WIGTOWN BOOK FESTIVAL
22 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 2023

A 10-DAY CELEBRATION
in Scotland’s National Book Town
What a difference 25 years makes. To survive and thrive for a quarter of a century would be an achievement in any circumstances. But after the challenges of Covid and in the face of the hostile winds blowing through the cultural sector, it feels faintly miraculous. None of it would have happened without the enduring support of our funders and sponsors and the extraordinary team of volunteers who help make the festival happen. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you. Here’s to the next 25!

Cathy Agnew Chair of Trustees

EVER SINCE I began chairing events in Wigtown, I’ve told people that a piece of my heart remains here year-round. To programme the 25th event is a privilege. And also a challenge. How do you celebrate Wigtown’s journey while looking to the future? From Galloway yarns and debut novelists, to wild walks and the very best in non-fiction, the 2023 festival attempts to reflect the unique character of Scotland’s National Book Town. I hope you enjoy it – and that, like me, you won’t want to leave.

Lee Randall Guest Programmer
I was 14 when the first book festival took place in 1999, a year after Wigtown became Scotland’s National Book Town. It felt like the circus was coming to town. So many people had poured their hearts into the project, and we were eager to welcome the world. That year I distributed programmes with the Guides. What would I have said if I’d been told that, 25 years later, I’d be the festival’s operations director?

The closure of the creamery at Bladnoch was one of the things that had previously brought the town to its knees. I was very young. But I know that friends from pre-school left because their families had to go elsewhere for work. I didn’t understand why they weren’t in class the following year.

At primary school my memories are of a physically desolate place with empty streets, paint flaking and boarded-up windows. But what my hometown has always had is community spirit. That togetherness is the key to everything that has happened since, because there’s no doubt the first decade of the Book Town was a struggle – encouraging booksellers to set up here, finding resources to grow the festival, keeping alive what at times must have seemed an impossible dream.

Today we talk about the festival generating more than £4 million per annum for the local area and, last year, delivering events for more than 5,000 young people. But that was never a given. It was (and is) all down to a lot of passionate and sometimes stubborn people, most giving their time and energy for free.

My most vivid memory from 1999 is the first literary event I ever went to – the great Mairi Hedderwick talking about Katie Morag. I still have the book she signed, and a quarter of a century later I get a special thrill when I read it with my family. I’d like to think someone will have a similar tale to tell in 25 years’ time.
We’re celebrating our quarter century with some new and familiar faces

- Henry Dimbleby
  Ravenous
  SAT 23 SEP, 4.30PM
  The former UK food tsar resigned in March at the government’s refusal to tackle junk food. This searing book explains why he was so worried.

- Jo Caulfield
  The Funny Thing About Death
  THU 28 SEP, 4.30PM
  The queen of the one-woman show, panel-game regular and Bafta-winning writer discusses one of the year’s funniest, most moving memoirs.

- Hamza Yassin
  Be a Birder
  The Joy of Birdwatching and How to Get Started
  THU 28 SEP, 4.30PM
  The man with the most infectious smile in television talks Strictly Come Dancing, Sudanese childhood, dyslexia, Highland life and his passion for birds.

- Leif Bersweden
  Where the Wild Flowers Grow
  SUN 1 OCT, 1.30PM
  BBC Springwatch’s new botanist invites you to join him on a tour of the wild plants of Britain and Ireland. From the everyday to the extraordinary, each has a story to tell.

- Kate Mosse
  Ghost Ship
  Warrio...
Maggie O’Farrell ▶
The Marriage Portrait
THU 28 SEP, 6PM
The 2020 Women’s Prize Winner transports us to Renaissance Ferrara where a young noblewoman is forced into a dangerous marriage. Can Lucrezia survive amid the intrigue of the court?

Joan Harris ▶
Broken Light
SUN 24 SEP, 3PM
A long-awaited return to Wigtown with her brilliant new novel inspired by Stephen King’s Carrie. Menopausal Bernie Moon takes control of her life after uncovering a hidden power.

Robin Ince ▶
Books as Weapons of Empathy
SAT 23 SEP, 6PM
The comedian and co-presenter of BBC Radio 4’s The Infinite Monkey Cage toured Britain’s bookshops for his book Bibliomaniac. No wonder he’s at home in Wigtown.

Don Paterson ▶
Toy Fights: A Boyhood
SAT 30 SEP, 4.30PM
Don Paterson is not your ordinary poet; and Toy Fights is not your ordinary poetic memoir. His uproarious account of his first 20 years on a Dundee council estate before he ran off with his guitar to London may well be this year’s funniest book.

The Beano ▶
Dennis & Gnasher
SUN 30 SEP, 10.30AM
It’s been 85 anarchic years since Dundonian publisher DC Thomson launched the Beano. Our celebration takes a behind-the-scenes look at Britain’s most famous comic paper.

The Spy Across the Water ▶
James Naughtie
TUE 26 SEP, 6PM
The distinguished BBC broadcaster discusses how his life in journalism inspired his new thriller. Favourably compared to John Le Carré, The Spy Across the Water moves between Washington DC and the Highlands, and has at its heart three brothers bound by blood and espionage.

WIT TO KNOW MORE?
Our searchable online listings contain extended event descriptions and biographies.
wigtownbookfestival.com
A BOOK TOWN BOOK SHELF

Like Wigtown’s bookshops, this year’s festival has something for everyone.

RURAL REALITIES

Rebecca Smith
Rural
SUN 24 SEP, 1.30PM
The Cumbrian author offers a fascinating insight into the precarious lives of the workers who have shaped the countryside. What lessons does history have for today’s rural communities?

Merryn Glover
The Hidden Fires
MON 25 SEP, 12 NOON
How following in the footsteps of the influential author Nan Shepherd’s The Living Mountain led to a surprising love affair with the Cairngorms, the rocky heart of Scotland.

Helen Rebanks
The Farmer’s Wife: My Life in Days
WED 27 SEP, 1.30PM
Helen Rebanks reveals the joys and frustrations of the farmer’s wife, reflecting on the Lake District farm she shares with husband James, four kids and 500 sheep.

Doug Johnstone
The Space Between Us
TUE 26 SEP, 12 NOON
One of Scotland’s finest crime novelists moves into new territory with a Spielberg-esque life-affirming tale of alien beings visiting Edinburgh. Val McDermid calls it “out of this world”.

Laura Cumming
Thunderclap
MON 25 SEP, DIGITAL ONLY
In 1654, an explosion killed painter Carel Fabritius; Vermeer narrowly survived. The bestselling author of On Chapel Sand’s new book is a love letter to Dutch Golden Age art and the author’s artist father.

Josie Long
Because I Don’t Know What You Mean and What You Don’t
SUN 1 OCT, 3PM
The popular comic brings her storytelling gift to the page and our stage, with new stories exploring life’s funny, painful and poignant aspects.

Louise Doughty
A Bird in Winter
FRI 29 SEP, 4.30PM
Join the bestselling author of Apple Tree Yard as she introduces her latest psychological thriller. A deskbound female spy takes flight in Scotland’s Highlands and Scandinavia.

Patrick Barkham
The Wild Life of Roger Deakin
WED 27 SEP, 4.30PM
The Guardian writer on his delightfully unconventional biography of author Roger Deakin, charismatic champion of “wild swimming” and revolutionary nature writer.

GREAT LIVES

Ruth Scurr
Napoleon: A Life in Gardens and Shadows
FRI 29 SEP, 3PM
One of our most original biographers offers a green-fingered new take on the emperor as botanist. Simon Schama calls Scurr “one of the most gifted non-fiction writers alive”.

Two Sisters / O Brother
Two bestselling authors; two explosive memoirs
SUN 1 OCT, 3PM
A chance to hear the doctor turned author talk about her moving and incisive medical memoir. How does a cancer surgeon react when diagnosed with breast cancer?

A Pebble in the Throat
Aasmah Mir
SUN 1 OCT, 10.30AM
One of Scotland’s best-loved broadcasters discusses her bittersweet memoir, which juxtaposes her upbringing in 1970s Glasgow with her mother’s childhood in Pakistan.

The Swimmer: The Wild Life of Roger Deakin
Patrick Barkham
WED 27 SEP, 4.30PM
The winner of the 2022 Baillie Gifford Prize for non-fiction discusses the myriad lives of the great Elizabethan love poet, preacher, seafarer and MP, John Donne, and why he offers a lesson in living.

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FAVOURITE FICTION

Stef Penney
The Beasts of Paris
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Author of The Tenderness of Wolves, winner of Costa Book of the Year, turns her attention to 19th-century Paris, where three wandering souls find one another amid the chaos of war.

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The Nature of Economics
Partha Dasgupta
Palatine: An Alternative History of the Caesars
Peter Stothard
Vagabonds
Oskar Jensen
The Wisest Fool: The Lavish Life of James VI and I
Steven Veerapen

Fungi Foraging
TUE 26 SEP, 1PM
Join foraging expert and mycophile Mark Williams of Galloway Wild Foods to explore the remarkable world of fungi. He’ll share his depth of knowledge and enthusiasm about wild mushrooms – their vital roles in nature and how to identify them.

Into the Nicht
FRI 29 SEP, 6.30PM
With music and spoken word, they’ll explore Wigtown’s unspoilt night skies. What do you hope or fear to find in the dark?

A Deadly Dinner
Dr Kathryn Harkup
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THE BIG IDEA

Partha Dasgupta
The Nature of Economics
SAT 23 SEP, 10.30AM
Internationally renowned economist Sir Partha Dasgupta argues that economics has failed in the way it accounts for the natural world and its resources: we need a new understanding of sustainable growth.

The Scotland Act: 25 Years On
The former first ministers Nicola Sturgeon and Henry McLeish and MSP Liz Smith join Henry McLeish and Nicola Sturgeon and Former first ministers to discuss 25 years since devolution.

The Future of the NHS
Author Dan Richards and Dark Skies Ranger Elizabeth Tindal team up for a unique walk. With music and spoken word, they’ll explore Wigtown’s unspoilt night skies. What do you hope or fear to find in the dark?

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Why the NHS is Worth Saving
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INSPIRING JOURNEYS

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Coffee First, Then the World
WED 27 SEP, 6PM
16 countries, 124 days and 18,000 miles, a few tears and a lot of laughs: Scotland’s endurance cycling legend retrace her 2018 attempt to pedal around the world unsupported.

Tom Bullough & Beatrice Searle
Sarn Helen / Stone Will Answer
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Mason Searle carried 40kg of Orkney stone on a Norwegian pilgrimage; eco-activist Bullough trekked Wales’s Roman road. Discover how they found meaning in two remarkable journeys.

Tom Parfitt
High Caucasus
TUE 26 SEP, 4.30PM
The foreign correspondent discusses his dazzling account of walking 1,000 miles through Russia’s Caucasus mountains in search of solace after witnessing the Beslan massacre.

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2023 PROGRAMME

22 SEP FRIDAY

5.30PM
Hamza Yassin
Be a Birder
Festival Marquee | £10
The Highlands-based cameraman, CBeebies Ranger and reigning Strictly champion talks birdwatching and ballroom. [001]

8.30PM
Festival Fireworks
Mercat Cross | FREE
Follow the pipe band to watch the fireworks over the bay.

9PM
25th Anniversary Opening Party
Festival Marquee | FREE
Speakers, sponsors, volunteers and Friends are invited to celebrate the festival’s quarter century. To become a Friend, email mail@wigtownbookfestival.com. [002]

23 SEP SATURDAY

5.30PM
Hamza Yassin’s Family Nature Walk
Meet outside County Buildings | £5
Join the CBeebies ranger, to explore Wigtown’s bird life and natural beauty. [004]

9AM
THE JAMES MIRRLEES LECTURE
Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta
The Nature of Economics
Festival Marquee | £8
The distinguished economist explains why nature must be part of the equation when calculating economic success or failure. [005]

9.30PM
Book at Bedtime
New Chapter Books | Pay What You Can
25th anniversary-themed readings and hot chocolate. With Renita Boyle. [003]

10.30AM
THE JAMES MIRRLEES LECTURE
Professor Sir Em Strang
Quinn
McNeillie Tent | £6
The award-winning Scottish poet discusses her first novel about justice and retribution. [007]

12 NOON
James Naughtie
The Spy Across the Water
Festival Marquee | £12
A new novel about spycraft from the Scottish broadcaster. [008]

10.30AM
Young Adult events are open to all. Free for U26.
OUT & ABOUT
Walk with us and explore the country outside Wigtown. [009]

OUR BODIES
A strand for 2023 exploring aspects of the human body.

LIVE STREAMING
Selected festival events will be available live online.

SCOTTISH DEBUT NOVELISTS
Discover Scottish fiction’s inspirational new voices.

11.30AM
Simon James Green
Boy Like Me
County Buildings | £5
Simon James Green’s latest novel explores growing up in the UK as an LGBTQ+ teen under the shadow of Section 28. [011]

1.30PM
Judy Murray
The Wild Card
Festival Marquee | £12
The debut novel from Scotland’s tennis queen asks: what would you sacrifice to get to the top of your game? [012]

Peter Taylor
Operation Chiffon
County Buildings | £8
The veteran BBC journalist reveals the roles MI5 and MI6 played in the Good Friday Agreement. [013]

Heather Parry
Bodyline Autonomy
McNeillie Tent | £8
In her debut novel and short stories, Parry looks at how women’s bodies have been objectified and policed. [014]

11.30AM
Annaiese Avery & Ann Sei Lin
YA Fantasy Panel
County Buildings | £5
Rising YA fantasy authors Annaiese Avery and Ann Sei Lin look at what makes this genre so great. Perfect for fans of The Hunger Games and Lore. [015]

11.30AM
Renita Boyle’s Wild Blossom Walk
Fountain Stone Studio, 26 Bladnoch Bridge, Bladnoch DG8 9AB | FREE
but ticketed
Join our resident poet and storyteller for a gentle stroll, song, poetry and an interactive workshop. [016]

3PM
Denise Mina
From Savonarola to Marlowe
Festival Marquee | £12
From 15th-century Florence to 20th-century LA, Mina’s new novels offer fresh takes on cultural icons Savonarola and Philip Marlowe. [017]

Oskar Jensen
Vagabonds
County Buildings | £8
The critically acclaimed historian brings the 19th century to life, with his extraordinary portraits of London’s poor. [018]

Michael Ansell & Professor Roibeard Ó Maolaláigh
Galloway: The Lost Province
McNeillie Tent | £8
Exploring the history of Gaelic in Galloway and its connection to the landscape. [019]

Sara Barnard & Benjamin Dean
Influential: Living in the Glares of Social Media
County Buildings | £5
YA Book Prize winner Sara Barnard and Diverse Book Award winner Benjamin Dean come together to discuss their latest books around the deadly world of fame and the media. [020]

4.30PM
Henry Dimbleby
Ravenous
Festival Marquee | £12
From the author of the National Food Strategy comes a warning about how our food system is leading us into disaster. [021]

Julia Holland
Why We Sing
County Buildings | £8
A singing therapist, teacher and performer on why the magical ability to sing is a key component of the human condition. [022]

Tom Bullough & Beatrice Searle
Sarn Helen / Stone Will Answer
Festival Marquee | £8
Newly qualified mason Beatrice Searle carried 40kg of Orcadian stone on a Norwegian pilgrimage route; eco-activist and writer Tom Bullough followed Wales’s North to South Roman Road. They discuss how their extraordinary journeys have found meaning. [023]

6PM
Robin Ince
Bibliomaniac: Books as Weapons of Empathy
Festival Marquee | £12
Award-winning comedian and self-confessed bibliomaniac Robin Ince on his bookshop tour of Britain – and why reading helps us understand one another. [024]

7.30PM
Mairi Kidd
Devorgilla, Queen of Galloway
County Buildings | £8
Kidd tells us about the powerful queen who built Sweetheart Abbey, in a story specially written for the festival. [025]

8.30PM
THEATRE
A Room of One’s Own
Swallow Theatre | £14.50
A 21st-century take on Virginia Woolf’s celebrated talk about literary history, feminism and gender. [026]

MUSIC
Rachel Walker & Aaron Jones
Despite the Wind and Rain
Sacred Heart Church | £10
Songs and stories in English and Gaelic about a host of amazing Scottish women, from two of the country’s most popular musicians. [027]
12 NOON

**Dan Richards & Elizabeth Tindal**

**Into the Night**

Meet County Buildings | £10

Author Dan Richards and Dark Skies Ranger Elizabeth Tindal team up for a unique night walk with headphones. Using music and spoken word, they’ll explore Wigtown’s unspoit night skies. What do you hope or fear to find in the dark? A hit of 2022’s festival. [028]

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**9.30 AM**

**Book at Bedtime**

New Chapter Books | Pay What You Can

25th anniversary-themed readings and hot chocolate. With Renita Boyle. [029]

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**10.30 AM**

**Super-Infinite: The Transformations of John Donne**

Festival Marquee | £8

Poet, physician, lover, cleric: John Donne was a man of many parts, which all get due in Rundell’s Baillie Gifford Award-winning biography. [030]

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**11.30 AM**

**The Princess**

Victoria Disaster

County Buildings | £8

On the 70th anniversary of the event that shook Galloway, the local historian revisits the worst peace-time disaster in British coastal waters. [031]

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**12 NOON**

**Gavin Esler**

**Britain Is Better than This**

Festival Marquee | £10

The former BBC Newsnight host asks “Why is British democracy failing?”. [032]

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**12.30 PM**

**Amy Key**

**Arrangements in Blue**

County Buildings | £8

Beauitful memoir about building a life without romantic love that takes inspiration from Joni Mitchell’s seminal album, Blue. [033]

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**2.00 PM**

**Deviita Ponnambalam**

**I Am Not Your Eve**

McNeillie Tent | £6

Based on historical events, a debut novel looks at the dark side of the artist Gauguin’s legacy. [034]

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**2.30 PM**

**Richard T Kelly**

**The Black Eden**

McNeillie Tent | £8

Kelly’s novel explores how the discovery of oil in the North Sea changes the lives of five very different men – as well as the fate of a nation. [035]

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**3.00 PM**

**Annalise Avery**

**Creative Writing Workshop**

County Buildings | £5

A workshop that takes us through the fundamental elements of fiction, using a dice to generate ideas and to start writing a story. [036]

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**3.30 PM**

**Rebecca Smith**

**Rural**

Sacred Heart Church | Pay what you can (suggested £8)

Smith explores rural working class lives, which are often shaped by ties to land owned by other people. [037]

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**3.30 PM**

**Joanne Harris**

**Broken Light**

Festival Marquee | £12

The author of Chocolat discusses her new novel about the power of female anger. [038]

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**4.00 PM**

**Sam Delaney**

**Sort Your Head Out**

McNeillie Tent | £8

The popular broadcaster makes the case that opening up is vital for strong mental health – especially for men! [039]

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**4.30 PM**

**The Science Act: 25 Years On**

Festival Marquee | £12

How has Scotland changed in the 25 years since the Scotland Act – and where does the nation go from here? With former first ministers Henry McLeish, Nicola Sturgeon and Liz Smith MSP. Chaired by former BBC Scotland political editor Brian Taylor. [040]

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**5.00 PM**

**Natasha Raskin Sharp**

**The Books of My Life**

County Buildings | £8

The popular Glasgow-born antiques expert tells us about her wide-ranging reading, and the stories old objects can tell us. [041]

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**7.00 PM**

**Pat Nevin**

**Football and How To Survive It**

Festival Marquee | £12

How the Barbarian wife of a 19th-century merchant made her way in Wigtown. Donna Brewer discusses the new edition of her novel inspired by a past inhabitant of the house she lived in. [042]

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A 21st-century take on Virginia Woolf’s celebrated talk about literary history, feminism and women. [043]

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**CE McGill**

**Our Hesitant Progeny**

McNeillie Tent | £6

This debut novel reimagines the Frankenstein story as a queer, gothic tale of female agency. [046]

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**10.30 AM**

**Carrie Marshall**

**Carrie Kills a Man**

County Buildings | £8

The true story of how a depressed suburban dad became a tattooed transgender rock singer and radio personality. [047]

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**10.30 PM**

**Spotlight on D&G Writers**

The Open Book | FREE

Today’s readers are Lydia McMillan, Kriss Nichol and Anne Dunford. (30 min) [048]

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**11.00 PM**

**Monica Macias**

**Black Girl from Pyongyang**

County Buildings | £8

The extraordinary life of the daughter of the president of Equatorial Guinea, who was brought up in the household of North Korea’s Kim Il Sung. [049]

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**11.30 PM**

**Merryn Glover**

**The Hidden Fires**

McNeillie Tent | £8

Growing to love the Cairngorms by following in the footsteps of the acclaimed nature writer Nan Shepherd. [050]

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**11.30 PM**

**Michael Blastland**

**Thinking in Pictures**

County Buildings | £8

The originator of BBC Radio 4’s More or Less argues that to understand complex ideas we need pictures as much as words. [051]

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**1.30 PM**

**SUNDAY**

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**4.30 PM**

**Blake Morrison & John Niven**

**Two Sisters / O Brother**

Festival Marquee | £8

Deeply personal family stories of addiction, mental illness, and suicide, from two of our finest writers. [052]
Jane Glover  
Mozart in Italy  
Festival Marquee | £10  
The Dame conductor transports us to 18th-century Italy on the heels of the child prodigy and his ambitious father. [081]

TASTING  
Michael Billett  
Peat and Whisky: The Unbreakable Bond  
County Buildings | £12.50  
A whisky connoisseur, peatland scientist and ecologist, Billett talks about a marriage made in heaven. Price includes whisky to taste. Over 18s only. [062]

FILM  
Stella  
Newton Stewart Cinema | £8  
Local filmmaker and author Jessica Fox reimagines the Cinderella story to lay bare a dangerous moment in D&B history. (12+ advised) [063]

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9.30AM  
Poetry for Breakfast  
County Buildings | £5  
Today’s poems come from the Unit 3 Poetry Group. (45 min) [065]

10.30AM  
Charles Foster  
Cry of the Wild  
County Buildings | £8  
The acclaimed author of Being a Beast considers the lives of eight beagle-germed animals from their perspectives. [066]

10.30AM  
Spotlight on D&G Writers  
The Open Book | FREE  
Today’s writers are Grace Brown, William Perks and Anthony Perks. (30 min approx) [067]

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Ben Please & Shaun Bythell  
Bookshops and Back Stories  
Meet outside 11 North Main Street | £7  
Visit Wigtown’s bookshops and hear about local history on this guided tour from a bestselling author and one half of The Bookshop Band. (75 min approx) [068]

12 NOON  
Prit Buttar  
To Besiege a City: Leningrad 1941-42  
County Buildings | £8  
An expert on the Eastern Front recounts the story of one of WWII’s pivotal moments. [069]

12 NOON  
Doug Johnstone  
The Space Between Us  
McNeillie Tent | £9  
The popular Scottish novelist on his life-affirming take on aliens in Edinburgh. Selected for BBC Radio 2’s Between the Covers book club. (070)

1PM  
Fungi Foraging Walk  
Galloway Wild Foods  
Meet at The Hive, Glentrool DG8 6SY | £40  
Join foraging teacher and mycophile Mark Williams of Galloway Wild Foods for an exploration of the remarkable world of fungi. (210 min approx) [071]

1.30PM  
Andrew Pettigree  
The Book at War  
County Buildings | £8  
Mao was a librarian, Stalin a poet, Evelyn Waugh a commando: St Andrews professor Andrew Pettigree considers how books have influenced war and vice-versa. [072]

1.30PM  
Anstey Harris  
When I First Held You  
McNeillie Tent | £8  
The Dumfries & Galloway-based novelist on her latest book, inspired by her own experience of forced adoption. [073]

2PM  
Disappearing Lines  
Workshop with Gail McGarva  
ReadingLasses Hut | £25  
(for this session and Thursday’s evening session)  
Book via gailmcgarva.boatbuilder@gmail.com. Share stories of objects from the exhibition, and objects you bring from home. [074]

2PM  
Lev Parikian  
Taking Flight  
County Buildings | £8  
The beloved nature writer and polymath tells us the awe-inspiring evolutionary story of flight via 14 species, from pterosaurs to butterflies. [075]

3PM  
Hugh McMillan  
John Keats and Me  
McNeillie Tent | £8  
Discover how Keats’ 1818 trip through Dumfries & Galloway in search of “experiences” affected his later poetry. [076]

3.30PM  
Woodfall Gardens  
DG8 8LW | FREE  
Woodfall’s atmospheric 18th-century walled gardens give a sense of security, serenity and seclusion. By kind permission of the owners, they will be open to the public before and after the Fitzwilliam Quartet concert nearby at 4pm. [077]

4PM  
MUSIC  
Zap and Whisky  
Festival Marquee | £8  
The owners of Galloway’s “secret garden” offer a unique guided tour to its delights. (45 min approx) Also 3pm. [080]

4PM  
Louise Minchin  
Fearless  
Festival Marquee | £12  
One of Britain’s best-loved broadcasters on “superhuman” women, and why she chose to join them in acts of extraordinary adventure-seeking. [078]

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5.30PM  
Poetry for Breakfast  
County Buildings | £5  
Today’s readings are from writers published by Drunk Muse Press. (45 min) [082]

6PM  
Jean Barr  
The Legacy  
County Buildings | £8  
Glasgow University professor Jean Barr on how the gift of her great-uncle’s trunk unlocked an extraordinary and unexpected family story about the slave trade. [084]

7PM  
Dorothy L Sayers  
Kirkudbright  
Meet outside Kirkudbright Galleries DG6 4AA | £15  
Work exploring how the crime writer took inspiration from the artists’ colony. (90 min approx) Also 2.30pm. [085]

8.30PM  
Spotlight on D&G writers  
The Open Book | FREE  
Today’s readers are IainHouston, Cary Coombs and Adrian Waterworth. (30 min) [086]
2PM
Marjorie Lotfi & Heshani Sothiraj Eddleston
The Language of Food
Home Farm, D8G 8HF | £15
A writing workshop about discovering our histories, culture and selves through the language of food. Please bring something to write in and with, plus a photograph or a mental image of someone or something who has had significance in your culinary life. (120 min) [92]

Woodfall Gardens
Guided Walk
Woodfall Gardens DG8 8LY | £6
Join the owners of Galloway’s “secret garden” for a wander through the grounds. (90 min approx) Also 10am. [93]

Dorothy L Sayers
in Kirkcudbright
Meet outside Kirkcudbright Galleries DG6 4AA | £15
See 10.30am. [94]

3PM
Allyson Shaw
Ashes and Stones: A Scottish Journey in Search of Witches and Witness
County Buildings | £8
In the 1700s, Scotland led the way in Europe in persecuting so-called witches. Allyson Shaw discusses her moving trip to witness the lives of the victims. [95]

Katty Baird
Meetings about Moths
McNeillie Tent | £8
Learn about Green Longhorns, Kentish Glories, Death’s Head Hawk-Moths and more from the ecologist and author who works out of the Whittingehame Estate in East Lothian. [96]

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THURSDAY

2.30PM
Patrick Barkham
The Swimmer: The Wild Life of Roger Deakin
County Buildings | £8
Patrick Barkham talks about his study of the pioneering nature writer and wild swimmer, one of 2022 s most talked about biographies. [97]

6PM
Jenny Graham
Coffee First, Then the World: One Woman’s Record-Breaking Paypal Around the Planet
County Buildings | £10
Scottish cycling’s endurance superstar tells the story of her punishing 124-day, 18,000-mile journey around the world on two wheels. [98]

7.30PM
Sarah Stewart
Creative Bookbinding Workshop
Craigad Gallery, 13 North Main Street | £25
Learn how to make handcrafted books and zines. Tickets via www.craigardgallery.co.uk. (90 min) [99]

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12 NOON
Sherry Buchanan
On the Ho Chi Minh Trail
Festival Marquee | £8
The surprising, untold story of the women recruited to help fight the Vietnam War. [101]

2PM
Poetry for Breakfast
County Buildings | £5
Today’s poets are Gerda Stevenson and Iona Lee. (45 min), [102]

4.30PM
Patrick Barkham
McNeillie Tent | £6
A blackly comic tale of a family coping with mental illness, infidelity, and extreme toothache. [108]

1.30PM
Robert Tugger
36 Islands: In Search of the Hidden Wonders of the Lake District
County Buildings | £8
Inspired by Arthur Ransome, author of Swallows and Amazons, explorer Robert Tugger decided to visit the Lake District’s 36 uninhabited islands using an inflatable canoe. [103]

6PM
Leah Hazard
Womb
County Buildings | £8
The bestselling author of Hard Pushed: A Midwife’s Story turns her attention to the place where it all began, the uterus. [110]

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3PM
Steven Veerapen
The Wisest Fool: The Lavish Life of James VI and 1 Festival Marquee | £8
James VI has often been portrayed as a drooling idiot. Separating fact from propaganda, this new biography gives a quite different portrait. “A page-turner for lovers of history”, Philippa Gregory. [111]

7.30PM
Sarah Stewart
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Stories of Wigtownshire’s wildwoodsmen, from legendary actor James Robertson Justice, to conservationist Sir Peter Scott and author Gavin Maxwell. [116]

9PM
Jo Caulfield
The Funny Thing About Death
Festival Marquee | £10
The popular comedian’s warm, funny and moving tribute to her older sister Annie, a screenwriter and broadcaster. [113]

Liz O’Riordan
Under the Knife: Life Lessons from the Operating Theatre
County Buildings | £8
A breast surgeon’s personal experience of cancer and depression, the lessons she learned and her message of hope for patients and caregivers. [122]

Chris Carse Wilson
Fray
McNeillie Tent | £6
A stirring debut novel set in the Highlands, which finds a family coping with a mysterious disappearance. “Beautiful, amazing, completely mesmerising,” Alan Cumming. [123]
**3PM**
Ruth Scurr
*Neapolitan: A Life Told in Gardens and Shadows*
County Buildings | £8

Acclaimed biographer Ruth Scurr on her fiercely original book about the emperor’s fascination with gardens and the land. [138]

**7.30PM**
*The Wigtown Poetry Prize 2023*
County Buildings | Pay What You Can

Join us in celebration as we announce the winners of the Wigtown Poetry Prize. Hosted by Hugh McMillan. [136]

**9.30PM**
Book at Bedtime
*New Chapter Books*
*Pay What You Can*

*You Can* | £5

Join novelist Hugh McMillan and award-winning author of popular @HaggardHawks twitter @HaggardHawks from the man behind the hugely wonderful English language. Stories about the weird and wonderful often because they’re women. [128] Probably never heard of them

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*Spotlight on D&G writers*
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**12 NOON**
*Kathryn Harkup*
Superfics Science
County Buildings | £8

On the 70th anniversary of James Bond’s arrival, Dr Harkup talks us through the astonishing science behind 007’s world. [125]

**2 NOON**
*Sally Magnusson*
Music in the Dark
Festival Marquee | £12

Loosely inspired by her grandmother’s story, the broadcaster’s new novel looks at the effect of the Clearances on Scottish lives. [146]

**3PM**
*Ruth Scurr*
*Naples: A Life Told in Gardens and Shadows*
County Buildings | £8

Travel to 1870s Paris with the award-winning Scottish author of *The Tenderness of Wolves*. [135]

**7.30PM**
*A Deadly Dinner*
Kathryn Harkup
Penninghame Estate | £60

Sure, your supper’s delicious, but could it be poisonous? Enjoy a three-course meal as you find out how the great crime writers killed their characters with ingredients found on everyday dinner plates. [137]

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*Panel*
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Festival Marquee | £8

Join us in celebration for an evening of traditional Scottish dancing. Everyone welcome; no experience necessary. Music provided by Creel. [139]

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*The Beasts of Paris*
McNeillie Tent | £8

Author Dan Richards and Dark Book at Bedtime talk the pulse of our health service at 75. [134]

**8.30PM**
*Helen Czarski*
*Blue Machine*
Festival Marquee | £8

From Shakespeare’s most beloved plays. [150]

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*Paul Tarling & John Atkinson*
*Birds and a Bard*
Meet outside County Buildings | **FREE** but ticketed

As you listen out for autumn birdsong with ranger Paul, John will read poems inspired by our avian neighbours. [142]

**10.30AM**
*Jonathan Fairies*
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Professor Jonathan Fairies, who curated V&A Dundee’s Tartan exhibition, looks at the fabric pattern’s global influence. “An instant classic”, Tristan Gooley. [144]

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Festival Marquee | £12

The storytelling supreme talks about his work and shares some of his adaptations of Shakespeare’s most beloved plays. [150]

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*Paul Anthony Jones*
Why is this a Question? McNeillie Tent | £8

Stories about the weird and wonderful English language from the man behind the hugely popular @HaggardHawks twitter account. [129]

**12 NOON**
*Scotland’s Young Makars Festival Marquee | **FREE**
Join Scotland’s Young Makars of 2023 as they deliver a series of imaginative, funny, and insightful poems. Hosted by Marjorie Lotfi. [127]

**2 NOON**
*Peter Stothard*
Palatine: The Alternative History of the Caesars McNeillie Tent | £8

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*Renita Boyle’s Wild Blossom Walk*
THE DIVERSE BOOK AWARDS
Celebrating Diversity
Sue Cheung, Manjeet Mann & Natasha Bowen
County Buildings | £5
Author, co-founder and director of the Diverse Book Awards, Abiola Bello, joins the past three DBA winning YA authors on stage in this Wigtown exclusive event. [157]

AMBROSE PARRY
Voices of the Dead
County Buildings | £8
Welcoming crime-writing’s dynamic duo, Chris Brookmyre and Marisa Haetzman, with the next instalment of their Edinburgh-set series featuring Dr Will Raven and Sarah Fisher. [159]

MUSIC
Colin MacIntyre
In My Mind There’s a Room
McNeillie Tent | £8
The writer-musician behind Mull Historical Society showcases his new album, written in collaboration with authors including Ian Rankin and Val McDermid. [165]

THEATRE
Leif Bersweden
Leif’s Plant Walk
Meet Outside County Buildings | £8
Springwatch’s new resident botanist leads this walk taking an up-close look at Wigtown’s flora. [170]

Tilo Kunath
The future of nature and re-engineering our world, with special emphasis on Kunath’s work on Parkinson’s disease. [182]

MUSIC
The Festival Fiddlers
A Silver Salute to Wigtown
Festival Marquee | £8
Players from the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra and guests provide a rousing finale to the 25th festival. [185]
Big Wig events
Entertaining & inspiring events for our youngest festivalgoers

**Fri 22 Sept**

**8.30PM**

**Festival Fireworks**
Mercat Cross
**FREE** | Family
A bagpipe procession, fireworks and a hog roast. The Kirkcudbright and District Pipe Band will lead the way to Bank Street for fireworks over Wigtown Bay.

**Sat 23 Sept**

**9.30AM**

**Family Yoga with YogaShona**
The Burrow | **FREE** | Family
Start your weekend with a relaxed body and calm mind. Join Shona MacLeod as she introduces the art of yoga. [C02]

**10AM**

**Tom Schamp Draws Wigtown**
Outside the County Buildings
**FREE** | Family
Join Belgian illustrator Tom Schamp to create a huge piece of participatory art that will celebrate 25 years of Wigtown Book Festival. Drop-in. (To 4pm) [C03]

**10.30AM**

**Big Wig’s Family Rhyme Time**
Renita Boyle
The Burrow | **FREE** | U6
Join Big Wig and our storyteller in residence, stories, rhymes and dancing. [C04] Supported with Makaton

**11AM**

**That’s Not My... T-Rex**
Vanessa Woolf
*The Library | **FREE** | U6
Storyteller Vanessa Woolf takes us on a sensory journey alongside five very friendly dinosaurs. (30 min approx) Also at 12:00 and 15:00. [C05]

**12 NOON**

**Life Size Deadly Animals**
Sophy Henn
The Burrow | **£3** | 5-9
How do you measure up against some of the world’s deadliest animals? Join picture book star, Sophy Henn, on this interactive lifesize adventure. [C07]

**1.30PM**

**Marv and the Killer Plants**
Alex Palase-Koya & Paula Bowles
The Burrow | **£3** | 5-9
Marv’s life is pretty ordinary until one day he finds a superhero suit in his attic. A perfect session for all budding superheroes. [C08]

**2PM**

**Shona the Vet: A Coast to Coast Adventure**
Catherine Stables
County Buildings | **£3** | U6
Join author, illustrator and working vet Catherine Stables, as she shares her debut picture book Shona the Vet. [C09]

**3PM**

**Loki: A Bad God’s Guide To Ruling the World**
Louie Stowell
The Burrow | **£3** | 8-12
Still stranded in the body of a schoolboy, trickster god Loki must resist the temptation of the cursed ring of Andvari. [C10]

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Magic, friendship and a prank special as young refugee children adapt to engage those with PMLD. [C25]

**5PM**

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Bethany Porter
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Combining music, storytelling and craft, renowned cellist Bethany Porter explores the Lost Words in a relaxed setting. [C16]

**6PM**

**The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish**
Chloe Savage
County Buildings | **£3** | U6
Intended to inspire young explorers and dreamers, this thrilling debut finds Dr Morley on a quest to reach the world’s northernmost tip. [C17]

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**Sun 24 Sept**

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**12 NOON**

**Doorstep to Dark Skies**
Helena Cochrane
The Old Wigtown Motor Company | **FREE** ticketed | 10+ Astrophotographer, Helena Cochrane’s immersive short film will transport you from the festival into the starlit Galloway Forest Park. [C28]

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Morpurgo shares his adaptations of Shakespeare’s most beloved plays. [C33]

One Button Benny and the Dinosaur Dilemma
Alan Windram
The Burrow | £3 | U6
It’s party time in Robot Town! Join BookBug Picture Book Prize-winning Alan Windram to bounce, boogie, jump and twist. [C34]

3PM
Saving Neverland
Ali Elphinstone
County Buildings | £3 | 8-12
Elphinstone’s enchanting fantasy propels Martha and Scruff into an adventure to release Neverland from the icy grip of Captain Hook. [C35]

Knights Sir Louis and the Sinister Snowball
The Brothers McLeod
The Burrow | £3 | 5-9
Conjure up your very own knight characters in this hilarious interactive event with the creators of the Knight Sir Louis series. [C36]

4.30PM
Kings and Queens of Scotland
Theresa Breslin
The Burrow | £3 | 8-12
Strong queens, secret plots and fierce battles – discover the historic legends of Scotland’s monarchs. [C37]

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Hourly from 9.15AM
Doorstep to Dark Skies
Helena Cochrane
The Old Wigtown Motor Company | FREE ticketed | 10+ See Saturday 30 September. [C38]

10.30AM
Serpent of the Sands
Vashti Hardy
The Burrow | £3 | 8-12
Vashti Hardy invites you into the world of her fantasy series, Brightstorm, and her latest book Serpent of the Sands. [C39]

Whirly Twirly Me
Manjeet Mann
County Buildings | £3 | U6
Some days are whirly twirly days, where the strops have you in a flop and everything is too much. A sensitive book all about big feelings. [C40]

12 NOON
Is That Your Mama?
Patrice Lawrence
The Burrow | £3 | U6
Multi-award-winning Patrice Lawrence explores what it truly means to be a family. [C41]

Anisha, Accidental Detective
Serena Patel
County Buildings | £3 | 8-12
There’s sabotage on the school trip, in the seventh hilarious case of the Anisha, Accidental Detective series. [C42]

1.30PM
Foxlight
Katya Balen
The Burrow | £3 | 8-12
Haunting, compelling and full of heart, a new stunning novel from the author of the Carnegie winning October, October. [C43]

3PM
The Magical World of Vivian French
Vivian French
The Burrow | £3 | U6
Vivian French has been creating original fairy stories for over 30 years. In this Wigtown exclusive, she talks about her inspiration for stories both old and new. [C44]
VISITOR INFORMATION

Our full programme
This listings guide is designed for use at the festival. To find out more about this year’s events, please visit wigtownbookfestival.com or scan the QR code.

Our office
Our office and box office is at 11 North Main Street. Our staff and volunteers will be happy to try to answer any queries you have.

Venues
Most venues are within short walking distance. For parking info and events out of town, see p18.

The Festival Bookshop
The Festival Bookshop is located on the ground floor of the County Buildings opposite the Festival Marquee, County Buildings and McNellie Tent are equipped with induction loops.

Environment
The festival is committed to reducing its environmental impact. Please consider ride-sharing or public transport, and use the recycle bins provided.

Pay What You Can
Everyone’s feeling the pinch. For the first time, we’re offering more than a dozen Pay What You Can events. See listings for details.

Concessions
Subject to availability, under-26s can attend events for free (excluding Big Wig and food and drink events). Not available online. ID may be requested at venue or on collection. Registered students and the wageless can buy tickets at most events for £2 on the door from 15 minutes before the start, subject to availability.

Friends
By joining our Friends or Friends for Life scheme from £25, you can support the festival and get 10% off tickets plus other benefits. Go online or ask at the box office to find out more.

In person
Visit our box office at 11 North Main St, Wigtown DG8 9HN

Opening hours
Before the festival: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm
During the festival: Daily 9am-6.30pm

By phone
During office hours on 01988 403222.

We accept CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS, CASH AND CHEQUES.

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By phone
During office hours on 01988 403222.

We accept CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS, CASH AND CHEQUES.

< Wigtown is in the Machars peninsula in Dumfries & Galloway. Journey time by car is approximately 2.5 hours from Glasgow and 3 hours from Edinburgh. The nearest railway stations are Barrhill (from Glasgow and Ayr), Dumfries (from Carlisle) and Lockerbie (from Edinburgh).
Parking
Town centre parking is limited. Please follow the signs to the festival car park at the Old Showfield (Southfield Park) when you enter Wigtown. Disabled parking and electric charging facilities can be found in the old Lorry Park opposite the County Buildings on South Main Street.

Venues outside Wigtown
Please see below for postcodes of events taking place outside Wigtown. Most are around 15-30 minutes’ drive away. Car sharing is encouraged. Please contact the box office should you need help with transport.

Bladnoch Distillery 1.3 miles (DG8 9AB)
Glasserton Church 13 miles (DG8 8LY)
The Hive at Glentrool 16.6 miles (DG8 6SY)
Home Farm 10.8 miles (DG8 8HF)
Kirkcudbright Galleries 31.2 miles (DG6 4AA)
Newton Stewart Cinema 6.9 miles (DG8 6NL)
Slachter Hus 10.9 miles (DG8 8PP)
Penninghame Estate 10.4 miles (DG8 8HF)
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