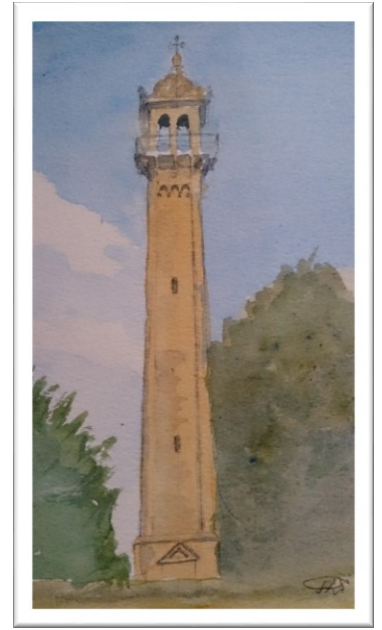


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HAWKESBURY  
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**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017  
10am-5.30pm**

*An action-packed programme of FREE events,  
readings, activities and workshops  
suitable for all ages*

*At the Fox Inn & other venues  
in the Cotswold village of  
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*Admission free to all events  
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# BEGINNING, MIDDLE & END

10am

## **Official Opening – in the Bethesda Chapel**

Welcome address followed by the launch of several new books, including festival founder Debbie Young's novel *Best Murder in Show*, a tribute to Jane Austen for her bicentenary, and an opening speech by special guest Orna Ross, named by *The Bookseller* as one of the UK's 100 Most Influential People in Publishing

**All day:**

**The Wonderland Bookshop Café will be selling soups, cakes and drinks with a literary twist and books by festival authors - in the Methodist Hall**

**Talks and Readings will start every hour, on the hour**

*(Each event lasts 50 minutes - see following pages for details)*

**Writing workshops(open to adults and teens) – in The Fox**

2pm           **Writing Short Stories** – with coach Sue Johnson

4pm           **Writing Poetry** – with poet Shirley Wright

**Children's activities** will be running non-stop in the **Bookworms Tent** outside The Fox

**Meet the Children's Author** sessions will start on the hour, every hour, in the Bookworms Tent, as follows:

11am           **Linda Alvis** *(for young children)*

12noon       **Jenny Heap** *(for young children)*

1pm           **Betty Salthouse** *(for primary school age)*

2pm           **Kate Frost** *(for 10 to teens)*

3pm           **Lu Hersey** *(for 10 to teens)*

4pm           **Jo Allmond & Jess Hiles** *(for primary school age)*

4pm

## **History Event - at Hawkesbury War Memorial**

Simon Bendry reads from his biography of villagers listed on the village war memorial, with the Hawkesbury Writers (authors of *A Monument to Hawkesbury*) and the Hawkesbury History Society (authors of *The Hawkesbury Chronicles*)

5pm

## **Closing Ceremony in the Wonderland Café – in the Methodist Hall**

*With a celebration of Shakespeare in advance of his birthday next day!*

# TALKS

**in the Bethesda Chapel, Park Street**

- 11am**      **The Importance of a Sense of Place in Fiction**  
Chair: Lisa Overton, Chairman of the National Trust's Arts Council  
*With Ali Bacon, JJ Franklin, Mari Howard, Jackie Kabler, David Penny, Katharine Smith and Sophie E Tallis*
- 12noon**      **Commoners or Kings? Historical novelists look at the pros and cons of writing about royalty or ordinary folk**  
Chair: Lucienne Boyce, historian and historical novelist  
*With Celia Boyd, Jean Burnett, Glynn Holloway, Christine Jordan, John Lynch and Ellie Stevenson*
- 1pm**      **The History of Print, Publishing and Dictionaries 1977-2017**  
Chair: Debbie Young, author of fiction & non-fiction  
*With Jonathan Ionides (former employee of Robert Maxwell), Peter Roberts of Clarendon Press in Wotton-under-Edge, and Edmund Weiner, Deputy Chief Editor of the Oxford English Dictionary*
- 2pm**      **How to Live and Think More Creatively**  
Chair: Orna Ross, founder of the Creativist Club and lecturer in Creative Thinking  
*With Dan Holloway and Joanna Penn*
- 3pm**      **Writing About Difference**  
Chair: Dan Holloway  
*With Jo Allmond, Jess Hiles, Dan Jeffries, Thomas Shepherd, Joy Thomas and Debbie Young*
- 4pm**      **The Future of Reading and Writing**  
Chair: Joanna Penn, bestselling author and entrepreneur  
*With AA Abbott, Orna Ross, Debbie Young*

**PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ALL-DAY PROGRAMME OF READINGS**

# READINGS

in the Methodist Hall, Back Street

**11am Our Festival Poets Perform**

Chair: Dan Holloway, award-winning performance poet  
*With Jo Allmond, Sue Johnson, Orna Ross, Joy Thomas, Bob Woodroofe and Shirley Wright*

**12noon Poetry, Please!**

A new feature in which members of the public share their favourite poems  
Chair: Suzie Grogan, author, researcher and broadcaster (*Keats*)  
*With Lyn Bulley (Joyce Williams), William Fairney (Robert Southey), Michael MacMahon (Dylan Thomas), Paul Murphy (Laurie Lee), Orna Ross (WB Yeats) and members of the audience*

**1pm Short Stories**

Chair: John Holland, author and director of Stroud Short Stories  
*With AA Abbott, Ali Bacon, Jacqui Gooding, Rod Griffiths, Jenny Heap, Rosalind Minett, Mark Rutterford and Sophie E Tallis*

**2pm Non-fiction**

Chair: Michael MacMahon, author and voice actor  
*With Simon Bendry, Jean Burnett, Bill Fairney, Suzie Grogan, Dan Jeffries, Christine Jordan, Alan Moyes, Paul Murphy, Jann Tracy and Edmund Weiner*

**3pm Historical fiction**

Chair: John Lynch, author of historical and contemporary fiction  
*With Jean Burnett, Celia Boyd, Lucienne Boyce, Glynn Holloway, Christine Jordan, Joy Kenward, Rosalind Minett, David Penny and Orna Ross*

**4pm Contemporary fiction**

Chair: Ali Bacon, novelist and author of short stories  
*With J J Franklin, Kate Frost, Mari Howard, Sue Johnson, Josephine Lay, Lynne Pardoe, Thomas Shepherd, Katharine E Smith and Ellie Stevenson*

**With huge thanks to the authors, poets, illustrators and other guest speakers for giving their time for free to make this festival accessible and affordable for all; to our volunteer Festival Makers for making the day run smoothly; to our generous sponsors: The Hawkesbury Writers and Waitrose (Chipping Sodbury branch), and to our kind hosts, The Fox Inn, The Methodist Chapel and the Bethesda Chapel.**