on National Poetry Day for an intimate evening of sharing words. Featuring stories and songs from special guests, and a small stage that welcomes you to offer up your best poems or prose inspired by the Shoreham Wordfest theme of Fast Forward.

Places are limited so please come early if you want a slot to read or perform.

Bar open from 7pm.



Tickets £8

Friday 8 October



An Evening with Murray Lachlan Young

The Shoreham Centre

7.30pm

A delightful satirical romp into the bizarre facets of fame, fashion, politics and rock-n-roll reverie. Acclaimed performer, screenwriter, children's author, BBC 6 Music Poet-in - Residence and Radio 4 regular.

A hybrid mix of hilarious stand up, verse and song, flamboyant, punchy wit, brooding subtext and empathetic humour from one of the best-known poetry voices in Britain. A charming cornucopia of much-loved work from Murray's recent hit anthology *How Freakin' Zeitgeist Are You?* along with new up to the minute offerings.

Tickets £12

Saturday 9 October



Murray Lachlan Young

Modern cautionary tales for children

Ropetackle Arts Centre 10.30am

From the moment Murray Lachlan Young bounds onto the stage, hair wrapped in a towel, dressing gown flapping, you know you're in for a good time. Murray is clearly one of the most likeable performers in the world. Best of all, he knows exactly what your average 5–10-year-old is interested in. Toilets, poo and death being three key subjects discussed during the show. A mixture of poetry, stand-up comedy, storytelling and a touch of panto make for a hilarious and positive route to showing children that poetry can be fun, thought-provoking and occasionally quite cool! A raucous, silly, scary, funny poignant and enlightening hour of merriment and mayhem.

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Saturday 9 October

David Olusoga OBE: The Job of a Historian

The Shoreham Centre - 2pm

David Olusoga is a historian, writer, broadcaster, presenter and film-maker, and is of dual British and Nigerian heritage. He is Professor of Public History at the University of Manchester. David has presented historical documentaries on the BBC and has become a prominent cultural commentator.

In this specially commissioned talk for Shoreham Wordfest, David will address the topic of "Culture Wars," challenging the recent backlash against attempts to revisit the historical legacy of Britain's imperial past, despite the continuing racism and inequality experienced by many. He recently wrote: "My job is to be a historian. It is not to make people feel good.....People have decided that their national myths are so important, they don't care about truth." (The Guardian 7 June 2021)



Tickets £16

Saturday 9 October

Laura Ward and The Risen Road

St. Mary de Haura
8pm



Laura Ward and the Risen Road perform a set of original roots tunes plus new and vivid interpretations of songs from the traditional canon. Drawing on new folk, bluegrass, Irish and contemporary sources, Laura Ward's music celebrates and reinvents the legacy of the troubadour.

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Sunday 10 October

Children's Poetry Project

Calling all junior poets!



Junior age children, age 7-11 years, attending Adur District schools are invited to write a poem, on the Wordfest theme **Fast Forward**, or the National Poetry Day theme of **Choice**. Poems, maximum 20 lines, can be submitted individually or by your school by **Friday 24 October** to be considered for publication in our Shoreham Wordfest Children's Poetry Book, 2021. Kay Walton, of Rap'n'Rhyme, and rapper Jon Clark have developed on-line poetry writing ideas which you can find on our website: <https://www.shorehamwordfest.com/online-schools-poetry-project/> along with details of where to send your poems.

This resource is available to anyone to use, but we can only consider poems from children attending Adur schools. For more information about National Poetry Day:

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/celebrate-national-poetry-day/>



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Sunday 10 October

Marilyn Stafford

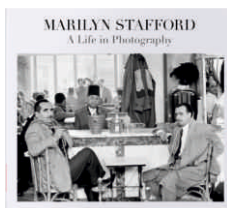
A Life In Photography

The Shoreham Centre

7pm

Marilyn Stafford's photography career got off to a remarkable start when she was invited to take stills of Albert Einstein. Since then, she has accumulated an eclectic body of work, spanning from 1948-1980, including portraits of famous and influential figures, fashion photography on the streets of Paris, photojournalism and social documentary. In 2020, Stafford was awarded the Chairman's Lifetime Achievement Award at the UK Picture Editors' Guild. *Marilyn Stafford: A Life in Photography* will be the first comprehensive book of her work.

Marilyn will share stories of her remarkable career, illustrated with selected photographs from the collection, supported by Nina Emmett of FotoDocument, and her daughter, Lina Clerke.



Monday 11 October

Seals Come to Shoreham

A talk by Stephen Savage

Ropetackle Arts Centre

7.30pm



Harbour seals, one of the most appealing of our Sussex mammals, have been the subject of a long-term study since 1989. Local seal expert Stephen Savage will discuss the fascinating lives of these often-elusive mammals and the results of his study to date.

As a special focus, Stephen will tell the story of a young resident female harbour seal from Belgium that has delighted many people during lockdown and has helped reveal much about the life of seals in Sussex rivers. Discover the fascinating lives of these seals and there will be an opportunity to share your own personal Sussex seal encounters.

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Tuesday 12 October

Creative Writing

with Janet Pressley



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Wednesday 13 October

An Evening with Cerys Matthews

in conversation with Kathy Caton

Ropetackle Arts Centre

7.30pm

Cerys Matthews will be in conversation about her musical and broadcasting career, her books and her love of cooking, the natural world, poetry and spoken word, with Kathy Caton, local radio broadcaster and Brighton based entrepreneur.

From her early days as the lead singer with Catatonia, Cerys Matthews is now a successful musician, broadcaster and author. With over half a million listeners, Cerys Matthews' Sunday morning show is the biggest single show on Radio 6, and the most listened-to digital show in the UK.

In 2019, Cerys released **Where the Wild Cooks Go**, a 'folk cookbook' and during the 2020 lockdown Cerys released *We Come from the Sun* an album of self-composed music and featuring 10 UK poets. Cerys will be signing copies of *Where the Wild Cooks Go* after the event.

Tickets £20



To book go to: **www.shorehamwordfest.com**

Friday 15 October

Britain Standing At The Crossroads

A debate chaired by **Ivor Gaber** (Professor of Political Journalism, Sussex University)

Panellists: **Katy Balls** (The Spectator), **Stephen Bush** (The New Statesman), **Anand Menon** (Director of The UK in a Changing Europe)



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This year sees Britain 'standing at the crossroads'. We face a raft of issues all of which are likely to have a significant impact on our politics. The most immediate is the pandemic and its after-effects on almost every aspect of our lives. Then there is the growing reality of Brexit and how it will affect our economy and our politics, particularly its likely impact on the Union; all of this against a background of the climate emergency. And finally, a rapidly changing political environment in which traditional dividing lines have all but disappeared. Plenty for our panel, who come from a wide range of political perspectives and bring experience of journalism, academia and think-tankery, to get their teeth into.

Tickets £12 Under 18's £5

Thursday 14 October

Poetry Creative Writing

with John McCullough

Ropetackle Arts Centre

7.30pm

Come along for a masterclass in poetry writing, led by John McCullough who won the Hawthornden prize for Literature for his poetry collection *Reckless Paper Birds*. John was the judge of the Shoreham Wordfest 2020 Poetry Competition, and his poetry has featured in many national journals, and has been commissioned by the British Film Institute, the British Museum and the BBC. John is a great champion of Emily Dickinson's poetry and will use extracts from many sources to illustrate and inspire your own poetic writing.



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Saturday 16 October

Children's Detective Game

Gavin Milnthorpe

Shoreham Methodist Church Hall

10.30am

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Saturday 16 October



Jane Austen At Home

featuring Emerald O'Hanrahan as Jane

St. Nicolas Church

There will be two performances at 2pm and 4pm

Jane Austen at Home is a one-woman show, consisting entirely of Jane Austen's words it celebrates the variety and wit of her writings, with extracts from her memoirs, letters, juvenilia, poetry and novels.

Our setting for the show is particularly appropriate as Jane would certainly be familiar with St. Nicolas Church when visiting her cousin, who lived in Buckingham House in Old Shoreham, when she was staying in nearby Worthing.

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Saturday 16 October

Women In Jazz

A celebration of women jazz composers of the 20th Century.

Arranged by **Rebecca Askew** with
Victoria Wilson on piano
and **John Bedford** on bass

St. Nicolas Church

8pm

A sublime evening of music from three performers at the top of their musical game, featuring a collection of songs by some of the finest female musicians you've probably never heard of. The set list includes gems made famous by the likes of Billie Holiday, Nat King Cole and Ella Fitzgerald; interwoven with stories about life as a woman musician in a male-dominated art-form.

Refreshments available.



Tickets £12

Sunday 17 October

The Amazing Story of a Travelling Bear Called Ed

– family show

Ropetackle Arts Centre

10.30am

In 2009 a tiny bear called Ed departed Shoreham and headed off across the sea on what became an immense journey for this little bear of small stature. Concerned about the possible impacts that climate change and other global threats might have on his beautiful floral beach at Shoreham, Ed headed off to see for himself and how we are all connected by the ocean.

While Ed the Bear is a fictional character, his experiences in this story are all real, the places he visits, and the wildlife and people encountered on the way. It is a story that is sometimes amazing, sometimes funny, and occasionally sad but above all it is a celebration of the wonderful one ocean.

Family friendly event for all ages.



Tickets £10 one adult and one child

Sunday 17 October

WritersMosaic

Colin Grant with Yvonne Bailey-Smith, and special guests

Ropetackle Arts Centre

2pm

Author and historian Colin Grant is also Director of *WritersMosaic*, an online platform for new writing from a mosaic of literary voices and cultures across the UK. In this special live event as part of Shoreham Wordfest, Colin will be in conversation with Yvonne Bailey-Smith, mother of writer Zadie, about her first novel, *The Day I Fell Off My Island*. Her book tells a story of reluctant immigration and the relationship between children and the people who parent them. There will also be readings and performances from other *WritersMosaic* authors and poets.



Tickets £10

Sunday 17 October

Wordfest Finale Fling Sussex Yacht Club

7.30pm

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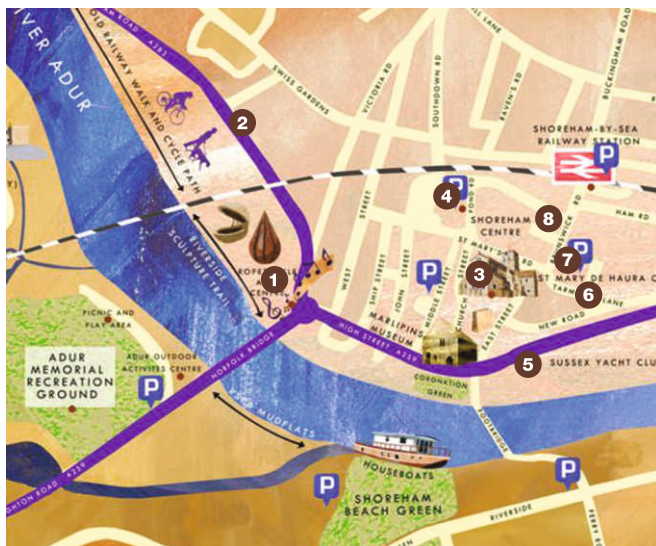


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