

# The **SAWMILL** SAT & SUN

Located adjacent to The Engineering Centre  
For details of talks in Sawmill see main text.

## KIRSTY'S KRITTERS

10.00am - 4.00pm / Sawmill / Free / All Ages

Kirsty's Kritters from Auchinleck are a firm favourite. Come and discover which pets Kirsty has brought with her. Could it be a snake, a lizard, scorpions, tarantulas, Madagascan cockroaches or even a bearded dragon?

## DRAWING AREA

10.00 - 11.00 & 3.00 - 4.00 / Sawmill / Free / All Ages

Drop in and enjoy colouring in your own *Little House on the Prairie* drawn for the Festival by American illustrator, Harriet Burbeck.

## OUTDOORS with PLANET SMILE

Interactive activities with Dumfries House Education  
(Average time 15 minutes) / Free

The *Little House* books followed a pioneer family on their journey in the American West. Come and learn new 'pioneering' ways for today and help keep our planet green and smiling.

## STONE MASON'S YARD

11.00am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Sow and Throw** with the Dumfries House gardeners - make a green grenade and watch it explode with colour.

## OPAL (Open Air Laboratories)

Join a Bug Hunt; find out how clean your air is, and let trees help you with your maths!

## HARMONY PLAYPARK

11.00am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 4.00pm

### Funky Junk Challenge

Get creative with up-cycling. See what you can make from all those scrap heap treasures.

## HARMONY PLAYPARK

Sat: 2.00pm - 3.00pm / Sun: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

### Boozy Book Safari

Try our book festival themed geocache trail – prize for the first group to complete the challenges.

Waterstones  
Children's Book Shop  
On site for the weekend selling books by all the authors appearing

Book Signing  
Authors will sign copies of their books after their events.

Café  
A couple of minutes walk away  
The Coach House Café – serving delicious cold and hot food, snacks, juices, hot drinks, tea, coffee and home baked cakes.

# Boswell Children's Festival

Engineering Centre  
DUMFRIES HOUSE

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 May

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BOOK FESTIVAL**  
DUMFRIES HOUSE · AYRSHIRE  
12-14 MAY 2017  
www.boswellbookfestival.co.uk

in association with  
The Engineering Centre  
Dumfries House Estate Ayrshire

## TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock: 01563 554 900

Lines open: Tues - Sat, 10.30am - 4.30pm (until 12pm Thurs 11 May, then use Festival number below).

Most major credit and debit cards accepted – no cheques.

## In Person

Waterstones, High Street, Ayr (open Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.30pm/Sun 1.00pm - 5.00pm) (until 5.30pm Fri 12 May)

Cumnock Town Hall (Tues - Sat 10.30am - 4.30pm) until 12pm 11 May

## ONLINE:

[www.boswellbookfestival.co.uk](http://www.boswellbookfestival.co.uk)

## FESTIVAL WEEKEND ONLY ON SITE & BY PHONE

### Children's Festival Phone:

07596 841 272 (from 12pm Thurs 11 May ONLY)

Lines open: Thurs 11 May: 12pm - 4.30pm,

Fri 12 - Sun 14 May: 9.30am - 4.00pm



### Children's Box Office:

on site at The Engineering Centre (from Sat 13 May ONLY)

Sat 13 & Sun 14 May 9.30am - 3.00pm



All talks take place in the Engineering Centre  
unless otherwise indicated.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Ages in listings are for guidance only.



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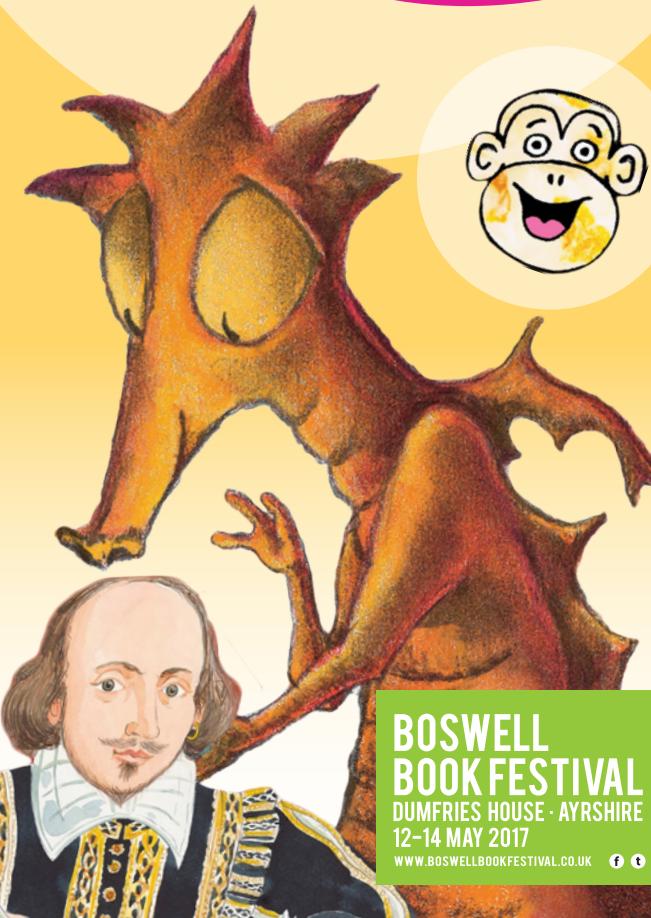
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SATURDAY 13 MAY

### Festival Opening: Nick Sharratt: Carrots, Kings, Cornflakes and Crocodiles

10.00am - 11.00am / £1 / All ages

Come on a spectacularly silly trip to the supermarket with author of *Shark in the Park*, Nick Sharratt, and a coachload of crazy characters including croissant-eating Vikings, salt and vinegar-flavoured sharks, and the royal stars of his very first chapter book *The Cat and the King*.

### Nicola Davies: Heroes of the Wild

11.30am - 12.30pm / £1 / Ages 6 up

Prize winning author, zoologist and former presenter of BBC's *The Really Wild Show* Nicola Davies explores the issues surrounding wildlife conservation, sharing the true stories which inspired her books, including *The Whale Who Saved Us*, *The Leopard's Tail* and *The Elephant Road*.

### Vivian French: Goodbye Rubbish

11.30am - 12.30pm / Sawmill / £1 / Age 3-6

Captain Crankie hates people dumping rubbish so he collects it up with his friend Seadog Steve but what should he do with it? Come and hear the brilliant plan they hatch with much loved author Vivian French.

### Nick Sharratt's Draw-Along

1.00pm - 2.00pm / Sawmill / £1 / All ages

Nick Sharratt, world famous illustrator, will be drawing lots of his favourite characters and sharing plenty of illustration tips. Draw along with him and help him invent some brand new characters too.

### Mick Manning & Brita Granström: William Shakespeare

1.30pm - 2.30pm / £1 / Age 5 up

Scenes from the life of the world's greatest writer are a wonderful way to discover who Shakespeare was and what he wrote. With vivid, quirky, illustrations and words, the award-winning duo, Mick and Brita, bring alive his journey from Stratford-upon-Avon to the Globe Theatre.



### Harriet Burbeck: Mardi Gras Masks

2.30pm - 3.00pm / Sawmill / 50p / All ages

Drop in to make a Mardi Gras feathered mask in glittering colours with the help of illustrator Harriet Burbeck from New Orleans, the city celebrated for its Mardi Gras Festival.

### Jason Lewis: Round the world in 13 years

3.00pm - 4.00pm / £1 / Age 5 up / Dyslexia friendly

The thrilling tales of explorer, Jason Lewis, recognised by Guinness World Records as the first person to go around the Earth by human power - without using motors or sails - as he faced malaria, crocodile attack, ocean crossings, desert, mountains, pirates and more to cover the 46,505-mile journey in thirteen adventure packed years.



SUNDAY 14 MAY

### Mick Manning & Brita Granström: WW2 Adventures

10.00am - 11.00am / £1 / Age 5 up

As a boy, Mick Manning listened to his father's hair-raising tales about life as an RAF air gunner. Years later with Brita, using comic strip, contemporary photographs and full-page pictures, the award-winning duo carefully recreated his father's stories in *Tail-End Charlie*.

### George Dunn & Dave Fellowes: RAF heroes

11.00am - 11.30am / Sawmill / Free / Age 5 up

Imagine surviving a mid-air collision or risking your life fighting enemy craft! Come and meet the real-life heroes of RAF Bomber Command and hear what it was like to fly over dangerous Nazi-occupied Europe in World War II. Maybe you can think of a few questions you'd like to ask them too?

### Nicola Davies: Animal Secrets

11.30am - 12.30pm / £1 / Ages 5 up

Zoologist and former presenter of BBC's *The Really Wild Show*, Nicola Davies, award-winning author of *The First Book of Nature*, *The Promise*, *The Word Bird* and *Animal Surprises*, shares the secrets of her work with animals from all over the world.

### Vivian French: Do you like chips?

12.15pm - 1.15pm / Sawmill / £1 / Age 3-6

Oliver won't eat anything but chips until he plays a game with his grandpa. Whatever vegetable Oliver finds in the garden, he must eat. On Monday, he pulls up carrots, on Tuesday, it's spinach... From acclaimed children's writer Vivian French, *Oliver's Vegetables*, *Oliver's Fruit Salad* and *Oliver's Milkshake* teach children where food comes from.

### Debi Gliori: Survival against the Odds

1.30pm - 2.30pm / £1 / Age 5 up

*Dragon Loves Penguin* is a heart-melting story from Debi Gliori, writer and illustrator of over 70 books, including her brilliant *No Matter What* and *Pure Dead* series. Set in Antarctica, it tells of polar exploration, our relationship with penguins and the love between two unlikely creatures.

### Harriet Burbeck: Mardi Gras Masks

1.45pm - 2.15pm / Sawmill / 50p / All ages

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### Festival Finale

#### Vivian French, Harriet Burbeck & Young Ayrshire Fiddlers Yee-haw! The Little House Hoedown!

3.00pm - 4.00pm / £1 / Age 0 - 90

To Celebrate the *Little House on the Prairie* Panels, join Vivian French, Harriet Burbeck and young Ayrshire Fiddlers, Alexander Cheng, Fiona Sykes and Matthew Taylor, for hillbilly tunes, country music, jigs and reels in our *Little House Hoedown* with tales of bears, wolves and Indians of the American West.



### The Little House on the Prairie Panels

On show in the Engineering Centre over the Festival Weekend and then in Auchinleck Library.

Celebrating 150 years since the birth of Laura Ingalls Wilder - 'pioneer girl' from the American West - the *Little House* books inspired by her family have captured the imagination of millions of readers. The books' timeless appeal lies in the 'simple' life she conjures up: of the fear and dangers of wolves, bears, American Indians and prairie storms as well as of the 'simple life' of homemade cooking, crafts and music: or outside activities such as hunting, building and self-defence.

Working with bestselling author Vivian French and talented New Orleans illustrator, Harriet Burbeck, Auchinleck, St. Patrick's Auchinleck and Ochiltree Primary schools will help celebrate this anniversary with their four panels depicting the four seasons on the Prairie.

