



2024 OUTLINE PROGRAMME – SAVE THE DATE!

Date	Time	Event
Fri 22 March	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm lunch	Illustrated Talk: 'Ups and Downs of the River: The Severn Bore' with Tony Conder. Holland House, Cropthorne Friendly Lunch Tickets, incl 2-course lunch, via Holland House. <i>This talk is a celebration of one of England's great natural free events.</i>
Fri 29 March (Good Friday)	2.30 pm	'Flog It versus Bargain Hunt' - Afternoon tea at Raphael's Restaurant, Evesham, with talk by retired TV producer Robert Arley <i>Robert entertained us in 2023 with his tales of The Antiques Road Show. More great stories to come!</i>
Wed 17 April	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm lunch	Illustrated Talk: 'Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know: Lord Byron and his Women' with Jeremy Holmes Holland House, Cropthorne Friendly Lunch Tickets, incl 2-course lunch, via Holland House. <i>Jeremy was with us in 2023 with a fascinating talk about John Donne. Back again in 2024 with something completely different!</i>
Tues 7 May	7.00 pm	2-course Supper and Talk: 'A Game of Two Halves' with Alan Tolley Cornmill Yard, Cheltenham Road, Evesham. <i>Having spent 37 years as a sports reporter, Alan has a host of stories to share.</i>
Wed 22 May	7.00 pm	Illustrated Talk: 'SS Suevic – A Tale of Shipwreck and Survival' with Galen Bartholomew 117 High Street, Evesham. <i>First aired in 2023, this amazing story is repeated in 2024 by popular demand.</i>
Wed 5 June	7.00 pm	Talk: 'When the Dogs Don't Bark' with Dr Angela Gallop, CBE Evesham Rowing Club. <i>Angela Gallop is a leading forensic scientist, and star of ITV Cold Case Forensics. She certainly knows how to solve a crime!</i>
Sat 8 June	2.00 pm	One woman play: 'Glowing Bright' with Alison Neil Evesham Methodist Church Tickets include tea and cake. <i>Marie Curie was one of the most famous scientists of all time. Alison Neil is a great story teller and the story of Marie Curie is one well worth telling.</i>
Sat 22 June	7.30 pm	'Musical Histories: A Concert (History as Seen in Musicals)' with EODS Bengeworth Church <i>This annual joint event with EODS is now a firm favourite and Bengeworth Church is the perfect setting.</i>

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Mon 24 June	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm lunch	Illustrated Talk: 'A River Avon Year' with Rick Thompson Holland House, Crophorne Friendly Lunch Tickets, incl 2-course lunch, via Holland House. <i>Rick Thompson, is a former journalist and broadcaster. His book, A River Avon Year follows 'Shakespeare's Avon' month-by-month. (A joint event with Evesham Walking Festival).</i>
Wed 26 June	7.30 pm	'An Evening of Words and Song' with Colin Pitts and Philip Douch Studio Theatre, The Henrician, Evesham <i>Local singer/songwriter, Colin Pitts returns for the third year to entertain with his wonderful songs and musicianship. This year he is joined by Stroud based short story writer and performer Philip Douch.</i>
Thurs 27 June	2.00 pm	Cleeve Prior Walk – 'Poetry in Nature' A walk round the village of Cleeve Prior. (Joint event with Evesham Walking Festival) <i>Enjoy a leisurely stroll around this lovely village, with readings from Poetry in Nature as we go. Optional afternoon tea at the end of the walk.</i>
Fri 28 June MAIN FESTIVAL WEEKEND	11.00 am - 12.00 pm	Illustrated talk: 'Bums on Seats' with Festival Chair, Sue Ablett 117 High Street, Evesham. <i>In this entertaining talk Sue takes us on a unique tour behind the scenes of Evesham Festival of Words. Don't miss it!</i>
Fri 28 June	2.00 – 3.00 pm	Author Event: 'Details to be confirmed' 117 High Street, Evesham.
Fri 28 June	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Talk: 'Clothbound Classics' with Coralie Bickford-Smith 117 High Street, Evesham <i>Coralie Bickford-Smith is a book cover designer for Penguin, and responsible for their hugely successful Clothbound Classics series.</i>
Fri 28 June	7.30 pm	'Festival Quiz Night' with quizmasters Helen Yendall and Chris Cherry (Teams of 4) Raphael's Restaurant. Light supper included. <i>A regular Festival feature and always a hugely popular evening.</i>
Sat 29 June	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Workshop: 'Fantastic Flash' with Electra Rhodes Evesham Library. <i>Big stories in a few words, an introduction to flash fiction.</i>
Sat 29 June	10.30 am – 12 noon	'But I Haven't Finished Yet!' with Brenda Read-Brown Friends Meeting House, Evesham <i>We are all growing older and most of us don't like it! Join poet Brenda Read-Brown for a riotous celebration of growing older.</i>
Sat 29 June	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Author Event: 'Details to be confirmed' Friends Meeting House, Evesham
Sat 29 June	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Illustrated talk: 'Blenheim Palace – A Passion for Fashion' with Antonia Kearney Friends Meeting House <i>As social history researcher at Blenheim Palace, Antonia comes with a wealth of fascinating facts and stories about this wonderful palace.</i>

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Sat 29 June	7.00 pm	Author Talk: ‘An Evening with author Mike Gayle’ Evesham Rowing Club <i>Former journalist and now author of 17 novels, Mike Gayle was last with us in 2019. We are delighted to welcome him back.</i>
Sun 30 June	9.45 am – 12 noon	Guided Walk: ‘Evesham Town Trail’ with Gill Pawson Meet Almonry Museum <i>Gill is Chair of Evesham Civic Society. Under her guidance you will see parts of Evesham you may never have noticed before.</i>
Sun 30 June	10.30 – 12.30 pm	Workshop ‘So You Think You’ve Got a Book In You’ with Debbie Young Hampton Community Hall <i>Debbie is author of a number of cosy murder mysteries, has experience of traditional and self-publishing, and has run numerous workshops.</i>
Sun 30 June	2.00 – 4.00 pm	‘An interview with author Rebecca Tope’ followed by tea/scones/jam/cake Friends Meeting House <i>Rebecca is a prolific author of three series of murder mysteries, including one set in the Cotswolds.</i>
Sun 30 June	7.00 – 9.00 pm	‘An Evening with Jack Boskett: From Railways to Royalty, and everything in between’ Evesham Rowing Club <i>Jack is an award-winning photographer and a master story teller. The perfect finale to our main Festival weekend.</i>
Wed 17 July	7.00 pm	Illustrated talk: ‘Four Shots in the Night’ with Henry Hemming Evesham Rowing Club <i>The extraordinary true story of how the death of a British spy inside the IRA led to the biggest murder investigation in British history.</i>
Sun 21 July	2.30 pm	Concert: ‘Words of Women’ with singer Susanna MacRae and pianist Claire Habbershaw All Saints Church <i>A joint event with Evesham & District Music Club</i>
Wed 7 Aug	7.00 pm	Illustrated talk: ‘The Ashchurch to Tewkesbury Railway’ with Ian Boskett Evesham Rowing Club <i>Ian’s talk in 2023, The Great Train Robbery, was unforgettable.. Join us for another of Ian’s talks – guaranteed to be entertaining and about a lot more than just trains!</i>
Sat 7 Sept	7.00 pm	One man play: ‘The Enigma of Edward Elgar’ with Michael Lunts Bretforton Theatre Barn (to be confirmed) <i>Michael Lunts has written and performed a number of acclaimed one-man shows about key moments in the lives of composers.</i>
Sat 16 Nov	7.00 pm	One woman play: ‘Enid Blyton – Noddy, Big-Ears and Lashings of Controversy’ with Liz Grand Bengeworth Church <i>This will be Liz Grand’s third visit to the Festival – Agatha Christie, Clementine Churchill, and now Enid Blyton. Amazing performances every time.</i>

Dates still to be confirmed:

Bikes and Books (a cycle ride taking in Dumbleton and Bredon Hill, exploring the literary links along the way)

Mikron Theatre Company

Further details of all these and other, events, including ticket prices, will be on the Festival website (www.eveshamfestivalofwords.org) by the beginning of 2024.

For more information on any of the above, or for ticket enquiries, please email: Festival Chair, Sue Ablett (info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org) or tel: 0787 1285606.



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