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## WELCOME TO THE CHISWICK BOOK FESTIVAL 2024

The 16<sup>th</sup> Chiswick Book Festival brings together top authors and their readers for inspiring and entertaining events in many genres - fiction, history, politics, crime, biography, food, gardening, music, workshops and children's books. See the full programme and author details on our website: [www.chiswickbookfestival.net](http://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 £140,000 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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**KOESTLER ARTS**

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**Read Easy Ealing**, set up in April 2021 to provide one-to-one tuition for local adults who want to learn to read or improve their reading skills. Read more at <https://readeasy.org.uk/groups/ealing>

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## PLANNING YOUR VISIT

### HOW TO BUY TICKETS:

ONLINE through TicketSource at: [www.chiswickbookfestival.net](http://www.chiswickbookfestival.net)  
Carers are entitled to a free ticket by emailing [boxoffice@chiswickbookfestival.net](mailto: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); the **George IV pub** - Boston Room (185 Chiswick High Road, W4 2DR) and **The Chiswick Cinema** (94-96 Chiswick High Road, W4 1SH).

Our children's sessions take place at: **Chiswick Library** (1 Duke's Avenue, W4 2AB), the **Catholic Centre** (2 Duke's Avenue, W4 2AE, opposite the Library) and **The Chiswick Cinema** (94-96 Chiswick High Road, W4 1SH).

Some sessions take place slightly further afield: on Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> at **Chiswick House & Gardens** (Burlington Lane, W4 2RP); on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at **Hogarth's House** (Hogarth Lane, Great West Rd W4 2QN); on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at **St Nicholas Church**, Church Street, W4 2PH 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, Hogarth's House and the Catholic Centre 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 Bath Road, 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 home-made cakes will be sold outside the Parish Hall. Drinks will be on sale before the evening sessions at Chiswick House and ArtsEd; in the Church & Parish Hall on Saturday; in the George IV and The Chiswick Cinema on Saturday and Sunday; 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.**

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER



**7-9pm: 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, £10. Bar open from 6pm**

See Festival website for author details.

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER



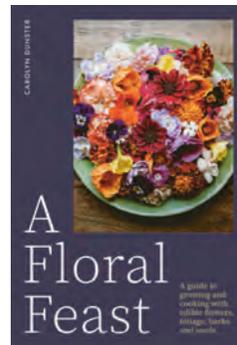
**2-3:30pm:**

**Festival Walk 1: Riverside Writers of Chiswick**

Chiswick's picturesque riverside has been home to political journalists, thriller writers, playwrights, humorists, poets and classic novelists. As you wander along the Thames you'll encounter the likes of Nancy Mitford, Geoffrey Household, Dylan Thomas, Robert Bolt and John Osborne. Led by **Guy Fairbank**, the 90-minute walk begins outside the Strand Café,

Strand-on-the-Green (Kew Bridge end) and ends near Chiswick mainline station.

**Strand Café, 101 Strand-on-the-Green, £15**

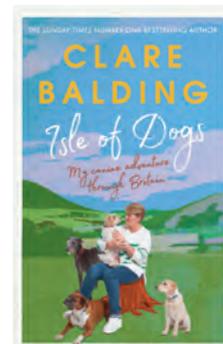


**4-6pm: Festival Walk 2: Edible Flowers**

**Carolyn Dunster**, author of *A Floral Feast*, leads you on a guided walk and tasting of Chiswick House and Gardens Kitchen Garden. A volunteer in the garden and instrumental in the design of the edible flower plot, Carolyn shares her insider knowledge on growing and harvesting these floral delights.

**Rosie Fyles**, Head of Gardens, will share how the edible flowers play a role in the wider work of the Kitchen Garden, for sale and in welcoming over 9,000 community group members into the space.

**Chiswick House Gardens (meet at the entrance to the kitchen garden), £25, includes a copy of A Floral Feast (RRP £22), or £40 for 2 tickets and one copy of A Floral Feast**



**7pm: Clare Balding: Isle of Dogs**

Join national treasure and dog lover **Clare Balding** as she talks about her fascination with the way dogs have influenced life in this country, as revealed in her book *Isle of Dogs: A Canine Adventure*

*Through Britain*. From working dogs to royal favourites, she explores the bonds we have with our four-legged friends as she travels across the country in search of stories of loyalty and humour.

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

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER



**6:15pm:**

**Robert Hardman: King Charles III**

Following his accession to the throne in 2022, King Charles III has faced triumphs and challenges. Royal biographer **Robert Hardman** talks to **Clare Clark** and details some of the events behind the

scenes that have coloured his reign so far, as disclosed in his bestselling book *Charles III: New King New Court*.

**St Michael & All Angels Church, £12**



**8pm-9:45pm (includes interval):**

**Looking for Me Friend:**

**The Music of Victoria Wood**

Who doesn't love the music, writing and mischievous sense of humour of the late, great Victoria Wood?

Featuring the star of BBC1's *All Together Now*, **Paulus The Cabaret Geek** with **Michael Roulston** (*Fascinating Aida*) on piano, it's an evening of pure joy filled with Victoria's best-loved songs. *The most feel-good show in town!* ★★★★★ Daily Mail.

**Bar open from 7pm**

**The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, 14 Bath Road, £15**

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

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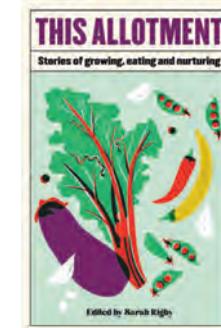
SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER



**10:45am: AI: Friend or Foe?**

Will Artificial Intelligence be a force for good or a danger to society? Join a panel comprising AI entrepreneur **Nigel Toon** (*How AI Thinks*) and **Madhumita Murgia** (*Code Dependent; Living in the shadow of AI*), who is the first AI editor of the *Financial Times*. Chaired by BBC News' former technology correspondent **Rory Cellan Jones**.

**Boston Room, George IV, £10**



**11am: Allotment Gardening**

The joys of owning and caring for an allotment are extolled by 13 writers in **Sarah Rigby's** book *This Allotment*, a celebration of these unique spaces. Here she joins allotment historian **JC Niala** in conversation

with Chiswick House Head of Gardens **Rosie Fyles** about the heart-warming satisfaction found in these miniature kingdoms.

**Theatre at the Tabard, £10**



**11am-1pm: Festival Walk 3: Chiswick Rocks!**

On this two-hour musical history tour, **Guy Fairbank** will take you past the studios where the Rolling Stones, The

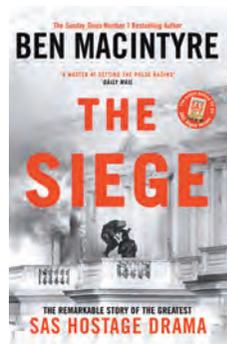
Who and The 1975 have recorded albums; see where many pop stars have their tracks mastered; and find the headquarters of Island Records, a theatre opened by a 1920s Hollywood star and the home of a groovy raver.  
**Meeting point: Stamford Brook tube station, £15**



**11:15am: Books for the 20 Somethings**

As the popularity of book clubs grows, so does the number of people in their 20s finding this an enjoyable way to meet and socialise. 25 year old friends **Emily D'Souza**, **Hana Owens** and **Josh Pullinger** set up their book club for 20 somethings *It's Hardback Out Here* in London. They join radio and TV presenter **Fee Mak** and radio presenter **Jojo Silva** to discuss Gen Z's love of sharing reading, and to recommend books they're passionate about.

**St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10**

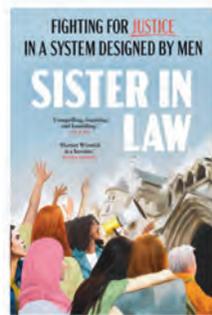


**11:30am: Ben Macintyre: The Siege**

The tense six day siege of the Iranian Embassy in London in 1980 had the eyes of the world on the negotiations and the SAS's daring rescue mission, *Operation Nimrod*. Bestselling

author of *SAS: Rogue Heroes*, *Operation Mincemeat* and *Colditz* **Ben Macintyre** reveals previously unpublished source material, exclusive interviews and witness testimonies behind this remarkable story, as told in his book *The Siege: The Remarkable Story of the Greatest SAS Hostage Drama*.

**St Michael & All Angels Church, £12**



HARRIET WISTRICH

**12pm: Harriet Wistrich: Fighting for Justice for Women**

Sharing stories from a remarkable legal career working with women who have survived male violence and abuse, solicitor and founder of the Centre for Women's

Justice **Harriet Wistrich's** book *Sister in Law* details her work with civil liberties and high profile cases such as the challenge to the police in the John Warboys case. She talks to author **Clare Clark** about her battles for justice and compensation for women.

**The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, £10**



**12:15pm: Rebecca Frayn & Scarlett Thomas**

Novelists **Rebecca Frayn** (*Lost in Ibiza*) and **Scarlett Thomas** (*The Sleepwalkers*) talk about their gripping new books, both set on idyllic islands but harbouring a darker message. Chaired by journalist and critic **Madeleine Feeny**.

**Boston Room, George IV, £10**

REMINDER



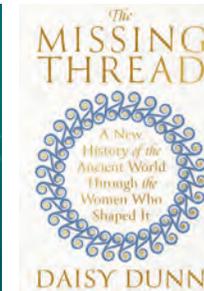
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**12:30pm:**

**Ghosts & Graphics: The Art of the Impossible**  
 Ever wondered how a book cover really comes together? The local author / illustrator team of **Jim Cockin** and **Martha Vine** lift the lid on the story of *Ghost Tide*, tracing the journey from first draft to final design. Get ready for digital doodling, marvellous maps and some spooky coincidences. Suitable for adults and 8+ family audience.

**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £5**



**12:30pm: Jennifer Saint & Daisy Dunn: Retelling the Classics**

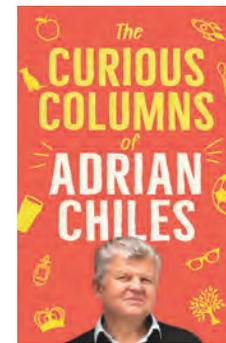
The stories of strong mythological female figures such as Elektra and Ariadne are familiar to us, but the achievements of real life women in the ancient world have been overshadowed by those of their male counterparts. **Jennifer Saint's** books, the latest being *Atalanta*, retell the stories of female figures from Greek mythology. Classicist **Daisy Dunn** joins her to discuss the influence of real life heroines of the time as outlined in her book *A New History of the Ancient World Through the Women who Shaped It*. Chaired by **Julia Wheeler**.

**Theatre at the Tabard, £10**



**1pm: Fantastic Fantasy**

**Georgia Summer** (*The City of Stardust*), **Alwyn Hamilton** (*Rebel of The Sands Trilogy*) and **Laura Sebastian** (*The Ash Princess Series*) discuss the enduring appeal of sinister stories, curious curses and dark happenings. Chaired by **Rosie Wilby**.  
**St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10**



**1:30pm: Adrian Chiles**  
**Adrian Chiles's** weekly column for *The Guardian* has gained a cult following for his unique insights into everything from his favourite spoon to his legendary at-home urinal. He joins fellow radio host, **Caroline Frost** to discuss his

slightly bemused take on British life.  
**St Michael & All Angels Church, £12**



**1:45pm: Why We Travel**

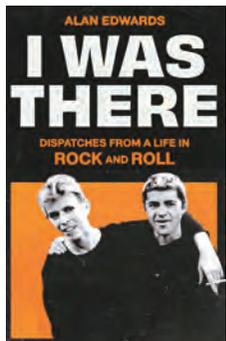
What are the benefits of travelling, and why do so many of us feel compelled to do it? **Ash Bhardwaj** (*Why We Travel*) and **Phoebe Smith** (*Wayfarer*) look at the transformative power of travel with **Father Kevin Morris**.  
**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10**



**2pm: Behind the Scenes: New Ways to Get Published**

Everything is changing and the world of publishing is no exception. But at the heart of it is always a great writer with a wonderful story. **Caroline Raphael** joins **Amanda Brookfield**, author of *The Split*, from Boldwood Publishing, Editorial Director **Francesca Best** and publisher **Rupert Wallis** for an audience Q&A, and to tell you more about the new world of building relationships with readers, moving away from traditional models of payment, and being successful independently of the big five publishing houses.

**Boston Room, George IV, £10**



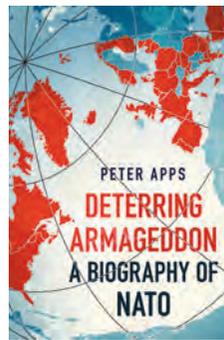
**2pm: Alan Edwards: Dispatches from a Life in Rock and Roll**

Called the Godfather of British music PR, **Alan Edwards** has worked with some of the most iconic music stars of our time from David Bowie to The Spice Girls. In his book *I Was There* he describes his career from his break in the mid 70s to the crazy days of pop in the 90s. He joins radio and TV presenter **Fee Mak** to talk about the behind the scenes stories of some of our best known pop stars.

**Theatre at the Tabard, £10**

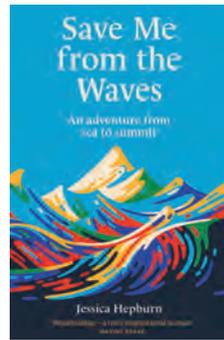
**2:30pm: Deterring Armageddon: The History of NATO**

During the 75 years since the military alliance NATO was formed after World War II, it has helped avoid wars and become a major political and strategic player. In *Deterring Armageddon*



**Peter Apps** examines the personalities, tensions and protests that have influenced the alliance and how it has shaped our history. Chaired by **Julia Wheeler**.

**The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, £10**

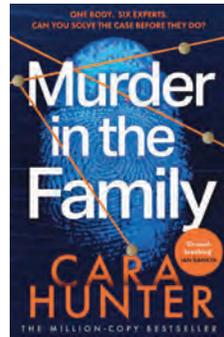


**2:45pm: Jessica Hepburn: Save Me From the Waves**

**Jessica Hepburn's** inspirational book describes how she became the world's first and only woman to swim the English Channel, run the London Marathon and climb Mount Everest

– fuelled by her favourite radio programme *Desert Island Discs*. Join her on a mountainous musical journey as she talks to broadcaster **Janet Ellis** about her adventures.

**St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10**

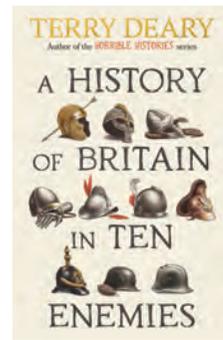


**3pm: Criminally Bad on TV Cara Hunter** takes us behind the scenes with

**DI Andy Thompson** and former CSI **Joey Giddings** - both of whom consult on her novels - as they reveal the gory truth about what crime fiction and

TV get right about police investigations... and what they get criminally wrong! This discussion will be recorded live for Cara's newly launched podcast, *Watching The Detectives*.

**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10**

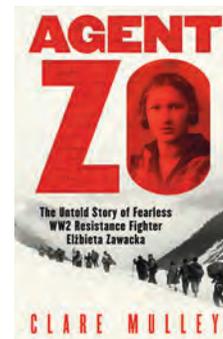


**3:15pm: Terry Deary: A History of Britain in Ten Enemies**

For over 30 years children have been reading **Terry Deary's** beloved *Horrible Histories* and now their own children (and even grandchildren) are fans. In 2024, Terry brings

his trademark wit and humour to an adult audience, with this entertaining romp through the greatest hits of British history in *A History of Britain in Ten Enemies*.

**St Michael & All Angels Church, £12**



**3:30pm: Clare Mulley: Agent Zo**

Historian **Clare Mulley** tells the story of the only woman in the WWII Polish elite special forces to be trained in Britain in her biography *Agent Zo: The Untold Story of Fearless Resistance Fighter Elzbieta Zawacka*. She expands on the amazing story to barrister and author **Hashi Mohamed**.

**Boston Room, George IV, £10**



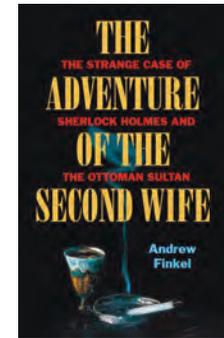
**4:15pm: Bill Wyman in Conversation with Tony Palmer**

Best known as bass player of The Rolling Stones and for his career in rock and roll, **Bill Wyman** is also an avid photographer, collector, and author of 13 books.

He talks to the award-winning film director **Tony Palmer** about his recent releases - illustrated memoir *Billy in the Wars* recalling his experiences of growing up in wartime Britain, and *Bill Wyman's Chelsea* about the borough

where he has lived for the last 32 years. Supported by Arts Society Chiswick.

**The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, £12**



**4:30pm: The Case of the Missing Sherlock Holmes Mystery**

*The Adventure of the Second Wife* is the debut novel of renowned journalist **Andrew Finkel**. It's a compelling mystery about a Sherlock Holmes enthusiast who, with the help of a Turkish

professor, tries to solve the enigma of Arthur Conan Doyle's dying words - about a Sherlock case that doesn't exist. He talks to **Maureen Freely**, novelist and professor.

**St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10**



**4:30pm: Spy City London**

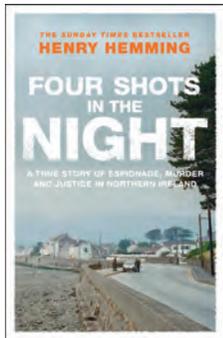
London is at the heart of two gripping spy novels set in very different times. **Alex Gerlis' Every Spy a Traitor** takes place in the late 1930s while **Merle Nygate's Honour Among Spies** is a tale of contemporary espionage. The two authors join **Julian Worricker** in conversation about the timeless appeal of the spy thriller.

**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10**



**5pm: Al Murray: Arnhem, Black Tuesday**  
One of the UK's best loved comedians, **Al Murray** is also the acclaimed author of many books about the Second World War and co-host of the popular WWII podcast *We Have Ways of Making You Talk*.

He talks to author and journalist **Saul David** (*Sky Warriors*) about his latest book, and his first about a single campaign, *Arnhem: Black Tuesday*.  
**St Michael & All Angels Church, £12**



**5pm: Henry Hemming: An IRA Mystery**  
Combining political history, investigative journalism and true crime thriller, **Henry Hemming's** *Four Shots in the Night* exposes the worlds of the IRA and British Intelligence through the lives

of those bound up in The Troubles. This interactive talk examines an unsolved murder that changed our understanding of the conflict.  
**Boston Room, George IV, £10**

**5:30pm:**  
**Festival Drinks for our Charities**  
Join us for Festival drinks and meet representatives of our 2024 charities - Read for Good, Koestler Arts and Read Easy Ealing.  
**St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall (downstairs), pay bar**

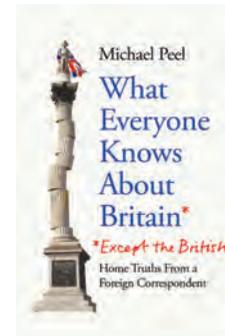
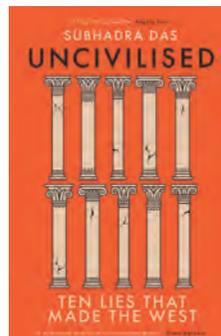
**6pm: Daisy Goodwin: Diva**  
The glamorous and dramatic life of iconic soprano Maria Callas is reimagined in **Daisy Goodwin's** novel *Diva* which explores the



singer's turbulent love affair with Greek shipping billionaire Aristotle Onassis. Daisy talks to broadcaster **Rebecca Jones** about her portrayal of the famous couple.  
**The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, £10**

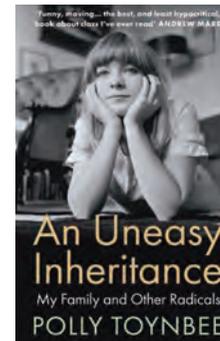


**6pm: Emma Curtis, Susie Lynes & Emily Freud: Thrillers With a Twist**  
Three writers of psychological thrillers, **Emma Curtis** (*The Commuter*), **Susie Lynes** (*The Split*) and **Emily Freud** (*Her Last Summer*) discuss the twists and turns of their novels which touch on the darker side of domestic life. Chaired by thriller writer **Alex Gerlis**.  
**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10**



**6:15pm: Home Truths**  
**Subhadra Das**, Chiswick resident and author of *Uncivilised: Ten Lies That Made the West* and **Michael Peel** (*What Everyone Knows About*

*Britain Except the British*) talk about their books which question our own society's values and beliefs. Chaired by **Amelia Fairney**, Communications Director of Penguin Group UK.  
**St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10**



**6:30pm: Polly Toynbee: An Uneasy Inheritance**  
The political commentator and *Guardian* journalist **Polly Toynbee** comes from a long line of left-wing rabble-rousers who have railed against injustice. She shares the story of a fascinating family history, the guilt of privilege, and the myth of class mobility with **Julia Wheeler**.  
**St Michael & All Angels Church, £12**



**7:30pm-9:45pm:**  
**Charles Cumming: Plane**  
Writing for the screen is a very different beast from writing a book. Novelist and screenwriter **Charles Cumming** introduces a special screening of *Plane*, starring Gerard Butler, which he wrote, followed by an audience Q&A after the film.  
**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £14 (includes screening) - booking via the Cinema website**



**8pm: Helen Lederer: Not That I'm Bitter**  
As a woman at the heart of the alternative comedy scene of the 1980s, **Helen Lederer** performed alongside some of the groundbreaking comedians of the time, but it was not all funny.

She opens up to **Janet Ellis** about her revealing memoir *Not That I'm Bitter* which covers the highs and lows of her career.  
**St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £12**



**8:15pm:**  
**James O'Brien: How They Broke Britain**  
Are Britain's tough few years a result of Brexit and the impact of wars abroad or is there something more sinister at play? **James O'Brien** reveals the shady network of influence that has created a Britain of strikes, shortages and scandals, and maps the web that connects dark think tanks to No.10, the journalists involved in selling it to the public and the media bosses pushing their own agendas. Chaired by **Clare Clark**.  
**St Michael & All Angels Church, £12**

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER



**11am-1pm: Festival Walk 4: Writers of repute, from Chiswick Park to Bedford Park**  
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**

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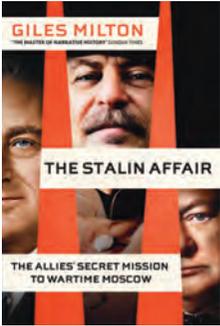
# THE WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

## SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

VENUE	10 - 11	11 - 12	12 - 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 6	6 - 7	7 - 8	8 - 9.15
Church		Ben Macintyre: The Siege		Adrian Chiles		Terry Deary		Al Murray: Arnhem	Polly Toynbee: An Uneasy Inheritance		James O'Brien: Broken Britain
Parish Hall		It's Hardback Out Here Bookclub		Fantastic Fantasy	Jessica Hepburn:	Save Me From the Waves		Andrew Finkel	Subhadra Das & Michael Peel		Helen Lederer: Not That I'm Bitter...
ArtsEd Theatre			Harriet Wistrich: Fighting for Justice		Peter Apps:	The History of NATO		Bill Wyman	Daisy Goodwin: Diva		
Tabard		Sarah Rigby & JC Niala: Allotment Gardening		Jennifer Saint & Daisy Dunn	Alan Edwards: A Life in Rock 'n' Roll						
George IV		Al: Friend or Foe?		Rebecca Frayn & Scarlett Thomas	New Ways to Get Published		Clare Mulley: Agent Zo	Henry Hemming: IRA Four Shots			
Chiswick Cinema	Chiswick Cinema Kids' Club: Matilda the Musical			Jim Cockin & Martha Vine: Ghost Tide	Ash Bhardwaj & Phoebe Smith: Travel		Criminally Bad on TV	Alex Gerlis & Merle Nygate: London Spies	Emma Curtis, Susie Lynes & Emily Freud		Charles Cumming: Plane Film Screening & Q&A
Catholic Centre			Bridget Marzo	Published Young Authors	Robert Tregonning		Zoe Antoniadis				
ArtsEd 141		Workshop: How to Figure Out Your Next Career Chapter				Workshop: Witty Words:	How to Use Humour in Writing				
ArtsEd 142		Workshop: Finding Your Voice				Workshop:	Building a Story				
ArtsEd Atrium		Children's Workshop: Comic Art Masterclass				Children's Workshop:	Comic Art Masterclass				
Chiswick Library				Maria Dulak		Anna	Christina				
Festival Walk		Walk: Chiswick Rocks!									
Gabriel Room									Festival Drinks		

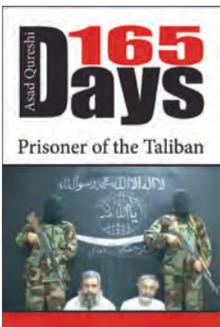
## SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

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Parish Hall			Michael Taylor: Impossible Monsters		Dharshini David: Environomics		Latymer 400				
Tabard		165 Days a Hostage of the Taliban		Jessica Moor: Hold Back the Night	A Whisper of Cardammon		Krystle Zara Appiah & Fee Mak		Owen O'Neill: The Whole Nine Yarns		
George IV		Giles Milton: The Stalin Affair		Ed Conway: Material World		Jacqueline Crooks &		Diana Evans	History and Future of the Middle East		
Chiswick Cinema	Chiswick Cinema Kids' Club: Matilda the Musical			History Through the Black Experience	Matt Tiller: The Lion Who Never Roared		Tabitha Stanmore: Cunning Folk	Bazball: Cricket's Villain or Saviour		Michael Billington: French Lieutenant's Woman Talk & film screening	
Catholic Centre		Zanib Mian		Ken Wilson-Max			Joseph Elliott				
Festival Walk		Walk: Writers of Chiswick									



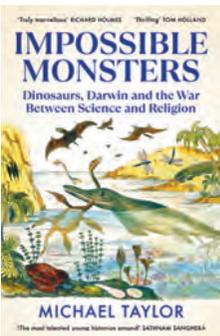
**11am: Giles Milton: The Stalin Affair**  
The unlikely collaboration between Britain and Russia to defeat Hitler in 1941 is unearthed in historian **Giles Milton's** book *The Stalin Affair*, which is based on unpublished diaries and letters.

Chaired by thriller writer **Alex Gerlis**.  
**Boston Room, George IV, £10**



**11am: 165 Days a Hostage of the Taliban**  
Documentary filmmaker **Asad Qureshi** was kidnapped in 2010 in a dangerous region between Pakistan and Afghanistan and spent 165 days in captivity. He opens up to journalist and broadcaster **Kavita**

**Puri** about the harrowing experience as related in his book *165 Days: Prisoner of the Taliban*.  
**Theatre at the Tabard, £10**



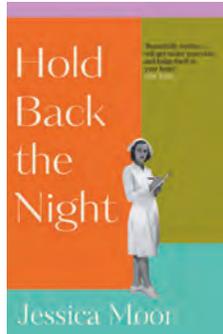
**12:15pm: Dinosaurs, Darwin and the War between Science and Religion**  
The discovery of the first dinosaur fossils changed our understanding of the origins of our planet, and also challenged traditional beliefs. **Michael Taylor**

discusses his book *Impossible Monsters* which addresses the clash between laboratory and church. Chaired by **Fr Kevin Morris**.  
**St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10**



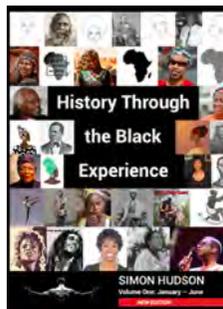
**12:30pm: Russell Watson: Encore**  
Much loved classical singer **Russell Watson** enjoyed a meteoric career until he suffered two brain tumours in 2006 and underwent endless treatment and surgery. Incredibly

he re-found his voice and is performing internationally again to sell-out arenas. He talks to **Caroline Frost** about the struggles and the triumphs, detailed in his memoir *Encore*.  
**St Michael & All Angels Church, £12**



**12:30pm: Jessica Moor: Hold Back the Night**  
Novelist **Jessica Moor** is in conversation with author **Emma Curtis** about her moving novel *Hold Back the Night*, which addresses the horrors of conversion therapy of the 1950s and the AIDS crisis of the 1980s.

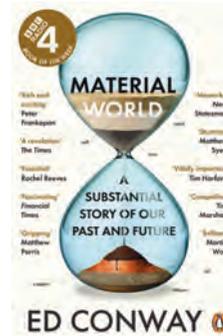
**Theatre at the Tabard, £10**



**12:45pm: Simon Hudson: History Through the Black Experience**  
Black people have always been part of the historical narrative from kings and queens, politicians, singers and writers. **Simon Hudson**,

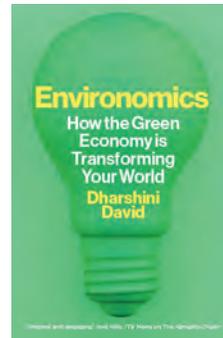
author of the two-volume *History Through the Black Experience* talks to barrister and author **Hashi Mohamed** about their part in the human story.

**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10**



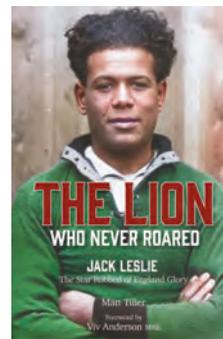
**1pm: Material World: The Building Blocks of Civilisation**  
The history of the modern world can be told through the raw materials we couldn't do without, from salt and iron to oil and lithium. **Ed Conway**

reveals the marvels of these substances and how they matter more than ever in his book *Material World* which he discusses with **Antony Garvey**.  
**Boston Room, George IV, £10**



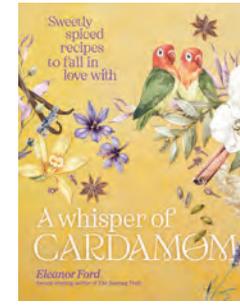
**1:45pm: Dharshini David: Environomics**  
The drive towards a sustainable economy is affecting all aspects of our everyday lives. Economist and broadcaster **Dharshini David** explores green economic changes in her book *Environomics: How the Eco Revolution is Changing Your World*. Here she discusses the vital issues with journalist

**Julian Worricker**.  
**St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10**



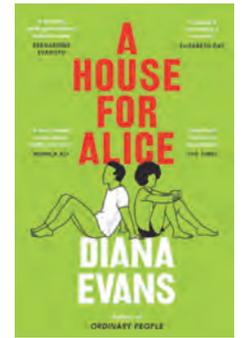
**2pm: Matt Tiller: The Life of Jack Leslie, the First Black Footballer to be Selected for England**  
He was the only black player in the Football League when he was picked for his country in 1925 only to be dropped due to the colour of

his skin. **Matt Tiller** talks to sports journalist **Jonathan Legard** about his biography *The Lion Who Never Roared* which details the life and career of Jack Leslie and his enduring legacy.  
**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10**

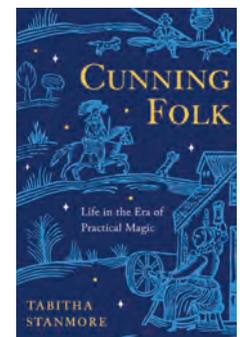


**2pm: Eleanor Ford: A Whisper of Cardamom**  
Spices bring their own flavours and stories from all over the world. **Eleanor Ford** shares her love of them with cook and presenter **Jo Pratt**, discussing some of the flavour, culture and symbolism of spice.

**Theatre at the Tabard, £10**

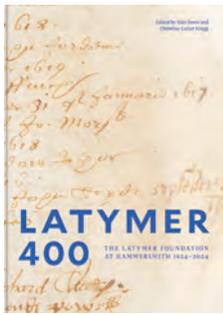


**2:30pm: Jacqueline Crooks & Diana Evans**  
Gangsters, raves and rough neighbourhoods of 1970s London open **Jacqueline Crooks'** novel *Fire Rush*, while **Diana Evans'** book *A House for Alice* starts with the Grenfell disaster of 2017. Both novels address different aspects of London life as experienced by black women. Chaired by journalist **Madeleine Feeny**.  
**Boston Room, George IV, Chiswick High Rd, £10**



**3:15pm: Tabitha Stanmore: A History of Witches**  
Long before Google, magic and witchcraft were called upon by our ancestors to address everyday issues. Social historian of magic and witchcraft and author of *Cunning Folk: Life in the Era of Practical Magic* **Tabitha Stanmore** talks spells and sorcery with radio presenter **Jojo Silva**.

**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10**



**3:30pm: Latymer 400 - 1624-2024**

The Latymer Foundation supports Latymer Upper School in Hammersmith and has survived 18 monarchs, two world wars and the English Civil War. 400 years on, it remains true to

its founding ethos of providing children with a life-changing education, regardless of social background. **Taylor Downing** and **Christine Gregg** are two of the leading historians and staff members who have contributed to a beautifully illustrated book telling its story. **St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10**



**3:30pm: Krystle Zara Appiah in conversation with Fee Mak**

A marriage in crisis and ambivalence around motherhood are key to the plot of *Rootless*, the accomplished and compelling debut novel from **Krystle Zara**

**Appiah**. She talks to radio and TV presenter **Fee Mak**.

**Theatre at the Tabard, £10**



**4pm: History of the Middle East**

The background to the conflict in the Middle East comes under scrutiny by a panel chaired by BBC journalist **Jo Coburn**. **Peter Osborne**, author of *The Fate of Abraham*, **Eugene Rogan**

(*The Damascus Events: The 1860 Massacre and the Destruction of the Old Ottoman Wall*) and Yemeni-British broadcast journalist **Nawal Al-Maghafi** discuss the history behind present problems.

**Boston Room, George IV, £10**



**4pm: John Torode & Lisa Faulkner**

Fresh from the success of their TV show *Weekend Kitchen*, husband and wife celebrity chefs **John Torode** and **Lisa Faulkner** share insights into their book *John*

*and Lisa's Kitchen: Everyday Recipes from a Professional Chef and a Home Cook* with fellow cook and presenter **Jo Pratt**.

**St Michael & All Angels Church, £12**



**4:30pm: Bazball: Cricket's Villain or Saviour?**

Shortlisted as Best Sport Book of the Year 2023 in the *Telegraph*, *Times*, *Guardian* and *Waterstones*, *Bazball* is the inside story of how England transformed test cricket under new head coach Brendon 'Baz' McCullum and captain Ben Stokes. **Lawrence Booth** and **Nick Hoult**, two of the game's most respected writers, watched the revolution first-hand, and talk to sports journalist **Jonathan Legard**.

**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £10**



**5:30pm: The Whole Nine Yarns**

Join poet and comedian **Owen O'Neill** for a mixture of comedy storytelling and poetry. The show mixes the harrowing and the hilarious with a typical Irish touch.

**Theatre at the Tabard, £10**

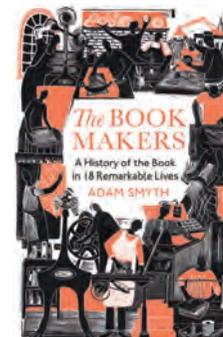


**6-8pm: The French Lieutenant's Woman**

A special screening of the Oscar-nominated film with Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons, based on the John Fowles novel. Part of the Festival's 'Pinter on Screen' season of films written by Harold Pinter, who wrote *The Caretaker* when he lived in Chiswick. Introduced by his biographer **Michael Billington** plus Q&A.

**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £18.50 - booking via the Cinema website**

**MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

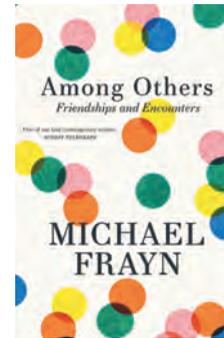


**7pm: The Book Makers**

Key characters who took the printed book in radical new directions are celebrated in **Adam Smyth's** own book *The Book Makers: A History of the Book in 18 Remarkable Lives*. The author talks to

Chiswick Book Festival Director **Torin Douglas**. **Hogarth's House, Hogarth Lane, Great West Road, London W4 2QN, £10**

**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

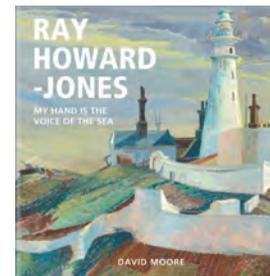


**7:30pm: Michael & Rebecca Frayn: Relative Values**

Is it hard coming from a family of writers? **Rebecca Frayn**, film-maker and novelist daughter of novelist, playwright and journalist **Michael Frayn**, is convinced she has inherited his "obsessive" approach to writing. Both have books published this summer - the paperback of Michael's moving memoir, *Among Others*, and Rebecca's latest novel *Lost In Ibiza*. Chaired by **Torin Douglas**.

**Theatre at the Tabard, £12**

**WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**



**7:30pm: David Moore on D-Day artist Ray Howard-Jones**

Ray Howard-Jones was a renowned Welsh sea painter and mosaicist who worshipped

at St Nicholas Church in Chiswick. Her works illustrating the preparations for D-Day - 80 years ago in June - are displayed in the Imperial War Museum. Ray's biographer **David Moore** talks to **Torin Douglas** about his beautifully illustrated book *Ray Howard-Jones: My Hand is the Voice of the Sea*. In partnership with The Friends of St Nicholas Church.

**St Nicholas' Church, Church St, W4 2PH, £12**

# WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

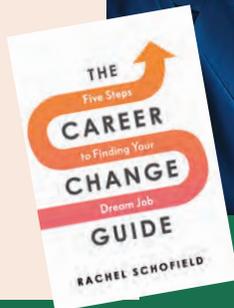
SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

**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 141, ArtsEd, £35.**



**2-4pm: Witty Words:**

## **How to Use Humour in Writing**

A book doesn't have to be funny to use humour. Even the darkest of stories needs snappy dialogue, sharp, intriguing and likeable characters, and a story that offers contrasts of light and shade. Join Comedy Women in Print winner **Faye Brann** for a masterclass on using humour in writing, and discover playful techniques to ignite your spontaneity and creativity.

**Room 141, ArtsEd, £25**



**11am-1pm: Finding Your Voice**

Through sharing her own experiences, group discussions and a couple of simple optional exercises, author **Amanda Brookfield** will look at ways of addressing key creative challenges including: Narrative voice and ways of finding it; Inspiration: What to do when the 'muse' dries up; Imagination: How to 'use' personal biography when being creative; Characters: How to make people believable on the page; Plotting: How to write a plan and know when to abandon it...

**Room 142, ArtsEd, £25**

**2:15-4:15pm: Building a Story**

Are you baffled by plot? Struggle to know how to shape your fiction? Come along and learn basic practical skills that every writer needs to be able to work with fictional structure at all levels. **Scarlett Thomas** is Professor of Creative Writing and Contemporary Fiction at the University of Kent, and has published 10 bestselling novels including *The End of Mr Y* and *PopCo*. Her latest novel, *The Sleepwalkers*, was published in April.

**Room 142, ArtsEd, £25**



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

# CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

## 4:30pm: Poetry Competition Prize Giving

Award-winning poet and performer **Joshua Seigal** (*Who Let the Words Out?*) will present the prizes for the Chiswick Book Festival Young Poets Competition. Now in its 14th year, the competition attracts entries from many local schools and is supported by ChiswickW4.com. **St Michael & All Angels Church, Free to attend, but booking essential**



SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER



## 10-12pm: Chiswick Cinema Kids' Club: Matilda the Musical

Chiswick Cinema marks Roald Dahl Day in partnership with Chiswick Book Festival with a series of beloved adaptations of his works. Sparks of cleverness, streaks of the grotesque and flashes of friendliness and wit await in a surprising and heartwarming family season. Films play every Saturday and Sunday mornings exclusively for children (14 and under) accompanied by adults.

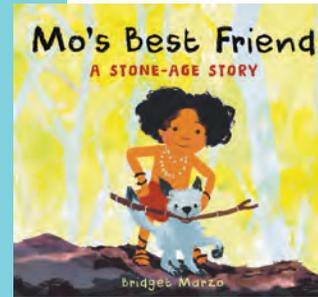
**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £6. Age 5+**

## 10:45-12:45pm and 2-4pm: Comic Art Masterclass

**Kev F Sutherland** has written and drawn for *Beano*, *Doctor Who* and *Marvel* comics, and will be showing you how easy it is to produce your own comic strips. Everyone will go away with a comic containing a strip by everyone in the class, plus an individual caricature by Kev F. His latest graphic novel *Richard The Third* will be available to purchase.

**ArtsEd Atrium, £15. Age 7+.**

**Accompanying adults can attend free of charge.**



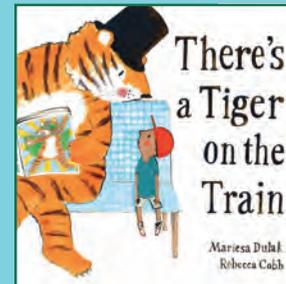
## 12-12:45pm: Bridget Marzo

Award-winning author-illustrator of nearly 30 picture books, **Bridget Marzo** introduces her latest book *Mo's Best Friend: A Stone Age Story*, about a curious Stone Age girl, Mo, and the very first dog to befriend humans... "this immersive, beautifully illustrated picture book tells a sweet tale of stone age family life – & a new four-footed addition" - *The Guardian* Children's Round-up – Best New Picture Books and Novels. **Catholic Centre, £5. Ages 3+**

## 12:30pm: Ghosts & Graphics: The Art of the Impossible

Ever wondered how a book cover really comes together? The local author / illustrator team of **Jim Cockin** and **Martha Vine** lift the lid on the story of '*Ghost Tide*', tracing the journey from first draft to final design. Get ready for digital doodling, marvellous maps and some spooky coincidences.

**Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £5. Suitable for adults and 8+ family audience.**



## 1-1:45pm: Mariesa Dulak

Local author and school librarian **Mariesa Dulak** makes her debut at the festival with her best-selling first picture book *There's a Tiger on the Train* (illustrated by award-winning author/illustrator Rebecca Cobb). A rhythmic, rhyming romp about the value of living in the moment and spending quality time with those you love.

**Chiswick Library, £5. Ages 3+**

## 1:15-2pm: My Writing Journey

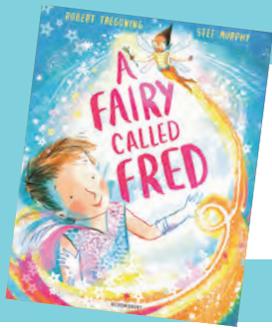
Two of our youngest ever featured authors, both aged just 11 (although Martina is 12 in October): **Martina Lima Barbata** (*Tales of the Snail Hunters*) and **Esther Rawlinson** (*The Missing Boys of Booksington*) talk to DJ **Jojo Silva** about their books, their individual publishing journeys - and what comes next.

**Catholic Centre, £5. Age 7+**



## 2:30-3:15pm: Robert Tregonning

**Robert Tregonning**, former West End stage performer in shows including *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and the Royal Shakespeare Company's *Matilda the Musical*, is now a successful children's author. *A Fairy Called Fred* is his third picture book: Fred the fairy works



at a Wish-Granting Plant – and when he’s finally given his very first wish to grant, he wants to get it right! Josh only has one wish. He’s been invited to a princess party... and he needs a dress to wear!

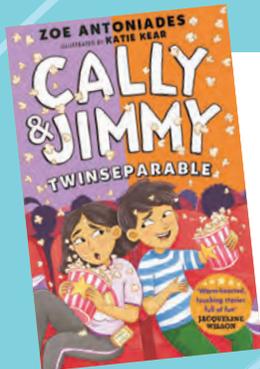
**Catholic Centre, £5. Age 3+**



**2:45-3:30pm: Music Audio Stories presents Storytime with Anna Christina**

Multi-award-winning author, narrator, musician, producer, and owner of Music Audio Stories, **Anna Christina**, presents a Circus Storytime, based on her picture book, *Billy Joins the Circus*.

**Chiswick Library, £5. Ages 2-7**



**3:45-4:30pm: Zoe Antoniades**

Experience the twintastically fun adventures of *Cally and Jimmy*, as you join **Zoe Antoniades** for the latest instalment, *Twinseparable*. On a journey of story discovery, you’ll learn how to plot a tale and plan a brand new story during the session. ‘Warm-hearted, touching stories, full of fun but with a subtle message’ - Jacqueline Wilson.

**Catholic Centre, £5. Age 8+**



when trying to solve a mystery! Zanib Mian’s books have featured on BBC’s CBeebies Bedtime Stories and *The Guardian* for their contribution to diversity in children’s literature.

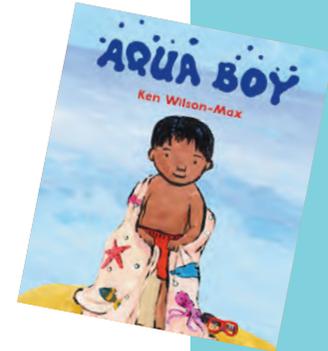
**Catholic Centre, £5. Age:7+**



**12:30-1:15pm: Ken Wilson-Max: Aqua-Boy**

Award-winning children’s author and illustrator **Ken Wilson-Max** takes young children on a journey under the sea. Island boy Aaron loves the sea. But he’s a bit scared of going under the water. Then one day Aaron finds an octopus stranded on the beach. And as he helps Dad return it to the water, something amazing happens... a moment of magic between the boy and the octopus. Can Aaron lose his fear and go underwater? Maybe now he can help look after the sea creatures and be... Aqua Boy! Fantastic storytelling and live drawing are always a treat to behold in Ken’s sessions.

**Catholic Centre, £5. Age: 3+**



**2-3pm: Rob Biddulph**

Join award-winning author and illustrator **Rob Biddulph** for a fun-packed session for all the family as he returns to the Chiswick Book Festival. Rob brings to life his award-winning stories including the final book in his *Peanut Jones* series and his brand new picture book *Gigantic*, the small whale with a big heart. Plus, everyone can learn to draw one of his characters step-by-step in one of his famous Draw With Rob draw-alongs. So bring paper and pencils!

**St Michael & All Angels Church, £6. Age 5+**



SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

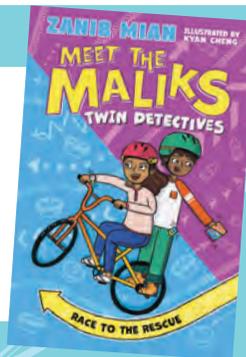
**10:30am-12:30pm: Chiswick Cinema Kids' Club: Matilda the Musical**

See event listing on page 22. **Chiswick Cinema, Screen 2, £6. Age 5+**



**11:15am-12pm: Zanib Mian**

Best-selling, award-winning author of the laugh-out-loud *Planet Omar* series (perfect for fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Tom Gates*), **Zanib Mian** brings the third book in her twin-themed series *Meet the Maliks* to meet you. Maysa and Musa Malik might be twins but they are total opposites. And together they make an unstoppable team, especially



**3:30-4:15pm: Joseph Elliot**

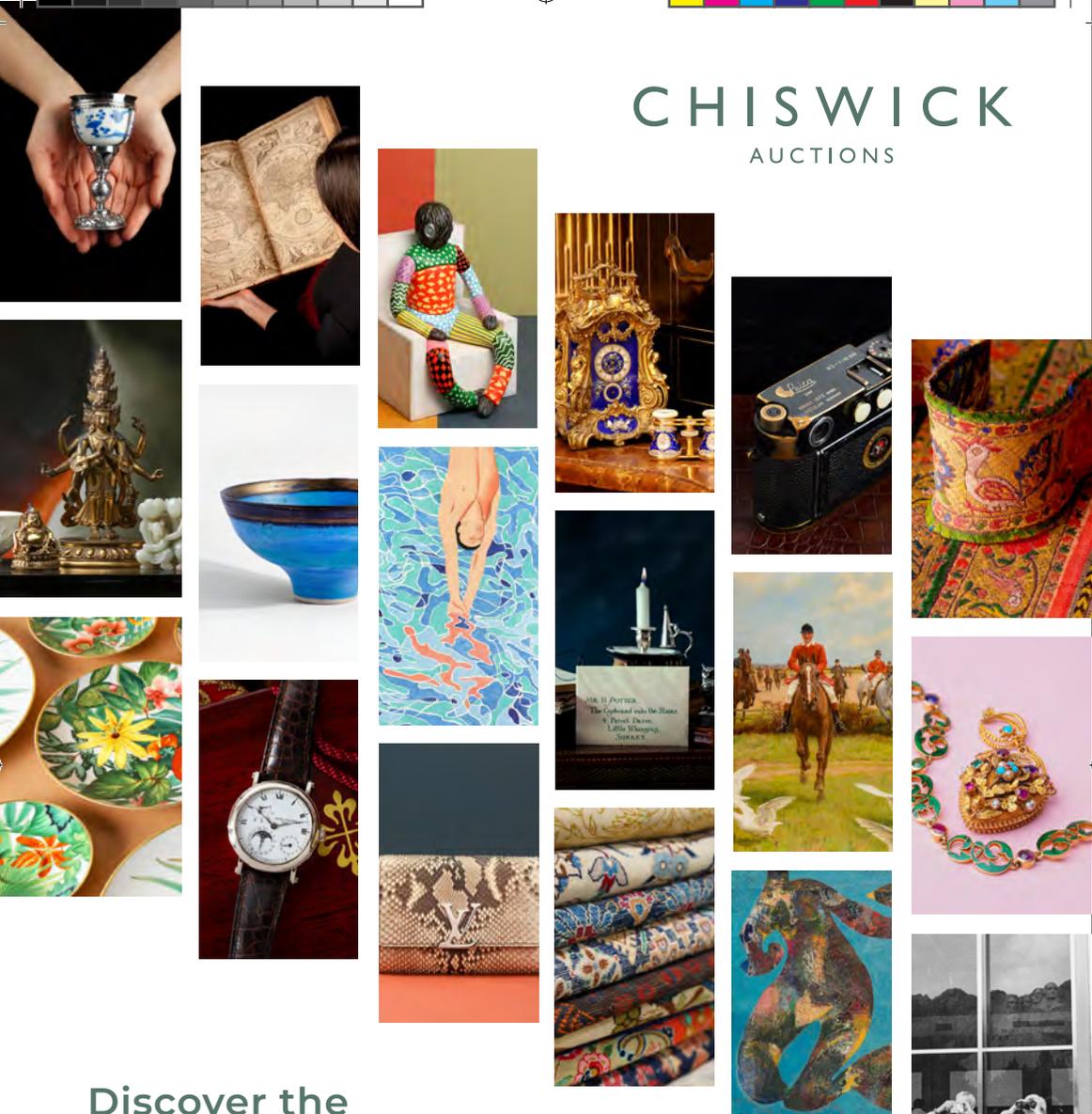
Star of Cbeebies *Swashbuckle*, **Joseph Elliot** will be introducing his outrageously funny new book *Nora and the Map of Mayhem*. When Atticus and Autumn’s dads leave them with their eccentric great-grandmother Nora for the weekend, they’re hoping for a few days scoffing biscuits and playing video games. But when Nora’s around, nothing ever goes quite to plan...‘I LOVE IT! Nora is hilarious and wild and a terrible influence on children. Exactly the kind of anarchy I love’ – Louie Stowell, author of *LOKI*.

**Catholic Centre, £5. Ages 6-11**



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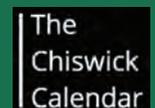
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