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WELCOME!

Welcome to the very first Burnham Book Festival! We're excited to bring you a great range of sessions across two days, including panel discussions, talks and workshops.

If you're into poetry, crime, humour, journalism, travel, self-help, the natural world, family history, contemporary literature, books for young adults, illustration, local history, or if you just like a good story then there's something for you at the festival!

Check out our festival hub at The Princess where you can browse and purchase books by our festival authors and more, and chat to local writers.

Earlier this year, hundreds of people from all across Somerset and North Somerset entered our writing competition. The awards for the best entries poetry and short stories, across six categories, will be presented on Saturday afternoon by Tara Arkle.

Over two days you can learn something new at our talks, soak up the creative experience and advice of our panel guests, or join us to develop your skills at one of our workshops.

The festival has been organised by a group of local authors and community-minded people. Our aim was to create an event that would support local writers and businesses, and to bring something new to the people of the Burnham & Highbridge area. Thank you for joining us!

Our Venues

Burnham Book Festival sessions take place at The Princess Theatre and Burnham Library. The venues are opposite each other, the location of each session is given later in this programme and on your ticket but, if you're not sure, ask a volunteer!

Tickets

All tickets are available from:

The Princess Theatre
www.theprincesstheatre.co.uk
01278 784464

Contact us

For full details of all our sessions, including readings, plus news and updates, visit our website:

burnhambookfest.co.uk

We'd love to hear from you, if you have any questions or want to give us feedback, email

info@burnhambookfest.co.uk

or tweet us at
[@BurnhamBookFest](https://twitter.com/BurnhamBookFest)

FRIDAY 22 APRIL

Illustration Workshop: Creating Magical Creatures - 10:00. Join artist Margaret Micklewright for a workshop looking at how to create and illustrate a magical creature. Explore the powers of the creature, how it moves and how it interacts with the world. Ages 6-12 all materials provided. (2hrs) £7



Meet the Local Writers

- 10:00 & 17:30
Local writers talk about their work, their inspirations and current projects.

Between 9:30 and 18:00 local authors will be selling and signing books in the Princess.

(1hr) Free

Places on the Page - 11:15
Join ward-winning Rachel Trezise, bestselling Frances Evesham and prolific local author Gill Jackman as they discuss what place means to them and how it informs their writing.

(1hr)
£6



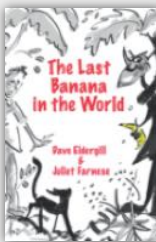
The Perils and Pitfalls of Research

- 10:00
Local author Larry Bennett talks about lessons learnt during research for his two published books, pitfalls to avoid, and useful hints to follow during the research process. With Q&A after. (45mins) £5



Reading: The Last Banana in the World

- 12.15
Local writer Dave Eldergill and artist Juliet Farnese share extracts from their latest book for children. (30min)
Free



What an Adventure! Storytelling for Young People

- 13:30
Join acclaimed author Chris Vick, storyteller Sharon Jacksties and debut poet Catherine Poarch as they discuss writing and storytelling for young people, the challenges and rewards. A must for adults and children alike! (1hr) £6



FRIDAY 22 APRIL

How to Sell Your Book - 13:15

Working on a book? Emily Kay Goodman of Axe River Books takes you through the options for getting it to market, covering the basics of personal branding, visibility on the web, sales pitches and potential revenue streams. (1hr) £6



Weeds & How I Learned to Love Them - Most of the Time - 14:45

Ruth Binney, author of Weeds on Trial, talks about weeds, what makes them, why they're so successful and how they're important to our ecosystem. She also talks about her experiences with weeds and how she came to love them. A must for garden lovers! (45mins) £8



Music Journalism Q&A - 16:00.

Dom Wills was a journalist specialising in music and film from 1985 - 2010. Writing for Melody Maker and Uncut, he interviewed hundreds of artists, including the seminal acts Pixies, Nirvana and Public Enemy. He was deputy editor of Vox. In this session, he answers your questions about music journalism. (1hr) £6

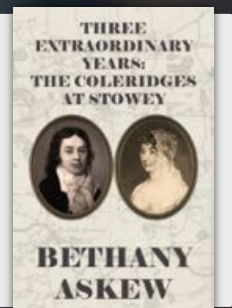


Getting Started with Kindle Direct Publishing - 16:00

Want to see your writing in print but can't find a publisher that suits your work? Rebecca Strickland covers the basics of Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing platform which can enable you to publish a paperback, hardback or ebook. Learn about the steps you'll need to get your work from a manuscript through to a published book. (90mins) £8

Three Extraordinary Years: The Coleridges at Stowey - 19:00

Samuel Taylor Coleridge moved to Nether Stowey in 1796. Local author Bethany Askew explores the inspiration behind the poetry: the humble cottage he lived in, the beautiful countryside of the Quantock hills and his relationships with his wife Sara and William and Dorothy Wordsworth. (1hr) £8



SATURDAY 23 APRIL

Queen's Jubilee Writing for Kids - 10:00

Poets Karl Bevis & Hazel Lloyd lead this creative writing workshop for children celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with devotion and duty as the themes. Ages 8-12. (90mins) £7

Promoting Your Book - 10:00

This talk will demystify the minefield that is social media and give you tips and advice on promoting your books, including products and services that might help.

Sam Carr is the owner of the Snug Bookshop in Bridgwater. (1hr) £6



Writers in Recovery - 11:00

How can writing help people in recovery to explore their experiences? Matt Ingram, Rob Coughlin, Rob Jones and Lewis Coleman talk

about their work. (1 hr) £6



Behind the Words - 12:00

A light-hearted chat with poet Rick Sanders and writers Jonathan Pinnock, and Elizabeth C. Waight about what's behind their work, how much of their personality shines through the writing and what their inspirations are.

(1hr) £6



Poetry Workshop - 13:00

A workshop with Tara Arkle. Get stuck into some writing, think about what it means to write poetry and discover why writing poetry is important to you. (1hr) £10



Damien Boyd: Nick Dixon on Location - 13:30

Join bestselling author Damien Boyd on a Nick Dixon trail around Burnham to see the sites he uses in his books. This is a rare chance for a fantastic experience, chatting with the author.

There may even be a sneaky peek at his upcoming novel, Carnival Blues. (1hr) £15



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Coast Wildlife on Burnham's Doorstep - 13:30

Local author Nigel Phillips introduces the birds and plants found along the coast and looks at the marine life in the lower part of the beach. (1hr) £6

Mosaic - Creative Conversations in Lockdown - 15:45

Karl Bevis and Rachel Gundry talk about their work on the book Mosaic, which creatively engaged with isolated people during lockdown. (1hr) Free



Why Writers Write - 16:30

Acclaimed debut writers Karla Neblett and Jessica Andrews discuss their impressive books King of Rabbits and Saltwater, their reasons for writing and what it means to them. This session is a must for aspiring writers and anyone with an interest in contemporary fiction. (1hr) £6



Award Ceremony - 15:00

Announcing the winners of the Burnham Book Festival writing contest, sponsored by Damien Boyd and presented by Tara Arkle. (1hr) Free



River, Rhyne & Sea: Creative Writing - 16:00

This creative writing workshop with Jo Backhouse will focus on Burnham's watery landscape, and the history of the Somerset Levels to produce 'found poetry' from other texts. No writing experience needed. (1hr) £8

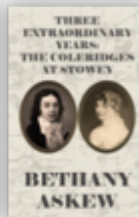
Pizza, Prosecco & Jazz Poetry

- Que Pasa? 18:30
Chris Fogg & Rob Yockney take us on a jazz poetry journey. Ticket includes pizza & prosecco. £18



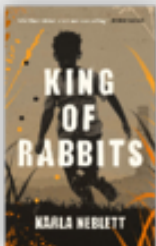
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- 13:30: Damien Boyd: Nick Dixon on Location. £15. Meet outside Hurleys.
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- 16:30: Why Writers Write with Karla Neblett & Jessica Andrews. £6. Princess - Pizey.
- 18:30: Pizza, Prosecco & Jazz Poetry - Que Pasa? with Chris Fogg & Rob Yockney. £18. Princess - Hall.



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We couldn't have done this without Beccy and the team at The Princess, Nathan and all at Burnham Library, Sam at the Snug Bookshop, Damien Boyd, and all who have offered support, enthusiasm and advice.

But we also want to say a huge thank you to every one of you who entered our writing competition or attended festival sessions. See you next year!

Axe River Short Story Prize

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The Axe River Short Story Prize is now open for submissions.

- Please submit stories up to 3,000 words in length.
- A £250 prize for the winning story.
- The top ten stories will be printed in the Axe River Books anthology.
- Novelist M JGreenwood is presiding as judge.
(www.mjgreenwood.co.uk)
- The deadline is the 13th of June 2022.
- No entry fee for either postal or online submissions.
- Please submit via our website www.axeriverbooks.com.

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