

FRIDAY 12 MAY

6.00pm **OPENING EVENING**
Champagne reception in Dumfries House

7.30pm **Nigel Havers**
In an acting career that has taken him from Oscar winning *Chariots of Fire* to *Coronation Street* with tales of his life guaranteed to entertain. Brave. Funny. Famous. Handsome. Nigel Havers is the real-life charmer you might expect.

Special evening price to include champagne reception in Dumfries House and Nigel Havers £12.50



SATURDAY 13 MAY

10.45am **Coffee Housing: Candia McWilliam & Gordon Turnbull with James Knox** Join us for an 18th century coffee house experience with novelist and memoirist, Candia McWilliam; editor of the *Boswell Editions*, Gordon Turnbull; and biographer, James Knox, who will be chatting about theirs and other families of writers.

12.00pm **Simon Sebag Montefiori** bestselling historian unveils the secret world of *The Romanovs*, the most successful dynasty of modern times, ruling an Empire that still defines Russia today. Rivalry, decadence and extravagance ended in the harrowing massacre of the last Tsar and his entire family.

12.00pm **Jason Lewis** recognised by Guinness World Records as the first person to circle the earth by human power, without using motors or sails, he faced malaria, crocodiles, ocean crossings, deserts, mountains, pirates and more to cover the 46,505-mile journey in thirteen adventure packed years.

1.30pm **Bella Bathurst** spent her first 28 years hearing then 12 years deaf before recovering. Her new book, *Sound*, describes her personal journey and what it teaches you about listening and silence, music and noise, auricular science and the deaf's secrets.

2.00pm **Philippe Sands**, human rights lawyer, talks about his profoundly important book *East West Street*, a moving personal story of detection centring on the Nuremberg Trials and the two prosecutors who changed international law with the idea of 'War Crimes', while in parallel he uncovers his secret family in the Ukrainian city of Lviv.

3.15pm **Thomas Harding's** bestselling book *House by the Lake* is a superb portrait of twentieth century Germany seen through the prism of a house which was lived in, and lost, by five different families including his own.

3.15pm **Jeremy Musson**, country house authority, celebrates the 10th anniversary of the saving of Dumfries House with a lavishly illustrated talk on its great Scottish architect and designer, Robert Adam.

3.30pm **Alex Norton** star of *Taggart*, on his uproarious life which took him from the Gorbals to jamming with David Bowie to appearing in *Braveheart* with Mel Gibson and *Pirates of the Caribbean* with Johnny Depp. Hear the memories of the man who Dudley Moore hailed as the funniest actor he'd ever worked with.

4.45pm **James Hanratty**, one of the UK's most experienced immigration judges, has seen the plight of asylum seekers first hand and made decisions that changed lives. His memoir is profound, funny and affecting as he strives to dispense kindness and compassion as well as justice.

4.45pm **Richard Ingrams, Paul Tankard & James Knox**
A stimulating talk between Richard Ingrams, legendary co-founder of *Private Eye* and *The Oldie*, Paul Tankard, editor of *Boswell's* journalism and James Knox, former publisher of *The Spectator*, during which they discuss what through history has made a great journalist, how can our rulers be held to account and how can our freedom of speech be secured.

5.00pm **George Dunn & Dave Fellowes** took part in 77 operations between them with Bomber Command in World War II. An unmissable opportunity to hear two great survivors tell what it was like to fly deep into enemy territory over Nazi-occupied Europe and about the endurance required to survive such nerve-racking missions to help Britain triumph.

6.15pm **Richard Holmes**, lauded for his lives of Shelley, Coleridge and Johnson, discusses his latest biographical quest in pursuit of his favourite Romantic subjects including powerful portraits of scientific and literary women. Hailed as the greatest literary biographer of his generation, Holmes calls the art of biography the vital handshake 'across time.'

6.15pm **Madeleine Black**, a counsellor in Glasgow, was brutally raped at the age of 13. She decided to tell her empowering story of survival, healing, forgiveness, transformation and hope in order to help break down the shame of sexual violence and offer help to others.

6.30pm **Malcom Rifkind**, in the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence during some of the most turbulent years of the late twentieth century, tells the inside story from his battles with Thatcher over Scotland to chairing the Intelligence and Security Committee.

8.00pm **Dominic Dromgoole** For the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, the artistic director of the Globe took *Hamlet* on a 193,000 mile tour to every country on the planet performing in sweltering deserts, refugee camps and heaving marketplaces and in doing so discovered how a sixteenth century play can touch lives the world over.

The World's Only Festival of Biography & Memoir

BOSWELL BOOK FESTIVAL

DUMFRIES HOUSE · AYRSHIRE

12-14 MAY 2017

BOX OFFICE: 01563 554 900

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All tickets £8, £6c Except where indicated
Events are one hour long unless specified
Entrance to all Main Festival talks through Reception
Entrance to Children's events at Engineering Centre



ROYAL DRAWING SCHOOL

Suitable for all abilities
Age 8-80

Bring the Boswell Book Festival to life with drawing!

Drop in and draw with practising artists from the Royal Drawing School at our pop-up studio in The Rothesay Room.

All materials are provided free of charge. Spaces are limited so guarantee your place by booking through the Festival Box Office.

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 May

The Rothesay Room / £8, £6c per session / £4 / Age 8 - 16

10.30am - 11.50am
Drawing the Body Clothed
Drawing from the figure in the studio helps to concentrate the mind and encourages you to see more and see better. We will discover how dress and posture bring colour and character to our drawing. There will be both long and short poses.

1.30pm - 2.50pm
Drawing the Head
A portrait class is a great way to study the detail of a face and head and capture a personality on paper – just like biographers do in words. In this class, you will be encouraged to experiment with various drawing mediums, using both colour and black and white.

3.30pm - 4.50pm
Drawing Out and About
Drawing out and about around the Festival is a unique opportunity to capture your experience of the beautiful surroundings and their character, sharpening your powers of observation. Nothing is fixed, everything is in flux: enjoy the challenge of being an artist in the great outdoors.

SUNDAY 14 MAY

10.45am **Coffee Housing £10, £8c to include coffee and cake**

Flora Shedden Join the 2015 *Great British Bake Off* runner-up over coffee and bakes as she talks about her love of cooking to celebrate, at age 20, the publication of her first cookbook *Gatherings*. From Dunkeld, she is shortly to open an artisan bakery there.

12.00pm **Alan Johnson** From the condemned slums of West London to the corridors of power in Westminster, the former postman and Home Secretary - and Labour MP for Hull West - talks about how a working class man from the poorest of backgrounds rose to the top.

12.00pm **Magnus Linklater, Malcolm Rifkind & Philippe Sands** A lawyer, who has prosecuted criminals against humanity, a politician who has grappled with conflict and peace and a journalist and editor with a life dedicated to establishing hard facts, examine the impact of today's ferment of lies, half-truths and the loss of memory on the world's conscience.

12.00pm **Tristram Clarke** will help you unlock your family history. Archivist for over 40 years at the National Records of Scotland, indispensable as a source for family historians and biographers he will share his knowledge talking about *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors*.

1.30pm **Minoo Dinshaw** The fascinating life of Steven Runciman: scholar, traveller, Hebridean laird, gossip and ghost hunter, whose masterpiece was the *History of the Crusades*, is brought to life by one of the brightest new stars of biography.

1.30pm **Russell Napier** in 2014 opened the world's first 'Library of Mistakes' in Edinburgh dedicated to the misadventures of men and money. His talk will tell of greed, incompetence, foolishness and fraud arguing that economics cannot just be quantified in cold hard numbers.

2.00pm **Richard Ingrams**, legendary co-founder and editor of *Private Eye*, on his friend Ludovic Kennedy, journalist and broadcaster whose fight against miscarriages of justice, such as the trials of Timothy Evans (10 Rillington Place), Derek Bentley and Patrick Meehan was hugely influential in abolishing the death penalty.

3.15pm **Kenneth Cox**, Scotland's Indiana Jones, best-selling garden writer and plant hunter who runs the well known Glendoick nursery and garden centre in Perthshire, will talk about four centuries of Scotland's greatest gardeners including William Bruce and Ian Hamilton Finlay as well as his own family story.

3.15pm **Gordon Turnbull**, head of the Boswell project at Yale University, reveals the remarkable episode when James Boswell's *Life of Samuel Johnson* was used by King Edward VII to calm dangerous tensions between Germany and Britain during his nephew Kaiser Wilhelms visit to Sandringham in 1902.

3.30pm **Sir James MacMillan** plays the lost songs of St Kilda and tells the incredible story of their rediscovery in an Edinburgh care home. In conversation with **Sir Charles Maclean**, author of the lyrical *Island on the Edge of the World*.
A Cumnock Tryst collaboration.

3.30pm **Debi Gliori** uses stunning black and white illustration and deceptively simple text to describe in *Night Shift* her life-long depression. Debi aims to show fellow sufferers that there can be an escape - it may not be easy to find, but it is there.

4.45pm **Robert Crawford**, acclaimed biographer of *Young Eliot: From St Louis to The Waste Land*, charts how TS Eliot started out as a subversive outsider and became the most important poet of the twentieth century.

5.00pm **Alexandra Shulman** The longest serving and most successful editor of *Vogue* in its 100-year history talks about her time there, revealing the challenges of producing the 100th anniversary issue including the secret planning of *that* Duchess of Cambridge surprise cover, organising the star-studded 'Vogue 100 Gala' and coping with the continual scrutiny of a television crew making the BBC Television's *Absolutely Fashion* documentary. **With Kirsty Wark.**

6.45pm **Festival Finale: Joan Eardley: A Private View**
A new promenade play on its premiere 2017 tour
£10, £8c to include a glass of champagne

Joan Eardley has been described as the artist who 'captured Scotland's life and soul' with her candid portraits of Glasgow's tenement children and dramatic paintings of the fishing village of Catterline with its leaden skies and wild sea. Anna Carlisle's ground-breaking play starring award-winning actress, Alexandra Mathie, conveys what it was that fired Joan Eardley and through stunning visual imagery the audience will experience for themselves the overwhelming impact of her finished works.



Picture courtesy of The Scottish Gallery

Boswell Children's Festival

Engineering Centre
DUMFRIES HOUSE



SUNDAY 14 MAY

10.00am - 11.00am
Mick Manning & Brita Granström: WW2 Adventures
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*.
£1 / Age 5 up

11.00am - 11.30am
George Dunn & Dave Fellowes: RAF Heroes
Come and meet the real life heroes of RAF Bomber Command and hear what it was like to fly over Nazi-occupied Europe in World War II surviving a mid-air collision and fighting enemy aircraft.
Sawmill / Free / Age 5 up

11.30am - 12.30pm
Nicola Davies
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.
£1 / Ages 5 up

Boswell Children's Festival

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.

All talks £1 unless indicated otherwise.

12.15pm - 1.15pm
Vivian French
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.
Sawmill / £1 / Age 3-6

1.30pm - 2.30pm
Debi Giori
Dragon Loves Penguin is a heart-melting story from Debi Giori, 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.
£1 / Age 5 up

1.45pm - 2.15pm
Harriet Burbeck
Drop in to make a Mardi Gras feathered mask in glittering colours with the help of the exciting American illustrator from New Orleans, the city celebrated for its Mardi Gras Festival.
Sawmill/ 50p / All ages

FESTIVAL FINALE
3.00pm - 4.00pm
Yee-haw! The Little House Hoedown!
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.
£1 / Age 0 - 90



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
10.00am - 11.00am & 3.00pm - 4.00pm / 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
Bozzy Book Safari
Try our book festival themed geocache trail - prize for the first group to complete the challenges.

SATURDAY 13 MAY

FESTIVAL OPENING
10.00am - 11.00am
Nick Sharratt
Come on a spectacularly silly trip to the supermarket with *Shark in the Park* creator 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*.
£1 / All ages

11.30am - 12.30pm
Nicola Davies
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*.
£1 / Ages 6 up

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

Waterstones Children's Bookshop
Author signings
Café nearby

LOTS TO DO

Dumfries House
30 minutes mini-tours / £5 through Dumfries House website or buy on the day
Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience the superb interiors and treasures of Dumfries House which have been restored to their original splendour. Combining the architecture of Robert Adam and his brother with the furniture of Thomas Chippendale and leading 18th century Scottish cabinet makers, the house and original contents, which include nearly 10% of Chippendale's surviving work, represent one of the most important documents of the Scottish Enlightenment.

Saturday & Sunday Tour times:

1100	1300	1500	1700
1110	1310	1510	1710
1120	1320	1520	1720
1200	1400	1600	-
1210	1410	1610	-
1220	1420	1620	-

Coach House Café
A short walkway takes you to the newly extended Coach House where there is a more extensive menu on offer, from a warming bowl of homemade soup and a wide range of hot or cold snacks to a light lunch or supper. Freshly brewed coffee and tea with delicious cakes also await you or alternatively relax with a glass of wine or beer.

Friday	10.00am - 10.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 10.00pm
Sunday	10.00am - 9.00pm



Festival Café Bar
Festival Marquee
Waiting for a talk or coming out of one? In our Festival marquee, soup, sandwiches, wraps, large selection of cakes, tray bakes and scones together with teas, coffees, wine, beer and soft drinks will be on offer for your delectation. Feel free to take your drinks into the Pavilion.

Waterstones Bookshop
Festival Marquee
Kenny Bryan and his excellent team from Waterstones, Ayr are our on-site bookseller. On offer will be a superb selection of titles by or about our authors for all to browse and discover new delights. A separate children's bookshop will operate at the Engineering Centre.

BOOK SIGNINGS: Authors will be delighted to sign copies of their books immediately after their events.

Woodlands Restaurant
This stylish restaurant offers a refreshingly imaginative range of delicious dishes using fresh and locally sourced ingredients, including seasonal vegetables from the Dumfries House garden.

SPECIAL FESTIVAL MENU:
2 course £19.95 / 3 courses £25.00

Friday	5.00pm - 10.00pm
Saturday	5.00pm - 10.00pm
Sunday	12.00pm - 9.00pm

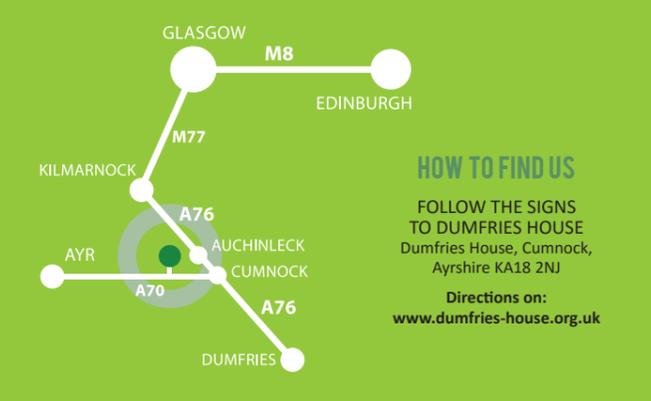
Reservations on: 01290 425 959

Onsite Accommodation Tamar Manoukian Outdoor Centre
Book a room in the outdoor centre and stay onsite on Dumfries House estate to enjoy a bed and breakfast experience with like-minded people. Then you can relax and immerse yourself in the Festival without your fun being dampened by the thought of a long drive home.

£25 per person per night
Bookings: Anne Kelso 01290 429 917

BOOKING INFO

- ▶ BOX OFFICE**
Tel: 01563 554 900
Palace Theatre Kilmarnock (tickets only)
Lines open: Tues-Sat, 10.30am - 4.30pm until 12.00pm Thurs 11 May, then use Festival number below.
Most major credit and debit cards accepted - no cheques.
- ▶ MAIN FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE ONSITE AND BY PHONE**
Festival Phone: 07530 380 021 (from 12.00pm Thurs 11 May ONLY)
Lines open: Thurs 11 May: 12.00pm - 4.30pm, Fri 12 - Sun 14 May: 10.30am - 6.00pm
- ▶ CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**
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
- ▶ ONLINE**
www.boswellbookfestival.co.uk



By Air: Glasgow International Airport is 50 minutes away.

By Car: Access to Dumfries House is from the A70 Ayr-Cumnock or Cumnock-Ayr direction. There are two entrances - one clearly marked 'cars only' and the other 'coaches only'.

By Train: The nearest train station is Auchinleck which connects to many lines in the region. The train from Glasgow Central calls at Barrhead, Dunlop, Stewarton, Kilmarnock, and Auchinleck. From Carlisle the train calls at Greta Green, Annan, Dumfries, Sanquhar, Kirkcubbin, New Cumnock and Auchinleck. Book a taxi in advance to pick you up from Auchinleck Station.

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