

SCARBOROUGH BOOK FESTIVAL

**SAT 10 &
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**BOOKS
BY THE
BEACH
2023**



**BRINGING
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AUTHORS TO
SCARBOROUGH**

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***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. To launch our festival we have a wonderful bonus event on Friday 9th June – don't miss it!

HUGE THANKS to our visiting writers, hosts, sponsors, partners, volunteers, audiences and our super festival patron- Helen Boaden.

Heather French, Festival Director

FESTIVAL BONUS EVENT



Friday 9th June

JAMES FOX

The World According To Colour

7pm

Tickets £10

Venue Queen Street Church



In this bonus event popular BBC Broadcaster and art historian James Fox explores mankind's relationship with colour. Drawing together global stories of history, art, exploration and science, he reveals the meanings attached to colours we see around us, and the ways these have shaped our culture and imagination.

Saturday 10th 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 10th June

CATHERINE CURZON

The World of Bridgerton

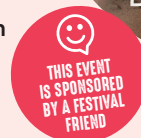
1pm – 2pm

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 10th June

RACHEL JOYCE

Fantastic Fiction

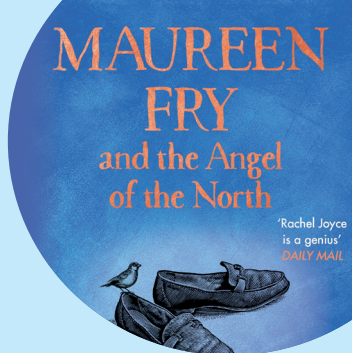
3pm – 4pm

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 10th 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 10th 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 11th 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 11th 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 11th 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.



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Sunday 11th 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.



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Tickets are available at our box office
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Box Office Opening Times

Mon – Fri 10am – 6pm, Sat 10am – 5pm

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Website ymcatheatre.uk/books



TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets should be purchased in advance
of festival events.

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each event. Please check event times as
late admittance is not permitted.

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