

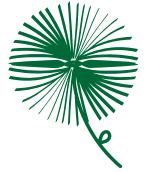
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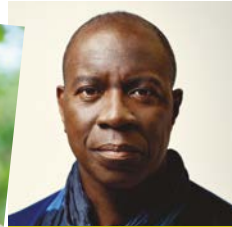
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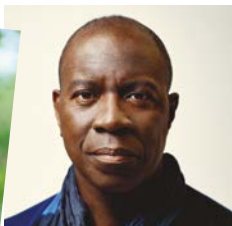
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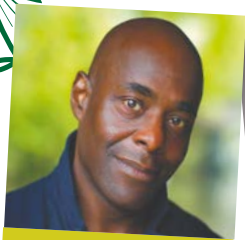
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The cinema team are proud to deliver regular events to sponsor the local area, as well as a variety of club and group opportunities in its calendar. Everyone is welcome even just for a drink or to work from one of the stunning, art-deco inspired bars.



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WELCOME TO THE CHISWICK BOOK FESTIVAL 2023

The 15th Chiswick Book Festival brings together top authors and their readers for inspiring and entertaining events in many genres - fiction, history, politics, crime, biography, health, food, gardening, music, workshops and children's books. See the full programme and author details on our website: www.chiswickbookfestival.net.

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The Chiswick Book Festival is a non-profit-making community event. Since 2009 it has raised more than £120,000 for charities and St Michael & All Angels Church, which runs the Festival as part of its mission of arts and community outreach. This year it will support St Michael & All Angels (registered charity no. 1133805) and these three reading charities:



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Carers are entitled to a free ticket by emailing boxoffice@chiswickbookfestival.net

BUYING BOOKS

A team from Waterstones' Chiswick branch will sell copies of the authors' books after each event and most authors will stay after their talks to sign them.

EVENTS

All events last one hour unless otherwise stated. Some children's events are shorter. Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult, each with their own ticket.

VENUES

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, most events take place within five minutes walk of Turnham Green tube station: at **St Michael & All Angels Church & Parish Hall** (Bath Road, Chiswick, W4 1TT), **ArtsEd** (14 Bath Road, W4 1LY - please go to main reception), the **Theatre at the Tabard** (2 Bath Road, W4 1LW), **Orchard House School** (2 Rupert Road, W4 1LX - entrance on Bath Road - Please note: **NOT** 16 Newton Grove, W4 1LB).

Other sessions take place around Chiswick High Road: at **Chiswick Library** (1 Duke's Avenue, W4 2AB), the **George IV** - Boston Room, (185 Chiswick High Road, W4 2DR) and **The Chiswick Cinema** (94-96 Chiswick High Road, W4 1SH). Chiswick Cinema is offering 15% off all food and wine to anyone with a ticket to a Chiswick Book Festival event at the cinema on that day.

Some sessions take place slightly further afield: on Thursday 7th at **Chiswick House & Gardens** (Burlington Lane, W4 2RP), on Monday 11th at **Hogarth's House** (Hogarth Lane, Great West Rd

W4 2QN); and our **Writers Walks**. See details and map on website.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Garden Pavilion at Chiswick House, St Michael & All Angels Church and Parish Hall, ArtsEd, Chiswick Library, the George IV and Orchard House School have full disabled access. Theatre at the Tabard is accessed by a staircase and unfortunately does not have a lift. See our website for more details on access and accessibility.

TRAVEL & TIMINGS

Turnham Green (District Line) is the nearest tube station. Buses go along Chiswick High Road, Turnham Green Terrace and Southfield Road. Parking: free north of the Bath Road on Saturday and Sunday; on meters towards Chiswick High Road (some 4-hour meters).

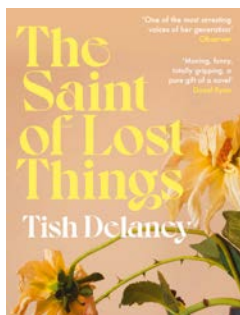
FOOD AND DRINK

Coffee and cakes will be sold outside the Parish Hall. Drinks will be on sale before the evening sessions at Chiswick House and ArtsEd; on Saturday in the Church & Parish Hall; in the George IV and The Chiswick Cinema; and at Hogarth's House. There are cafes and restaurants near the main venues.

REFUNDS

Refunds are only issued if the event itself is cancelled.

We hope you enjoy your visit to the Chiswick Book Festival.

**6pm:****Chiswickbuzz Book Club: Tish Delaney**

Before My Actual Heart Breaks won the Authors' Club Best First Novel Award 2022. Tish will join us online to discuss her new novel, *The Saint of Lost Things*,

chosen as a *Guardian* Summer Read. 'One of those perfect reading experiences that come along very occasionally; it's moving, funny, tragic, triumphant, totally gripping, a pure gift of a novel.' Donal Ryan.



Via Zoom. Admission free, but tickets must be booked online, by either scanning the QR code, or following the link: <https://bit.ly/CBuzz23>

**7pm-9pm: Local Authors' Showcase**

To kick off the Festival in style, **Torin Douglas** and **Jo James** showcase the wealth of local talent that Chiswick has to offer. Each author has just two minutes to speak about their book, making this a fast-paced, fun and fascinating evening. There is a bar open throughout this event, and an interval halfway through.

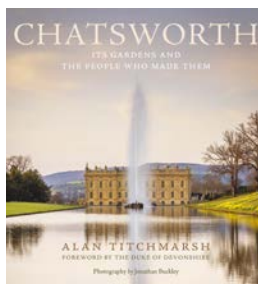
Boston Room, George IV Pub, Chiswick High Road, £8. Bar open from 6pm

See Festival website for author details.

**3-5pm: Festival Walk 1: Strand-on-the-Green to Grove Park**

Chiswick's picturesque riverside has been home to political journalists, thriller writers, playwrights, humorists, poets and classic novelists. Wander along the Thames with local Blue Badge Guide **Guy Fairbank** and encounter the likes of Nancy Mitford, Geoffrey Household, Margaret Kennedy, Robert Bolt and Dylan Thomas. The 2-hour walk begins outside the Strand Café, Strand-on-the-Green (Kew Bridge end) and ends by Chiswick mainline station.

Strand Café, 109 Strand-on-the-Green, £15

**7pm:****Alan Titchmarsh: Chatsworth and Chiswick**

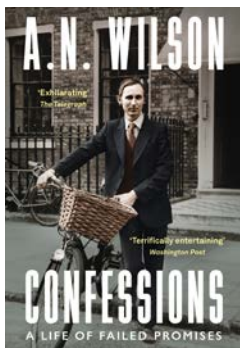
Acclaimed garden writer and broadcaster **Alan Titchmarsh** will discuss his new book

Chatsworth: Its Gardens and the People who Made Them with **Rosie Fyles**, Head of Gardens at Chiswick House & Gardens Trust. These celebrated gardens were both owned by the 6th Duke of Devonshire who persuaded Joseph Paxton to leave Chiswick to create Chatsworth. The talk will cover key moments in their history and the gardens in the present day.

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**Bar open and books on sale from 6pm
The Garden Pavilion, Chiswick House, £15**

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER



6:15pm:

**A.N. Wilson:
Confessions**

Known for his sparkling journalism, biographies and novels, Festival favourite

A.N. Wilson turns a merciless searchlight on his own early life, talking to author and

screenwriter **Daisy Goodwin** about his memoir *Confessions: A Life of Failed Promises*.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £12



8pm: An Evening with Marcus Brigstocke and Jess Phillips

Comedian **Marcus Brigstocke** and MP **Jess Phillips** enjoy challenging the system and each other. Join them for an entertaining hour of books, badinage and boisterous banter.

Bar open from 7pm

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, 14 Bath Road, £12

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

10:45am:

Russia v China: Which is the Greater Threat?

Does China or Russia pose the greater threat to international security? And what would happen if they formed an alliance? **Ritula Shah** chairs a discussion which explores the issue with panellists **Ian Williams** (*The Fire of The Dragon*:



China's New Cold War), **Gilbert Achcar** (*The New Cold War*) and foreign correspondent **Alan Philips** (*The Red Hotel*).

Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Rd, £10



**11am: Pat Owtram:
Century Sisters**

Pat Owtram wrote the best-selling *Codebreaker Sisters* with her sister Jean and has just had a telegram from the King on her 100th birthday. In her new book, *Century Sisters*:

Our Hundred Years; A Fairytale Childhood in the Shadow of War, she brings to life their childhood from the 1920s and 30s in Newland Hall, Lancashire, including fascinating details from recently discovered diaries. In conversation with **Simon Robinson**.

Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10

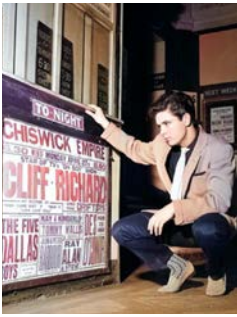


11am: Harriet Evans & Lucy Atkins: Friends, Family and Fiction

Harriet Evans (*The Stargazers*) was brought up in Chiswick and worked in publishing before becoming a *Sunday Times* best-selling author. **Lucy Atkins**

(*Windmill Hill*) is an award-winning author, critic and Costa Book Awards judge. They talk with **Caroline Raphael** about the part friendships, family and mystery play in popular fiction.

Theatre at the Tabard, £10



11am-1pm:
Festival Walk 2:
Chiswick Rocks!

On this two-hour musical history tour **Guy Fairbank** will take you past the studios where the Rolling Stones and The Who recorded their last

albums; see where many pop stars have their tracks mastered; and find the headquarters of Island Records, a theatre opened by a 1920s Hollywood star and the home of a groovy raver.

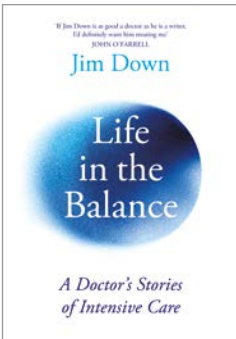
Meeting point: Stamford Brook tube station, £15



12:30pm:

Peter Hanington & Greg Mosse: 'Cli-fi' Thrillers

Climate change and the environment not only affect politics and pressure groups, they are entering the world of literature. **Greg Mosse's** debut novel *The Coming Darkness* is a fast paced climate thriller. **Peter Hanington's** latest, *The Burning Time*, is an international thriller with a topical environmental theme. They talk to novelist and former journalist, **Ava Glass**. **Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Road, £10**

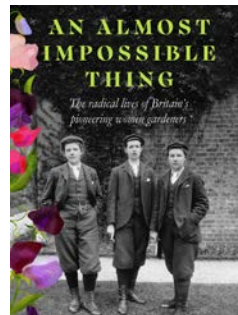


11:15am: Dr Jim Down:

Life in the Balance
Consultant at UCL Hospital **Dr. Jim Down** talks to **Julia Wheeler** about his life working in intensive care, describing the challenges, the effects on doctors' mental health as well as the

rewards, as revealed in his honest memoir *Life in The Balance*.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10

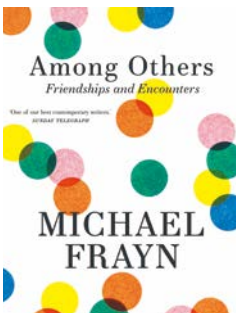


12:30pm: Gardening's Forgotten Feminists with Fiona Davison and Rosie Fyles

In her first book, *The Hidden Horticulturalists*, **Fiona Davison**, head of libraries at the RHS, revealed Chiswick's important

role in training Joseph Paxton and other young working class men, who went on to create some of the world's great gardens. In her new book *An Almost Impossible Thing*, she uncovers the radical lives of pioneering women gardeners in the years before World War I. She talks to **Rosie Fyles**, Head of Gardens at Chiswick House & Gardens Trust.

Theatre at the Tabard, £10

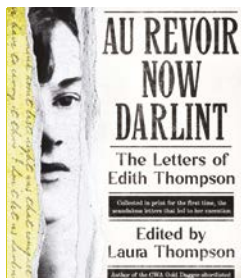


12:30pm:

Michael Frayn at 90
Acclaimed playwright and novelist **Michael Frayn** FRSL will be 90 this week. He tells **Torin Douglas** about the people who have shaped his life from childhood friends to

lovers, as revealed in his moving collection of short essays *Among Others: Friendships and Encounters*. Bar open from 12 noon.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, £10



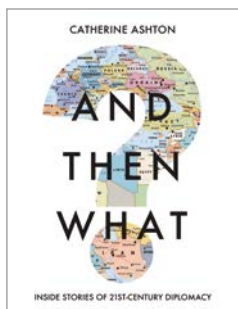
12:45pm:

The Execution of Edith Thompson

Edith Thompson was executed for murder in 1923, despite there being no evidence that she was involved (a pardon is under

consideration). Author **Laura Thompson** talks to **Carolyn Quinn** about the letters that led to her conviction, collected and published in print for the first time on the centenary of Edith's death.

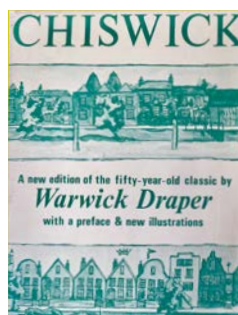
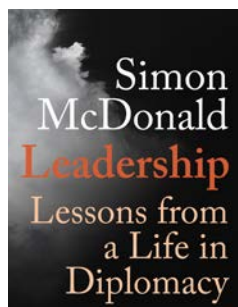
Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10



2pm: A Life in Diplomacy

Catherine Ashton was the EU's first representative for Foreign Affairs and Security. **Simon McDonald** rose to be Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, after four decades in HM Diplomatic Service. Now life peers, both have written books about modern diplomacy. Chaired by **Julia Wheeler**.

Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Rd, £10



2pm: Chiswick's People and Stories

100 years after Warwick Draper published his history, **Val Bott** and **James Wisdom** of the Brentford & Chiswick Local History Society discuss Chiswick's fascinating past with

Festival director **Torin Douglas**.

Theatre at the Tabard, £10

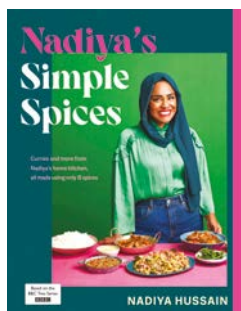


1pm: A Monk's Guide to Hard Times and Fearless Living

Gelong Thubten is a Buddhist monk and the author of the *Sunday Times* bestseller *A Monk's Guide to Happiness*. He talks to **Father Kevin Morris**

about his new book *Handbook for Hard Times*, showing us how to access deep reserves of inner strength and develop compassion and forgiveness, so that we can embrace a fearless outlook on life.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10

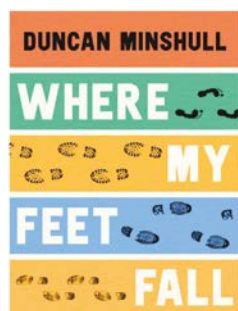


1:15pm: Nadiya Hussain: Simple Spices

Celebrated TV cook and author **Nadiya Hussain** lines up a selection of readily available spices which she keeps in her cupboard to cook delicious family meals. She talks to presenter

and cookery writer **Jo Pratt** about her new book *Nadiya's Simple Spices*.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £10



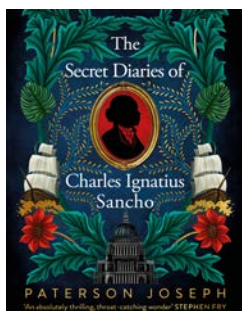
2-3:30pm:

Festival Walk 3: Where My Feet Fall

Join author **Duncan Minshull** for a saunter around lovely Chiswick House Gardens, where he will read from his latest book celebrating the joys of walking

and ask his fellow travellers - why do you go walking? Setting off from Hogarth's House, the walk will end at St Michael and All Angels Church, the festival hub.

Meeting point: Hogarth's House, £12



2:30pm:

Paterson Joseph

Delve into the world of Regency London and the experiences of the fascinating 18th century composer, Charles Ignatius Sancho, from his birth on a slave ship to

moving in high circles. His story is told in the debut novel, *The Secret Diary of Charles Ignatius Sancho*, by much-loved British actor and author **Paterson Joseph**, in conversation with historian **Miranda Malins**.

Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10

CHRIS TARRANT
It's Not a Proper Job



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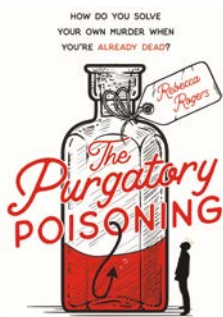
Chris Tarrant:

It's Not a Proper Job

From life as a teacher to presenting ITV's *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?*, **Chris Tarrant** has enjoyed a career filled with pranks, fun and hilarity.

He tells journalist and author **Caroline Frost** stories from his 50 years in TV and radio, as told in his book *It's Not a Proper Job*.

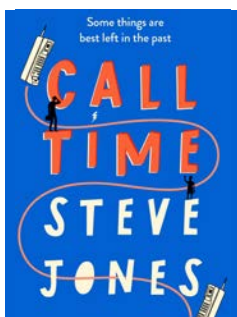
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2:45pm: Time Travelling Comic Crime

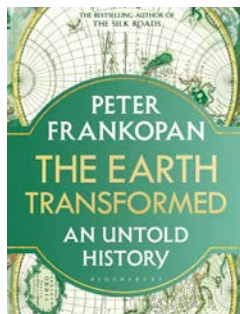
Unexplained events and voices from the past are found in new novels which combine humour, crime and time travel. Authors

Rebecca Rogers (*The Purgatory Poisoning*) and



Steve Jones (*Call Time*) discuss this entertaining genre which gives a new twist to the crime novel. Chaired by **Frankie Burr**.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10



3:15pm:

Peter Frankopan: The Earth Transformed

Climate change is not new. Leading historian **Peter Frankopan's** new book *The Earth Transformed* explores how a changing climate has shaped the

development and demise of civilizations since the beginning of time. Chaired by **Clare Clark**.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £10



3:30pm: The Rise of the Podcast

On the train, in the cafe or at home... people now listen to podcasts everywhere. Crime, comedy, politics, science, fact or fiction can be enjoyed at your leisure, when you choose. Join audio director and producer **Caroline Raphael**, broadcaster **Jane Garvey** and former BBC technology correspondent **Rory Cellan-Jones** as they discuss the podcast phenomenon with former BBC producer, **Antony Garvey**.

Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Rd, £10



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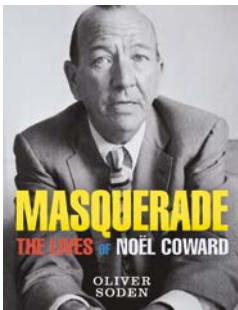


4:15pm: Shakespeare's 1st Folio: Six (Very) Short Films

To mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's first folio, six ground-breaking films

celebrate some of the playwright's most famous words, voiced by an all-star cast including Tom Baker (*Doctor Who*), Eliza Butterworth (*The Last Kingdom*), Crystal Clarke (*Sanditon*), Amber Anderson (*Peaky Blinders*) and singer Cerys Matthews. Created by BAFTA-nominated filmmaker, **Jack Jewers**, the screenings will be followed by a Q&A with Jack and author **Ava Glass**.

Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10



4:15pm: Oliver Soden on Noel Coward

50 years after Noel Coward's death, with exclusive access to his unpublished diaries and letters, **Oliver Soden's** biography *Masquerade* has been hailed as "brilliant",

"riveting" and "the biography that Coward deserves". Soden talks to **Torin Douglas** about Coward's unconventional life, love affairs and extraordinary writing and performances.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, £10



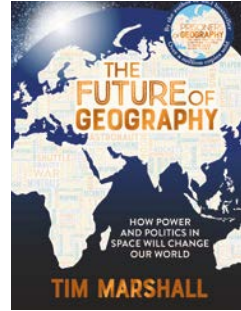
4:30pm: Eleanor Steafel: Friday Night Food (and Drink!)

The recipe for effortless entertaining and successful meals to enjoy with friends at the end of the week is discussed by *Daily Telegraph* writer

and columnist **Eleanor Steafel** whose first cookbook *The Art of Friday Night Dinner: Recipes*

for the best night of the week is a result of her many years of gathering friends around her table. She joins food writer and presenter **Jo Pratt** to talk about food, friendship and fail-safe cooking.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £15, includes complimentary drink and nibbles on arrival.

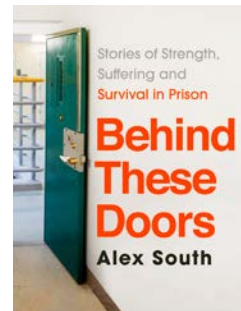


5pm: Tim Marshall: The Geopolitics of Space

What happens in space in the coming years will revolutionise life on earth, argues **Tim Marshall**, bestselling writer on geopolitics and leading authority on foreign affairs. He

discusses the issues raised in his book *The Future of Geography* which addresses the new space race, power rivalry, technology and economics with **Carolyn Quinn**.

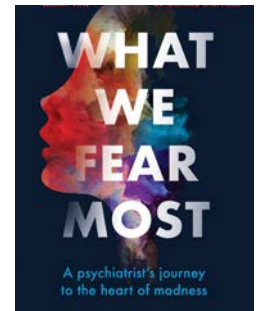
St Michael & All Angels Church, £10



5pm: Inside Job: Lives Spent Working with Prisoners

How should we treat prisoners and those who watch them? In her memoir *Behind These Doors*, **Alex South** looks back at her ten years as a young woman working as a prison officer in some of the UK's most notorious prisons. She joins consultant forensic psychiatrist **Dr Ben Cave**, author of *What We Fear Most*, who has treated severe mental illness in the healthcare unit of prisons and secure hospitals. Chaired by the BBC's Culture and Media Editor, **Katie Razzall**.

Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Rd, £10



5:30pm: Festival 15th Birthday Drinks

Help us celebrate our 15th Birthday, with festival drinks in aid of our 2023 charities - Read for Good, Koestler Arts and Read Easy Ealing.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall (downstairs), pay bar

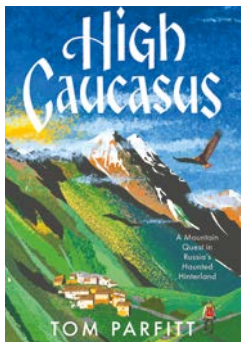


6pm:

Twice Upon a Time Podcast with Phyllis Logan

In the hit podcast *Twice Upon A Time*, writer and broadcaster **Janet Ellis** invites well-known people to discuss their favourite childhood books. In this live recording session, she talks to actress **Phyllis Logan**.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, £10



6:15pm:

The High Caucasus: Travels in Russia's High Mountains

The Times Russia correspondent **Tom Parfitt** witnessed the bloody Beslan siege of 2004 by Chechen and Ingush militants in the Caucasus region of

Southern Russia. Afterwards he embarked on a thousand mile quest in search of peace and an understanding of the roots of violence in the region. He talks frankly to **Lea Sellers** about confronting his trauma through connecting with the history and people of the area.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10



6:30pm:

Louise Minchin: Fearless

Louise talks to **Clare Clark** about free-diving under ice, mountaineering, cave diving and more to celebrate these women who are breaking down barriers and challenging stereotypes.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £10



8:15pm:

Gavin Esler: Britain is Better Than This

The award-winning journalist and former presenter of BBC's *Newsnight*, **Gavin Esler**, explores with **Julian Worricker** Britain's political system,

offering insight into why we are a country in deep crisis, and what we can do to save it.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £10

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER



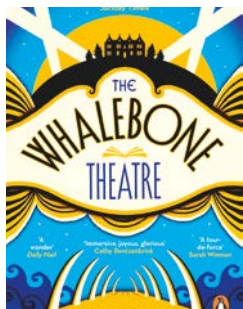
11am-1pm:

Festival Walk 4: From Chiswick Park Station to Turnham Green Station

Chiswick has been the home to writers of massive world-wide repute. On the 2-hour (or just over) walk,

Alan Fortune leads us through the streets of Chiswick and Bedford Park, past the former homes of two Nobel Prize winners and a Man Booker Prize winner; a hugely popular comedian; one of the great chroniclers of London's 'underbelly'; and a famous writer of dystopian novels.

Meeting point: Chiswick Park Station, £15

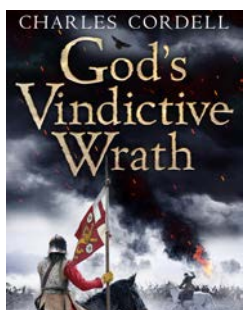


11am-12:30pm:
Behind the Scenes:
How Does a Book Get Published?

How does a book go from an idea in an author's head to the finished product? How long does it take? Who's involved and what do

they actually do? **Joanna Quinn**, author of the bestselling debut *The Whalebone Theatre*, her agent **Clare Alexander**, her editor **Helen Garnons-Williams**, and her publicist **Olivia Mead** are here to tell you and answer your publishing questions.

Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Road, £12

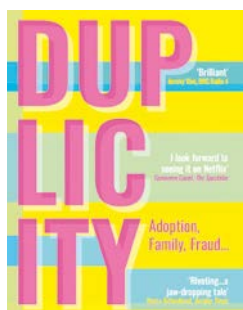


11:30am:
English Civil War:
A Divided Kingdom

The atrocities of battle and the brutality of the English Civil War are brought to life in **Charles Cordell's** book *God's Vindictive Wrath*, which ends at

the Battles of Brentford and Turnham Green. The former soldier and diplomat talks to **Julian Humphrys** of the Battlefields Trust about his debut novel, the first in the Divided Kingdom series of English Civil War historical fiction.

Theatre at the Tabard, £10



11:30am:
Donna Freed:
Duplicity

When her adoptive mother died in 2009 **Donna Freed** set out to track down her birth mother. What she discovered was truly shocking - she was

the daughter of a pair of infamous con artists, at the heart of one of the biggest true crime

stories to grip the USA in the 1960s. Donna talks to **Jeremy Vine** about her story, and what happened when she met her biological mother.
Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10

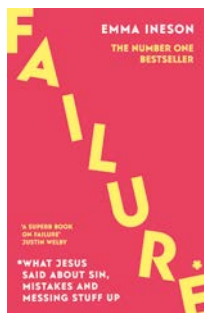


12:15pm:
Steve Richards:
Turning Points

Some of the key events in post-war British history from Suez to COVID are covered in *Turning Points* written by political commentator

and broadcaster **Steve Richards**. He talks to **Caroline Frost** about putting recent chaos into perspective and analyses ten critical moments that have shaped modern Britain.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £10



12:15pm:
Emma, Bishop of Kensington: Failure

In February this year, **Emma Ineson** became the first female Bishop of Kensington. She talks to **Father Kevin Morris**, vicar of St Michael & All Angels about her life in the Church, and her personal journey since ordination in the year 2000. Discussing faith and its role in modern life, they will also talk about Bishop Emma's latest book, *Failure: What Jesus Said About Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff Up*.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10



1pm: Dorothy Wellesley & WB Yeats
100 years after WB Yeats won the Nobel Prize for Literature, **Jane Wellesley** tells the fascinating story of his intimate friend - and her grandmother - Dorothy

Wellesley. Poet, gardener, traveller and heiress, Dorothy became the lover of Vita Sackville-West, wrecking her marriage to the Duke of Wellington. Chaired by **Torin Douglas**, member of the WB Yeats Bedford Park Artwork project.

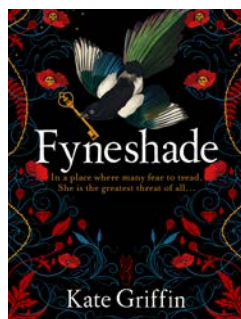
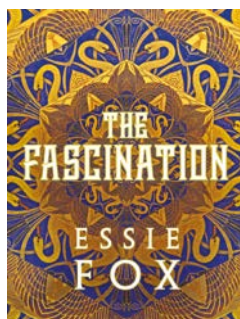
Theatre at the Tabard, £10



1pm: Speech: Simon Prentis in Conversation with Nicholas Crane

After a lifetime working professionally with language as an interpreter and translator (and a client list boasting the likes of Frank Zappa, Paul McCartney, Yoko Ono and Stanley Kubrick), **Simon Prentis'** debut book *Speech! How Language Made Us Human* has received praise from such luminaries as Richard Dawkins, Steven Pinker and Ricky Gervais. He will be talking to his childhood friend, author and broadcaster, **Nicholas Crane** about the core themes of his book, and its challenge to established ideas.

Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Road, £10



1:15pm: Essie Fox & Kate Griffin: Gothic Fiction

In her latest Gothic novel *The Fascination*, **Essie Fox** sets scenes in Linden House, home of the real-life 'Chiswick Poisoner', Thomas Griffiths Wainewright. She joins **Kate Griffin**, author of the dark novel *Fyneshade*. With **Caroline Raphael** they delve into the magic and mystery of the 18th and 19th centuries, which continue to enthrall readers today.

Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10

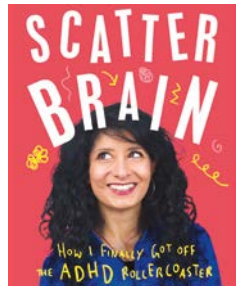
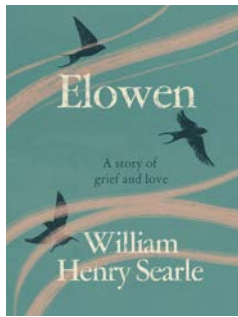
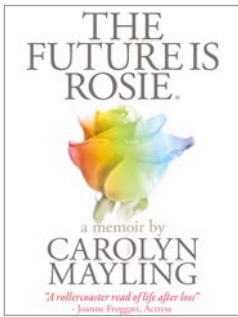


1:30-3:30pm: Festival Walk 5: The Turnham Green Battlefield

In November 1642, Chiswick saw the third largest battle of the English Civil War in the open fields around Turnham Green. The event has been airbrushed out of history and is now largely forgotten. Following Charles Cordell's talk on the English Civil War, join **Simon Marsh** for a joint Battlefields Trust/Chiswick Book Festival walk exploring why a battle took place at Turnham Green, what happened and how Londoners responded to war on their doorstep.

Meeting point: The cycle racks opposite Turnham Green tube station, £15

1:45pm: Life Goes On: Coping with Parental Grief
Love, loss and survival are addressed honestly by **Carolyn Mayling**. Her moving memoir *The Future is Rosie* tells of the death of her daughter aged 11, founding the charity Rosie's Rainbow

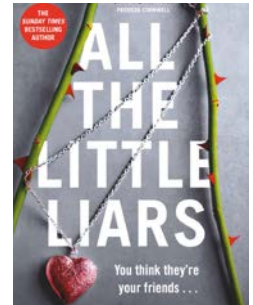
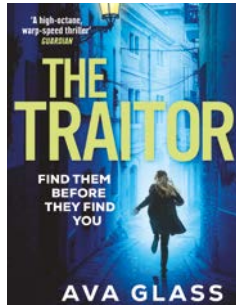


her book *Scatter Brain: How I Finally Got Off the ADHD Rollercoaster*, her life was frustrating until she was diagnosed in her 40s. She talks with humour and honesty about the condition, its challenges and

repercussions.

Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Rd, £10

Fund, undergoing IVF and surviving breast cancer. **William Henry Searle** talks of coping with grief following the still birth of his baby and finding solace through encounters with the natural world as told in his book *Elowen*. They are chaired by broadcaster **Jane Garvey**.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10

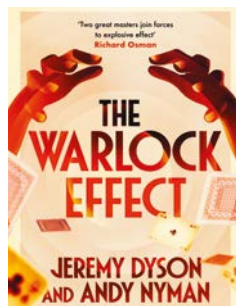


2:30pm:

Writing Suspense: Keep the Pages Turning

The writers in this panel are experts at building suspense and keeping the pace moving in their bestselling novels. **Ava Glass**, the CWA-Dagger shortlisted author of *The Chase* and *The Traitor*, and **Victoria Selman**, the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *All the Little Liars*, discuss how they ratchet up suspense and keep readers hooked.

Theatre at the Tabard, £10



3pm: Jeremy Dyson

and Andy Nyman:

The Warlock Effect

After working together on the hit play and film *Ghost Stories*, **Jeremy Dyson** and **Andy Nyman** have joined forces again to write *The Warlock Effect* which

combines magic and espionage. They discuss their journey into the golden age of magic, and even demonstrate the odd sleight of hand!

Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10



2pm:

David Hepworth & Mark Ellen: Abbey Road

The iconic Abbey Road recording studio is famous for the work of The Beatles, but its 90-year history includes the fascinating experiences of many others, from music stars to sound engineers. Presenter and music writer **David Hepworth** tells journalist and friend **Mark Ellen** stories from his book *Abbey Road: The Inside Story of The World's Most Famous Recording Studio*.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £10

2:30pm:

Shaparak Khorsandi: Scatter Brain

Successful stand-up comic and writer **Shaparak (Shappi) Khorsandi** tells of her hilarious journey of self-discovery as she looks back on her experience of living with ADHD. Detailed in



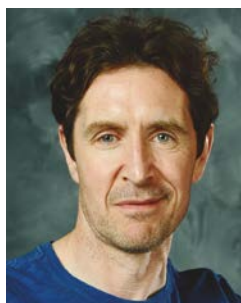
3:30pm:

Averil Mansfield: A Pioneering Surgeon

From a humble background, Professor **Averil Mansfield** qualified as a surgeon in the early 1970s when only 2% of her colleagues were female.

She went on to become the UK's first female professor of surgery. She tells her remarkable story in her book *Life in Her Hands* which she discusses with **Lea Sellers**, talking about her challenges and achievements.

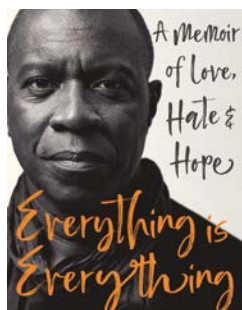
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10



4pm: The Weimar Years: 1918-1933

Germany's Weimar Republic ushered in a period of social reform, vibrant culture and hope for prosperity. **Professor Frank McDonough**, author of *The Weimar Years*, discusses this dramatic period which eventually led to the rise of Hitler with actor **Paul McGann**, who narrated the audio edition of the book.

Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Rd, £10

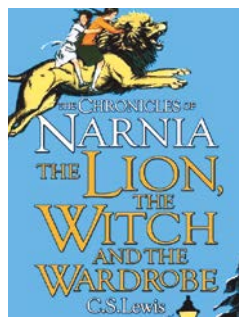


4pm: Clive Myrie

TV journalist and presenter **Clive Myrie** has reported from over ninety countries for the BBC. In conversation with **Clare Clark** he discusses his deeply personal memoir *Everything is Everything*:

A Memoir of Love, Hate and Hope. He reflects on racism and class, the historic events he has witnessed and the perspective his role as an outsider has given him.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £10



6-8pm: Shadowlands

In partnership with The Chiswick Cinema and its Lord Richard Attenborough season, we are screening *Shadowlands*, the story of C.S. Lewis, Christian theologian and author of the Narnia books,

who leads a passionless life until he meets spirited US poet Joy Gresham. Starring Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger.

Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10 - booking via the Cinema website



6:30-8:30pm:

An Evening at Hen Corner: Living the Good Life in the City: A Journey to Self-Sufficiency

Meet the chickens, watch the bees, enjoy the bounty of home made cider, wine, bread and

cheese. **Sara Ward** will give a short talk explaining how she and her family live the good life, complete with hens, bees, a fruitful kitchen garden and a micro bakery, all at the back of her Victorian terraced house in West London. Followed by an opportunity for questions and hugging a hen.

Refreshments made by Sara included in ticket price. Hen Corner, Brentford, £30

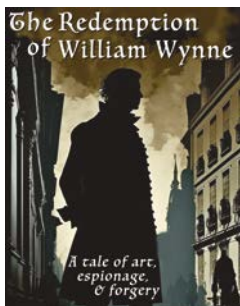


REMINDER



Scan the QR code to book tickets for festival events, or visit the festival website: www.chiswickbookfestival.net

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER



7pm:
William Wynne:
The King's Engraver
The Redemption of William Wynne by **Chris Lethbridge** is the story of King George III & Queen Charlotte's Royal Engraver, a historical novel set

in the louche art world of 18th Century London and Paris with scenes in Chiswick, Hammersmith and Feltham. He talks to **Simon Gompertz** about the real-life William Wynne Ryland, his connection with William Hogarth and the interweaving of fact and fiction. It's a tale of art, crime and espionage. Bar and house open from 6pm.

Hogarth's House, Hogarth Lane, Great West Road, London W4 2QN, £10

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER



7pm:
DOT Productions:
Persuasion
In partnership with the Theatre at the Tabard, we present this new adaptation of Jane Austen's final novel, the story of Anne Elliot who was persuaded by

friends and family to end her engagement to Frederick Wentworth. Direct from a National Tour, DOT Productions present this very special Preview performance, that also includes for this night only a Q&A with cast members, director and writer. Tickets must be booked through the Tabard box office at <https://tabard.org.uk/whats-on/persuasion>.

Theatre at the Tabard, Festival discount price £12 (when booked with the code CHISWICKBOOK)

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER



7pm:
Chiswick Book Festival Quiz
Join quizmaster and former bookseller **Gary Wigglesworth** (*The Book Lover's Quiz Book 2*) for a fun, brain-teasing session in a pub! Come as a

team (up to 5 people), or join others at a table - with a chance to win book prizes from Fosters Bookshop in Chiswick High Road.

Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Road, £5 a head

7pm: DOT Productions: Persuasion
In partnership with the Theatre at the Tabard, we present a second preview performance of *Persuasion*. Tickets must be booked through the Tabard box office as shown in previous column under Tuesday 12 September.
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MORE BOOK EVENTS IN EALING

The Chiswick Book Festival sprang out of the Ealing Literary Festival, which ran from 2007 to 2009, and in recent years we have included events at the University of West London and other Ealing venues. We are delighted to say there are now plans for people in Ealing to run their own Book Festival, with our encouragement and support.

It is hoped that some events will take place later this year, with a view to launching a full Festival in 2024. If you would like to know more, and register your interest, please see: <https://ealingbookfestival.com>.

The Chiswick Book Festival has selected Read Easy Ealing as one of its three charities and this will now provide the focus for our Ealing activities.

WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER



10am-12pm: How to Write Funny

We all love a book that makes us laugh, but writing a rib-cracking book is a serious business. In this workshop **Rebecca Rogers**, winner of the Comedy Women in Print 'Unpublished' prize, and author of *The Purgatory Poisoning*, will help you create your funny novel. From the big ideas (what actually is funny?) to knee-slapping dialogue and character development, you'll gain a suitcase of hilarious hints and tips to add fun to your manuscript.

Room 141, ArtsEd, £25

11am-1pm, 2pm-4pm: The Thriving Author: making a living as a writer

Step away from the 'starving artist in a garret' myth. Author and tutor **Melissa Addey** will help you focus on an entrepreneurial mindset to build a thriving writing career. The morning session will explore the five core pillars of this approach. Suitable for writers with a first manuscript nearing completion or those already published. Primarily focused on fiction but we will consider poetry and non-fiction too.



In the afternoon, we get down to practical planning for your own circumstances. Leave inspired and with a plan to take your writing career up a level. Feedback from previous attendees: 'There's so much to think about and I'm buzzing with plans!', 'Just been in your webinar. Mind. Blown. Loved it.', 'Hard won gems of experience from someone who has actually done it. Practical, pragmatic and entertaining.'

Room 142, ArtsEd, £75

2:30-4:30pm: How to Write a Mystery Novel

Run by novelist and playwright **Greg Mosse**, this is an exciting, creative two-hour workshop, building a mystery novel from scratch - with complex characters, plausible motives, dramatic reveals and intriguing plot twists. Suitable for both crime and thriller writers of all levels of experience.

Room 141, ArtsEd, £25



SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER



11am-1pm:

How to Figure Out Your Next Career Chapter

Whether you're a parent returning to work after raising a family; a professional stuck partway up a career ladder you no longer want to be on; a restless midlifer; or a soon-to-be-retiree, this workshop will give you the clarity and confidence you need to move forward. Qualified personal development coach **Rachel Schofield**, author of *The Career Change Guide*, will help you to: understand the common mistakes stopping you making a change; dig into your past and present to build a clear profile of what you want and need; and identify concrete steps to move you forward. Ticket includes a copy of *The Career Change Guide*.

Room 142, ArtsEd, £35

2-4pm: How to Write a Book in 12 Minutes

Beat procrastination, be more productive and finally do that thing you've been meaning to do. Workshop leader **Robbie Swale** knows what it's like to be stuck in creative hell. A series of ideas and opportunities passed him by until, wrestling with procrastination, he started on the journey that created the 12-Minute Method. Too many books, business ideas and creative projects never see the light of day. Join this interactive workshop to make sure yours isn't one of them.

Room 141, ArtsEd, £25



Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult, each with their own ticket.

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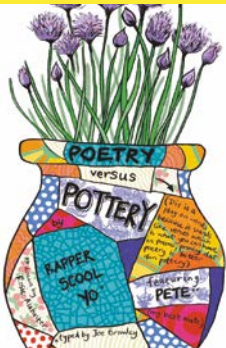


FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

4:30pm: Poetry Competition Prize Giving
Daisy Goodwin (*Essential Poems for Children* and other anthologies) will present the prizes for the Chiswick Book Festival Young People's Poetry Competition. Now in its 13th year, the competition attracts entries from many local schools and is supported by ChiswickW4.com.
St Michael & All Angels Church, Free



SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER



10-11am: Really Big Pants Theatre Company: Wonky

Can you help Olive and Messy Jesse save the day as they encounter top chef Monsieur Nincompoop, cool rapper Rapper School Yo, and the enigmatic pop star Solar Pa'nelle – as Olive's so-called best friend Trixie tries to thwart them? There will be cooking! There will be dancing! There will be rapping! Not all at the same time. A show about being different. Being wonky. Being YOU.

Orchard House School, Bath Road, £5. Age 6+



10-11am: Where Do the Wishes Go?

Join performance poet **Debra Bertulis** for an interactive session you won't forget! Debra will show you how NOT to impersonate your mum on the telephone, how to hide a bad haircut and make a witches' brew for all the family. Wish upon a star, solve riddles, take a trip to Space City and discover your own special thinking place.

Chiswick Library, free, but tickets must be booked online. Ages 7-11



11:30-12:30pm: Jacqueline Wilson: The Best Sleepover in the World

Jacqueline Wilson is one of the world's best-loved children's writers and spoke at the first Chiswick Book Festival 15 years ago. We're delighted to welcome her back to present the long-awaited sequel to her book *Sleepovers!* as she explores fun and friendship, sibling rivalry and the importance of sleepovers.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £5. Age 7+

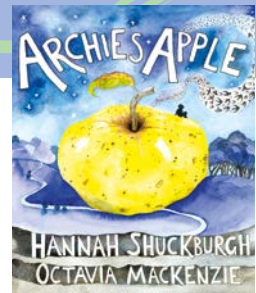


2:15-3pm: Watch Me Bloom

Join author and illustrator **Krina Patel-Sage** for poetry readings from *My Mindful A to Zen*, *Watch Me Bloom* and *Caterpillar Cake*. There will be haiku writing and the chance to

make your very own blooming flower crowns! The event will end with a calming mindfulness activity, Q&A and book signing.

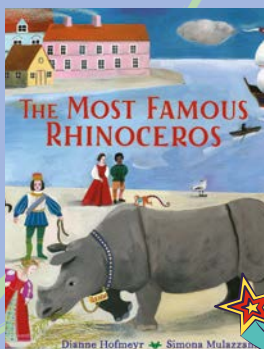
Orchard House School, Bath Road, £5. Ages 2-10



1-1:45pm: Archie's Apple Performance

Hannah Shuckburgh will be performing her new book *Archie's Apple*, an enchanting story about a little boy who discovers a new variety of apple and becomes world famous. Based on a true story, it was described by the FT as 'sweet, funny and utterly unique'. Stay for an apple-themed art activity.

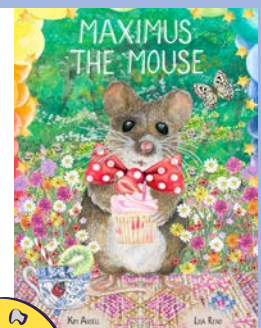
Orchard House School, Bath Road, £5. Ages 4-9



3:15-4pm: Maximus the Mouse

Fans of *Frederick the Fox* won't want to miss the adventures of new character *Maximus the Mouse*, told in a rhyming story in this colourful session with illustrator **Lisa Read** and her sister, author **Kim Ansell**. Join in the fun while admiring their beautiful watercolour pictures.

Chiswick Library, free, but tickets must be booked online. Ages 2-7



3:45-4:30pm: Diane Hofmeyr: The Most Famous Rhinoceros

When the first ever rhinoceros arrives in Europe, the king's daughter expects a unicorn. But no... this is a very different animal that will inspire artists and become the most famous rhinoceros ever. Make your own rhino that one day might be famous. An interactive and fun storytelling session, with collage and drawing.

Orchard House School, Bath Road, £5. Ages 5-9



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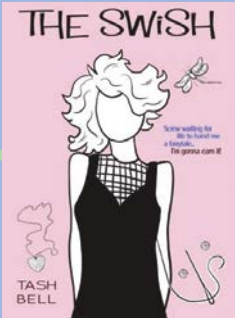
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11am-12:15pm:
Fashion Upcycling Workshop

Author of teen novel *The Swish*, **Tash Bell** shares fun hacks and simple sewing tips to turn

old clothes into stunning 'new' outfits. Bring along a preloved top – and your favourite young person – to get sewing and creating together. Lettering and decorations provided.

Room 141, ArtsEd School, Bath Road, £10 young people (up to 16), £15 adult. Age 11+

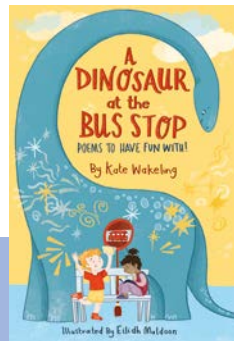
11:15am-12pm:

A Dinosaur at the Bus Stop

Get ready to hear (probably) the fastest poem in the world, solve brain-tickling mini-beast riddles, bob like a robin and hop aboard the friendliest steam train in town. This playful session with CLIPPA Prize poet **Kate Wakeling** encourages children to join in, get creative and feel inspired as Kate performs poems from

her beautifully crafted new collection for younger children.

Atrium, ArtsEd, 14 Bath Road, £5. Ages 5-8



12:45-1:30pm:

Out of the Blue with Robert Tregoning

In local author and West End star **Robert Tregoning's** debut picture book, anything that isn't blue is banned by law. In a world where only one colour is allowed, will our hero be brave enough to tell his dad he loves the colour yellow? And will they be able to change the rules and create a world where every colour is welcome? With activities, art and craft, join us for a very special event about finding the bravery to be yourself and living in all the colours of the rainbow.

Atrium, ArtsEd, 14 Bath Road, £5. Ages 5-8

2:15-3pm: Story Alive!

A West London story come to LIFE! This performance is inspired by a wonderful story written by the young people at West London's Hogarth Community Centre. ArtsEd has worked with its students to create this important piece of theatre.

Atrium, ArtsEd, 14 Bath Road, £5. Ages 8-12





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