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2023 - 24 Season



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Ilminster Literary Festival 2024

Thursday May 30th to Thursday June 6th inclusive



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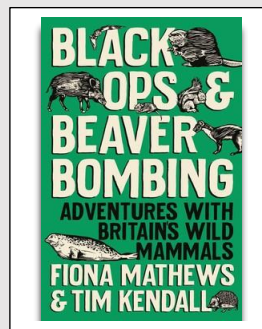
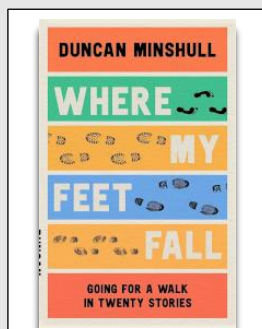
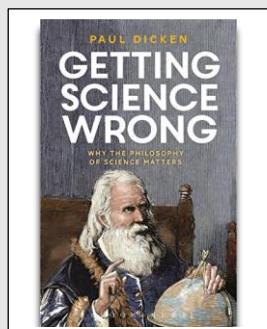


Festival Launch Event - A reminder that the Launch of this year's ILF is on **MONDAY APRIL 15, 7.30p.m.** at the Arts Centre. The event is for Friends of ILF and a small number of other invited guests. As well as drinks, 'light bites' and a chance to socialise, Richard Kay from Lawrences Auctioneers will be giving a short talk on 'Travels With My Gavel'. The evening is also an opportunity for Friends to take advantage of their free ticket allocation and buy ILF tickets in advance of them going on general sale.



The Clock's ticking quickly towards festival start! The line up is complete, the venues are booked and the brochure with full details has gone to print. Brochures will be distributed around public places in the town and villages. It will soon be time to pick up a free copy and start planning your visits to Ilminster's 8th Literary Festival.

Just some of the books featuring this year:

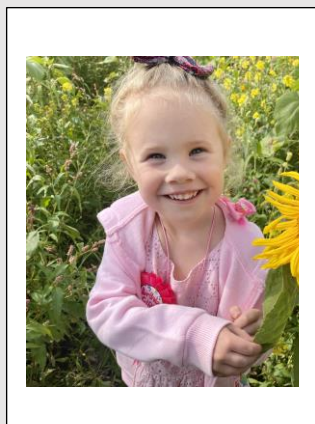


Results of the ILF Childrens' Writing Competition 2024

The annual competition is for young people aged 5 to 18 and although the bulk of entries come from local schools, they are welcomed from anyone of qualifying age.

Entries this year were from across age ranges 5 to 7, 8 to 11 and 12 to 18. The winners in the 3 categories were Bonnie Blackmore aged just 5, pictured below with her poem, Albert Whitehead aged 8, also pictured and Isobel Fowler aged 17.

Certificates and book token prizes will be presented at Ilminster Library on April 30, in front of an audience of parents and friends.



What do You Like Best About Winter?

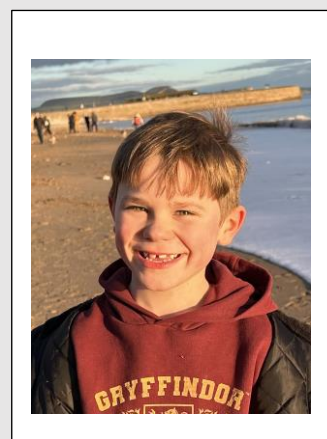
I like it when it snows.
I like making snowballs.
I love making snowmen!

I like it when it's cold.
I like wearing warm clothes.
I love snuggling with Mummy!

I like when it's raining.
I like wearing wellies.
I love jumping in puddles!

I like when it's windy.
I like when the trees blow around.
I love when windmills blow around!

I like winter.
I like drinking hot chocolate.
I love snuggly movie nights!



Childrens Arts Award

Here's a great opportunity for 5 to 8 year olds on Sunday June 2nd, 10.00 to 15.00 at the Warehouse Theatre – 'Discover' the first stage of an Arts Award for young people up to age 25, managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England. The course aims to engage children and young people with the arts in all their forms and support creative development. The tutor is Lucy Driver, a trained and practising Drama teacher and current Chair of Ilminster Entertainments Society. She already runs the Award for older age groups.

More details, including how to secure a place are in the Programme Brochure.

Thanks to sponsorship by ILF, the day will cost just £10 per child.

Speaking at ILF 2024.....

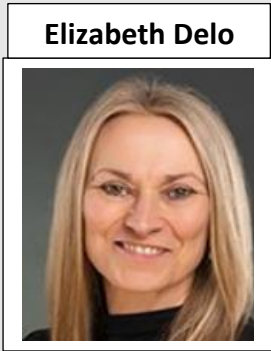
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Paul Dicken...Robert Hardman...Felice Hardy...Alan Johnson
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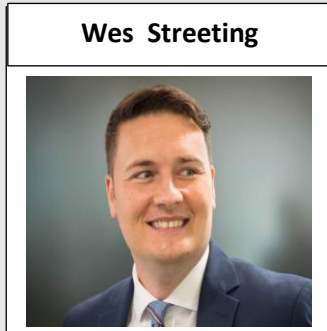
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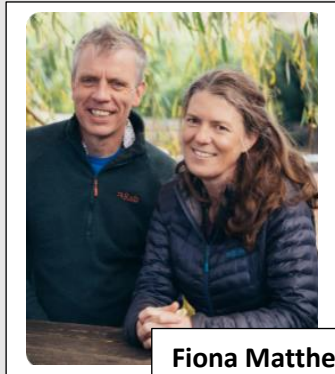
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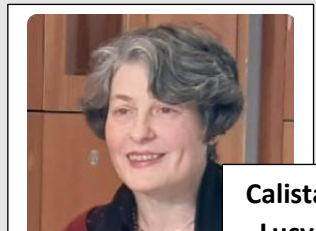
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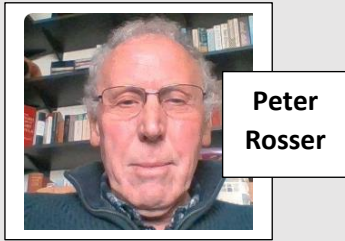
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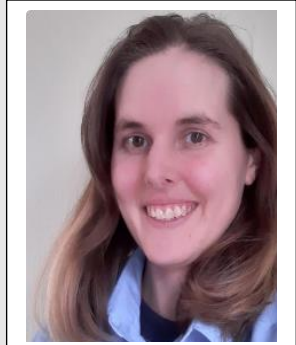
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Pictured right is the cover of the 2024 Programme Brochure, containing FULL details about this year's festival, including the topics that speakers will be covering. Free to pick up and take away, it will be in local libraries, shops, cafes, Ilminster Arts Centre and other public venues from mid April. FULL details will also be on the website - ilminsterliteraryfestival.org



Don't miss these events from ILF's partners.....
See brochure or website for dates



An evening of Poetry and Prose, which includes a Prosecco bar. Settle back, raise your glass and enjoy!
A free play reading event.
Come along and take part. But no pressure if you just prefer to sit back and listen.



An Evening of Blues, Boogie and Song,
Presented by
Dave Kelly, Bob Hall and Hilary Blythe
at Ilminster Arts Centre



Westcountry authors speaking at 3 FREE events BUT call in to the Library in advance to reserve a seat as audience space is very limited.

Online booking opens April 16 at ilminsterliteraryfestival.org
OR

Buy Tickets at the ILF Box Office in Ilminster Arts Centre,
between 10.30 and 12.30 on the following dates :
May 14-18; 21-25; 28 and 29.