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SCARBOROUGH BOOK FESTIVAL

THE WARMEST WELCOME TO BOOKS BY THE BEACH

2020 brings a feast of personal stories from a life-saving paramedic to a lone hiker whose survival in the USA desert made international headlines. A high profile hostage negotiator shares tales of the Middle East and we release diaries from behind UK prison bars.

The bicentenary of Anne Brontë's birth is this year's classic launch, set at St. Mary's Church, below the castle. Ancient Egypt offers up 'Secrets from the Coffin' and there's eye watering yarns of Icelandic seas at the yacht club and lighthouse.

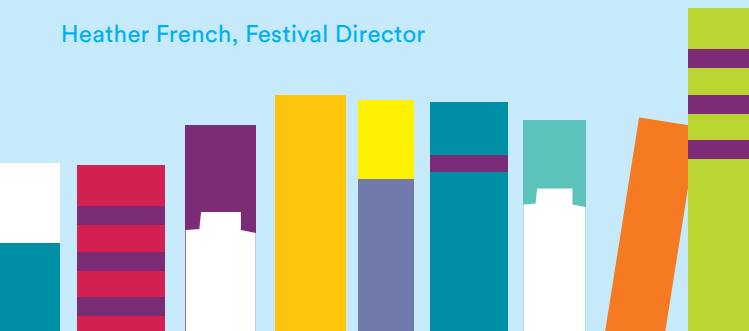
Fictional crime and suspense worlds are reflected through spy glasses and there's an unmissable chiller dinner at the Crescent Hotel. There's a new slant on Shakespeare's most famous play and we look back at the ups and downs of the last decade. TV hit *Grantchester* comes to the SJT and a star shines brightly at the Spa.

From family drama to life changing health choices – there's something for everyone at this year's Books by the Beach. So get your tickets, sit back, relax and enjoy the experience.

HUGE THANKS to our fantastic authors, hosts, sponsors, partners, volunteers and you the audiences for your continued enthusiasm. You all help us make Scarborough a top festival destination.

My final thank you to our brilliant patron, former head of BBC Radio, Helen Boaden – for her assistance and support.

Heather French, Festival Director



SAMANTHA ELLIS

ANNE BRONTË - 200 YEARS

FRI 24 APRIL 10am – 11am

TICKETS £6 Refreshments on sale

VENUE St. Mary's Church

Hosted by Helen Boaden

Drama student Emily Swift will read from Anne's work. Work by textile artist Lindsey Tyson & illustrator Gillian Martin on display in church.



Anne Brontë was enraptured with Scarborough when she visited as a governess. Her novel *Agnes Grey* is a love letter to the town. Suffering from TB, she persuaded her sister Charlotte to try the sea cure at Scarborough. Sadly she realised she would never return to Haworth and died in lodgings on the Grand Hotel site. **Samantha Ellis** is the author of *Take Courage: Anne Brontë and the Art of Life*. Today she shares Anne's connections to Scarborough.

B A PARIS & CHARLOTTE PHILBY

I, SPY... SECRETS & LIES!

FRI 24 APRIL 1pm – 2pm

TICKETS £7

VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall

Hosted by Barry Forshaw

B A Paris is the million-copy bestselling author of *Behind Closed Doors*. Her most recent work *Bring Me Back* was a Sunday Times bestseller. Today she shares *The Dilemma*, a powerful, affecting tale of family secrets.



Journalist **Charlotte Philby** has contributed to all major newspapers as well as the BBC and Channel 4. Her debut novel *The Most Difficult Thing* is an irresistible combination of espionage and domestic suspense. Charlotte is the granddaughter of Kim Philby, Britain's most famous communist double-agent.



JOANN FLETCHER

ANCIENT EGYPT: SECRETS FROM THE COFFIN

FRI 24 APRIL 3pm – 4pm

TICKETS £7

VENUE Scarborough Library
Concert Hall

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Professor **Joann Fletcher** of the University of York is advisor to many museums and leads the Egypt Exploration Society's Local Ambassador programme. Author of nine books (including *The Story of Egypt*), she regularly appears on TV, from BBC2's 'Immortal Egypt with Joann Fletcher' to BAFTA-winning 'Mummifying Alan: Egypt's Last Secret'. Joann will discuss sarcophagi discoveries and share stories featuring Egyptian coffins and a famous mummy...

JAKE JONES CAN YOU HEAR ME?

A PARAMEDIC'S ENCOUNTERS WITH LIFE & DEATH

FRI 24 APRIL 5.30pm – 6.30pm

TICKETS £6

VENUE Scarborough Library Concert Hall

Hosted by Gerry Foley

Jake Jones has worked in the UK ambulance service for ten years. His memoir *Can You Hear Me?* – the first thing he says when he arrives on the scene – illustrates the chaos, intensity and occasional beauty of life on the front-lines of medicine. Jake will share split-second decisions of the first responder carried out in public and on the streets of Britain.

Please note NO PHOTOGRAPHS/FILMING permitted at this event.

CAN A PARAMEDIC'S YOU ENCOUNTERS WITH HEAR LIFE AND DEATH ME?

MAGGIE O'FARRELL

HAMNET

FRI 24 APRIL 7.30pm – 8.30pm

TICKETS £9

VENUE Scarborough Library
Concert Hall

Hosted by Helen Boaden



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INCLUDES A
GLASS OF
WINE OR
BEER



Maggie O'Farrell is the author of Sunday Times no. 1 bestselling memoir *I AM, I AM, I AM* and eight novels. Maggie is celebrating her 20 year writing career. Tonight she discusses her journey into historical fiction with *Hamnet* – a heart-stopping story behind Shakespeare's most famous play.

A mesmerising read and unmissable evening.

HORATIO CLARE

ICEBREAKERS &
FROZEN SEAS

SAT 25 APRIL 10am – 11.15am

TICKETS £10 Includes lighthouse tour

VENUE Scarborough Yacht Club

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Hosted by Gerry Foley. This venue does not have disabled access.

Horatio Clare is an award-winning author and journalist. He writes on travel for the *Financial Times*, on books for *The Spectator*, and on many subjects *From our own Correspondent* (Radio 4). His own works include *Down to the Sea in Ships*, *Icebreaker* and *The Light in the Dark*. Today he shares his adventures to the frozen North with the crew of *Icebreaker Otso*. A short lighthouse tour is included but beware, according to legend, it's haunted...

JAMES RUNCIE

GRANTCHESTER

SAT 25 APRIL 1pm – 2pm

TICKETS £8 Refreshments for sale at bar

VENUE Stephen Joseph Theatre
Lounge

Hosted by Barry Forshaw

James Runcie is an award-winning film-maker and Commissioning Editor for Arts at BBC Radio 4. He is the author of ten novels, including six books in the Grantchester Mysteries series. In 2014, ITV launched *Grantchester*, the prime-time series starring James Norton, which aired its fourth season in spring 2019. James Runcie will be chatting to critic, broadcaster and author Barry Forshaw.



POLLY TOYNBEE & DAVID WALKER

THE LOST DECADE

SAT 25 APRIL 3pm – 4pm

TICKETS £7

VENUE Scarborough Library
Concert Hall



From austerity to Brexit, food banks to Grenfell, the last decade has been one of Britain's most tumultuous periods. What went wrong? What went right? Where do we go from here? *Guardian* columnist **Polly Toynbee** and contributing editor **David Walker** look at what lies ahead – bringing hope for better things to come.

TOM WATSON

DOWNSIZING

SAT 25 APRIL 5pm – 6pm

TICKETS £7

VENUE Scarborough Library
Concert Hall

Hosted by Helen Boaden

Former Deputy Leader of the Labour Party (2015 – 2019) **Tom Watson** will share his frank and inspiring account of how he radically changed the way he ate, lost eight stone and reversed his type 2 diabetes. Tom has set up an independent commission that looks at how government can tackle obesity and stem the rise in type 2 diabetes. Through his book *Downsizing* he hopes to inspire others to regain the health, happiness and new lease of life he now experiences himself.

TOM WATSON DOWNSIZING



LOUISE DOUGHTY'S

CHILLER DINNER

SAT 25 APRIL 7.30pm – 9.30pm

TICKETS £30 includes 3 course dinner

VENUE The Crescent Hotel

This venue does not have wheelchair access



Platform Seven is **Louise Doughty's** ninth novel. *Black Water* was published to critical acclaim in 2016 and bestseller *Apple Tree Yard* adapted as a four-part drama for BBC1. She is a critic and cultural commentator for UK and international newspapers and broadcasts regularly on the BBC. Louise discusses her latest chiller during a delicious and atmospheric candlelit dinner.

Please give special dietary requirements to box office on ticket purchase.

SUNDAY PAPERS DISCUSSION

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**LOUISE DOUGHTY,
TOM WATSON & HELEN BOADEN**

SUN 26 APRIL 10.30am – 11.30am

TICKETS £7

**VENUE Scarborough Library
Concert Hall**



Do you browse and discuss the Sunday papers at home? Much more fun in the company of bestselling novelist and journalist **Louise Doughty** and former Deputy Labour Leader and writer **Tom Watson**. Come and hear what's hot off the press – chaired by former Head of BBC Radio **Helen Boaden**.



TERRY WAITE

**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL EVENT**

SUN 26 APRIL 1pm – 2pm

**TICKETS Donation on door for
Amnesty International.**

Seat reservations needed from SJT.

**VENUE Scarborough Library
Concert Hall**



Terry Waite CBE has had a remarkable career working in most troubled spots of the world. He negotiated the release of hostages with such people as Colonel Ghadaffi in Libya and Hezbollah in Iran, before cruelly being taken captive himself. He co-founded Hostage UK (Now Hostage International) following his release from almost five years as a hostage in Beirut. Terry is the author of several books including *Taken on Trust* which he wrote in his head in captivity.

CLAIRE NELSON

THINGS I LEARNED
FROM FALLING

SUN 26 APRIL 3pm – 4pm
TICKETS £6
VENUE Scarborough Library
Concert Hall

Hosted by Gerry Foley



Journalist **Claire Nelson** was in her thirties and beginning to burn out. She decided to take time off from her hectic London life and travelled to the open spaces of Joshua Tree Park, California. Whilst hiking alone Claire wandered from the trail, fell 25 feet, shattering her pelvis. She had no cell phone signal and no one knew where she lay- fighting for her life.

Making international headlines, she was alone for four days until she was miraculously found. Claire shares her inspiring story of strength, transformation and survival.

CHRIS ATKINS

PRISON DIARIES

SUN 26 APRIL 5pm – 6pm
TICKETS £6
VENUE Scarborough Library
Concert Hall

Hosted by Gerry Foley

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THE DIARIES
OF A
PRISONER

Chris Atkins is a BAFTA-nominated film-maker. He's worked extensively with *Dispatches* for Channel 4 and BBC *Panorama*. Like most people, Chris didn't spend much time thinking about prisons. But after becoming embroiled in a dodgy scheme to fund his latest film, he was sent down for five years. Full of incredible and darkly humorous stories, *A Bit of a Stretch* reveals the true scale of our prison crisis and why it is costing us all.

JENNY ECLAIR

INHERITANCE

SUN 26 APRIL 7.30pm – 8.30pm

TICKETS £12 Plus Spa booking fee.

Tickets for this event from Spa Theatre

VENUE The Spa Theatre

Hosted by Helen Boaden



Jenny Eclair is the Sunday Times top ten bestselling author of numerous critically acclaimed novels including *Life, Death and Vanilla Slices*. She was the first woman to win the prestigious Perrier Award and has many TV and radio credits to her name, including the 'Grumpy Old Women' series. She has also appeared in a number of West End shows. Jenny will be discussing her latest novel *Inheritance*, a poignant, compelling and bittersweet book about family ties. One of the UK's most popular writers; Jenny is an energetic and hilarious performer – buckle up and enjoy the ride!

FESTIVAL HOSTS

HELEN BOADEN **FESTIVAL PATRON** During her long career at the BBC, Helen won awards for her journalism, was Controller of Radio 4 and became the first woman to run all of BBC News. She retired as Director of BBC Radio three years ago. She is Chair of the Stephen Joseph Theatre, a Council member of the Royal Academy of Arts and was recently appointed to the UK Statistics Authority.

GERRY FOLEY Gerry has been a broadcast journalist for more than 35 years. He started his career in Dublin and Belfast before moving over to Westminster where he was a Political Correspondent for TV-am and ITV Tyne Tees. He's a regular interviewer at book festivals, up and down the country. This is his second visit to Books by the Beach.

BARRY FORSHAW Barry broadcasts and writes book reviews for various newspapers and magazines; his own books include *Crime Fiction: A Reader's Guide*, the Keating award-winning *Brit Noir* and *Nordic Noir*. He also writes about Italian and Gothic Cinema. Barry regularly hosts at Books by the Beach and is a festival friend.

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Tickets and vouchers are available from
Stephen Joseph Theatre, Westborough,
Scarborough YO11 1JW. Tel 01723 370541

Online booking available through Theatre
and festival websites.

OPENING HOURS 10AM - 8PM (MON - SAT)

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit or debit card.
Telephone booking available until 7pm. Please note:
Festival tickets are not for sale from Scarborough Library.

There will be book signings at each event.
Please check event times as late admittance is not permitted.