

# SCARBOROUGH BOOK FESTIVAL

**SAT 10 &  
SUN 11 JUNE**

**BOOKS  
BY THE  
BEACH  
2023**



**BRINGING  
BESTSELLING  
AUTHORS TO  
SCARBOROUGH**

**TICKETS FROM YMCA THEATRE  
BOX OFFICE, SCARBOROUGH**

*Celebrating  
10 YEARS*

# THE WARMEST WELCOME TO BOOKS BY THE BEACH

We are proud to celebrate our tenth book festival in Scarborough. This year's programme offers a sparkling variety of fact and fiction.

We welcome experts from broadcasting and the world of *Bridgerton*, a confessional priest and Yorkshire's celebrity shepherdess. Bestselling novelists share their writing secrets alongside authors exploring and protecting the British coast and countryside.

HUGE THANKS to our visiting writers, hosts, sponsors, partners, volunteers and you the audience for your continued support.

My final thank you to our wonderful patron, former head of BBC Radio, Helen Boaden for her fantastic support.

**Heather French, Festival Director**

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EARLY!



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

## LUKE JENNINGS

Explosive Thrillers

10.30am – 11.30am

Tickets £10

Venue Queen Street Church

Hosted by Gerry Foley

**Luke Jennings** is the author of the acclaimed *Killing Eve* novels which were adapted into an award-winning BBC series starring Jodie Comer and Sandra Oh. As a journalist he has written for the *Observer*, *Vanity Fair*, the *New Yorker* and *Time*.

Luke introduces his new novel *#PANIC*, a rollercoaster ride of friends on the run across the American South evading police, Russian mafia and political extremists. A must see opening event!



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

## CATHERINE CURZON

The World of Bridgerton

1pm – 2pm

Tickets £10

Venue Queen Street Church

Hosted by Helen Boaden



Regency expert, novelist and playwright **Catherine Curzon** explores the historical context of one of the world's most popular period dramas.

Discussing sex, race and entertainment, dazzling fashions, class structure and etiquette, marriage marts and dramatic duels – she offers a window into the real world of *Bridgerton*.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

## RACHEL JOYCE

Fantastic Fiction

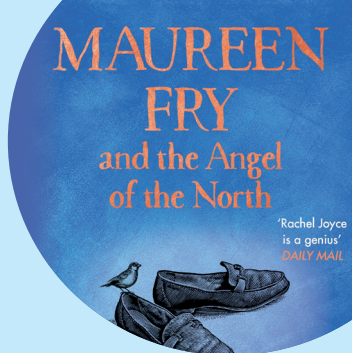
3pm – 4pm

Tickets £10

Venue Queen Street Church

Hosted by Gerry Foley

**Rachel Joyce** is the author of many international bestsellers including *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* (film released April) *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* and *Miss Benson's Beetle*. Rachel moved to writing after a long acting career and has also written plays and adaptations for BBC Radio 4. She will be chatting about her latest novel, *Maureen Fry and the Angel of the North*.



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

## ALAN JOHNSON

Crime Time

7.30pm – 8.30pm

Tickets £10

Venue Queen Street Church

Hosted by Gerry Foley

Former Home Secretary and raconteur **Alan Johnson** is the prize winning author of a memoir trilogy detailing his fascinating life and career. His fourth memoir *In My Life* featured his love of music. Today Alan discusses his second novel *One of Our Ministers is Missing* – a fast paced thriller set in Crete featuring Met Police Officer Louise Mangan. An entertaining evening with Alan is guaranteed!



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

## MADELEINE BUNTING

The Seaside

5pm – 6pm

Tickets £10

Venue Queen Street Church

Hosted by Helen Boaden

Acclaimed author and journalist **Madeleine Bunting** takes us on a journey around England's coastline through her latest work *The Seaside*. Journeying clockwise from our very own Scarborough to Morecambe on the west coast, she explores England's great seaside resorts. As destinations of pleasure, entertainment and adventure, she helps us understand their origins and their heyday, their ongoing influence but also their current struggles.



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## THE REVEREND FERGUS BUTLER-GALLIE

Touching Cloth

10.30am – 11.30am

Tickets £10

Venue YMCA Theatre

Hosted by Gerry Foley

**The Reverend Fergus Butler-Gallie** is a bestselling author and priest who has ministered in parishes in Liverpool and Central London. He grew up amidst a large family of maniacs and was educated at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Fergus has written for numerous newspapers and speaks regularly on radio. His new memoir, *Touching Cloth* is a wickedly entertaining record of life as a young priest and a love letter to the Church of England at its best.



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## BEN JACOB

The Orchid Outlaw

1pm – 2pm

Tickets £10

Venue Queen Street Church

Hosted by Gerry Foley

Obsessed by orchids since childhood, **Ben Jacob** spent years travelling to far-flung jungles to see them in the wild. Then a chance encounter sent him on a journey of discovery into the world of Britain's fifty-one native species. But our orchids are in desperate trouble. Inadequately protected their habitats are disappearing fast. Risking prison, ten years ago Ben turned outlaw to save our rarest flower. His book *The Orchid Outlaw* is a memoir, a natural history and a call to action to save the world, one plant at a time.



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## STUART MACONIE

The Full English

5pm – 6pm

Tickets £10

Venue Queen Street Church

Hosted by Helen Boaden

Writer, broadcaster, and journalist **Stuart Maconie** is familiar to millions. His previous bestsellers include *Cider with Roadies* and *Pies and Prejudice*. He hosts a show for BBC Radio 6 on weekends.

In his new book *The Full English*, he travels the length and breadth of the country, taking as his companion J B Priestley's *English Journey*. He follows the itinerary of that 1930s expedition to see what's changed, what remains and what might happen next to our nation.



Photo Credit: Andrew Key

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## JENNY COLGAN & LINDA GREEN

The Power Of Love

3pm – 4pm

Tickets £10

Venue Queen Street Church

Hosted by Helen Boaden

Sunday Times bestselling novelist **Jenny Colgan** has won various awards and sold more than nine million copies of her work worldwide. Jenny introduces her new escapist novel *The Summer Skies*.

**Linda Green** is the bestselling author of ten novels including *One Moment* which was a Radio 2 Book club selection. Linda will be discussing her latest work *In Little Stars*, a modern day Romeo and Juliet set against a divided northern England.



Photo Credit Jenny Colgan: Kaisa Goransson

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## AMANDA OWEN

The Yorkshire Shepherdess

7.30pm – 8.30pm

Tickets £12.50

Venue Queen Street Church

Hosted by Helen Boaden

**Amanda Owen** is surely the UK's most famous shepherdess, mother to nine children, a passionate photographer and bestselling author. Her family live a life that has almost gone in today's world; one ruled by the seasons and their animals.

Amanda's TV journey started over a decade ago and her latest book *Celebrating the Seasons* is a month by month account of life on the farm, with stunning images and recipes. Come and listen to her uplifting tales of Ravenseat in this eagerly anticipated finale.



Photo Credit: Yorkshire Agricultural Society

# BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Tickets are available at our box office  
YMCA Theatre, St Thomas Street,  
Scarborough YO11 1DY

## Box Office Opening Times

Mon – Fri 10am – 6pm, Sat 10am – 5pm

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**Website** [ymcatheatre.uk/books](http://ymcatheatre.uk/books)



# TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets should be purchased in advance of festival events.

**Saturday Day Ticket** £45

**Sunday Day Ticket** £47

These day tickets cover all 5 events in that day.  
Day tickets can be bought in-person at the box office or by phone and are subject to availability.

There will be signed books for sale at each event.  
Please check event times as late admittance is not permitted.

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