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“I recall being told about a decade ago, when signing a contract for a big book to be published three or four years later, that there was grave uncertainty about how far the printed book would still exist by the time my work came out. Everyone was obsessed with the Kindle, or other apps that allowed one to read a book on a tablet. But the novelty soon wore off.

People who read, often spend their entire day staring at screens. The last thing they want to do when seeking intellectual refreshment or relaxation through reading is to stare at a screen again. It is not just that books do furnish a room: it is that they are works of art, things of beauty, and become cherished possessions. They are lifetime companions, and the relationship begins when they are spotted on the shelves of a bookshop.

The independent bookseller was, too, supposed to become extinct, but he and she are still there, offering choice and being not only a valuable part of the community but an oasis of civilisation. The Barnes BookFest, of which I have the great honour to be patron, celebrates the triumph of the book, and is facilitated by the genius of the independent bookseller. Don't just enjoy, but revel in this year's festival: and long may books, and booksellers, both continue.”

Simon Heffer, Patron of Barnes BookFest

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*More than encouraging literary discussion, the festival helps to promote children's literacy and the community. Barnes BookFest supports two non-profit organisations for literacy, **Screen Your Story** and **Books for City Kids**, as well as projects initiated by the Friends of St Mary's Barnes.*



Welcome

We are very pleased to present Barnes BookFest 2023, a weekend of talks, books and lively debate taking place from 22-24 September.

This year's programme covers a fascinating range of subjects, from biography, social history and novels to politics, physics and poetry.

*We are fortunate to have so many thought-provoking speakers joining the festival this year, including **Anne Glenconner, William Sieghart, Robert Peston, Anita Rani, Dipo Faloyin and Trevor Phillips**, plus debut novelists **Jacqueline Crooks and Priscilla Morris**.*

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Matt Frei - World Issues or Current Affairs?

FRI, 22 SEPT 2023

5.30 - 7PM

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Europe Editor and presenter for Channel 4 News, Matt Frei joins Barnes BookFest for a special Friday evening discussion on the current and most pressing issues of the day, giving his insight and perspective on world events. Matt is well known for his powerful news reporting. He recently led Channel 4 news coverage of events in Ukraine. Matt will also give an exclusive Friday afternoon briefing on current affairs for students from local schools.

Matt Frei previously presented the BBC World News America bulletin, and he was also the Washington Correspondent. In his early career with the BBC, he reported from Bonn, Rome, Bosnia, Kosovo, North Africa, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Lawrence Dallaglio and Owen Slot

FRI, 22 SEPT 2023

7.30 - 9PM

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Former rugby captain of England Lawrence Dallaglio joins top sports reporter Owen Slot, as they discuss *The Boys of Winter* and the memorable moments of 2003 when England won the Rugby World Cup. Lawrence and Owen review the highlights and dramatic events on and off the pitch. It's perfect timing with the Rugby World Cup 2023 taking place in France and England's match against Chile scheduled for 23 September.

Now retired from rugby, Lawrence Dallaglio works as a specialist commentator on rugby union for both television and radio.



Owen Slot is a multi-award winning sports reporter and feature writer. He is chief sports reporter on The Times and the paper's chief rugby correspondent.

Trevor Phillips in conversation with Stephen Bush

SAT, 23 SEPT 2023

10 - 11.30AM

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Sir Trevor Phillips re-visits the stories of the Windrush generations, seventy five years after the arrival of the first Caribbean migrants to Britain in 1948. He explores the adventurous spirit of those early passengers and the lives of their young descendants. Sir Trevor interviewed many of the Windrush families in 1998, now he considers the Windrush legacy and what race and cultural identity mean to Black Britons today.

Sir Trevor Phillips is an award-winning broadcaster, writer and former MP. He is well-known for his TV documentaries, including *Has Political Correctness Gone Mad?* (2017). He writes for a wide range of national newspapers in addition to his work on TV and radio.



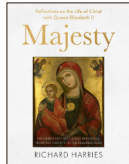
Stephen Bush is an associate editor and columnist at the Financial Times. He writes the daily newsletter 'Inside Politics' and has written regularly for many national newspapers.

Richard Harries

SAT, 23 SEPT 2023

11 - 12.30AM

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Richard Harries, former Bishop of Oxford, gives an insight into *Majesty*, an anthology published in honour of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the anniversary of her death on 8 Sept last year. Combining paintings from the Royal Collection with quotations from the Queen's Christmas broadcasts, it is a moving presentation of how faith sustained Her Majesty throughout her reign. Each painting has been chosen to portray an important episode in the life of Christ.

Richard Harries is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, an Honorary Professor of Theology and a life peer. He is the author of many critically acclaimed books, including his recent autobiography *The Shaping of a Soul - A Life taken by surprise*.

Dipo Faloyin in conversation with Edward Paice

SAT, 23 SEPT 2023

12N - 1.30PM

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Dipo Faloyin challenges the simplistic and harmful stereotypes that continue to persist around Africa. In conversation with writer and historian Edward Paice, Dipo discusses his highly acclaimed book *Africa Is Not A Country*. It is a detailed political and cultural exploration of the individual African nations, and overturns outdated ideas of Africa as a single country of arid landscapes, famines and political strife. Dipo shows a modern Africa, a vast powerful continent which is as varied and complex as the fifty-four different countries it encompasses.

Dipo Faloyin is a journalist and senior editor at VICE. *Africa Is Not A Country* is his first book.



Edward Paice is a director of the Africa Research Institute and he has written extensively about Africa, including 'Youthquake: Why African Demography Should Matter to the World'.

Hannah Rothschild in conversation with Gyles Brandreth

SAT, 23 SEPT 2023

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Hannah Rothschild talks with Gyles Brandreth about her third top-selling novel, *High Time*. It's a biting and satirical story of the aristocratic Trelawney family, first introduced in the *House of Trelawney*. Gyles interviews Hannah on how she writes about the traditional English aristocracy floundering in a modern world.

Hannah Rothschild is a writer, filmmaker, gallery advisor and philanthropist. In addition to the *Trelawney* series, she has published *The Baroness*, a biography of her eccentric great-aunt, and *The Improbability of Love* - awarded the Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse prize for comic fiction and short-listed for the Women's Prize for Fiction.



Gyles Brandreth is a highly regarded writer and broadcaster. He is much loved for his work on radio and TV including 'Just a Minute', 'Gogglebox' and 'Have I Got News for You'.

William Sieghart

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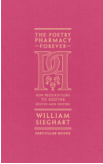
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William Sieghart talks about his new anthology of 'pharmacy' poems and explains how this latest collection was created in response to reader emails received during lockdown. William is famous for his in-person poetry pharmacies, where he chooses and prescribes a poem as an antidote to life's problems. *The New Prescriptions* anthology reflects the trauma experienced by many, from sorrow and sudden loss to dealing with environmental despair and burnout.

An entrepreneur, philanthropist and a long-term champion of poetry, William Sieghart has had a long career in publishing and the arts. He established Forward Prizes for Poetry in 1992 and founded National Poetry Day in 1994.



Jacqueline Crooks and Priscilla Morris in conversation with Harriett Gilbert

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Jacqueline and Priscilla were both shortlisted for this year's Women's Prize for Fiction with their debut novels. They talk about their work and literary success with Harriett Gilbert. *Fire Rush* is an electrifying state-of-the-nation novel about music, rage, loss and freedom. *Black Butterflies* explores themes of violent upheaval and devastation during the Siege of Sarajevo.

An advisor to grassroots charities, Jacqueline Crooks grew up in the 1970s/1980s in London's migrant community in Southall. Priscilla Morris spent her childhood summers in Sarajevo and she now teaches creative writing at University College Dublin. Harriett Gilbert is a broadcaster and writer; she presents *A Good Read* on BBC Radio 4.



Sam Delaney in conversation with Irvine Welsh

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Sam Delaney once declared that self-help, sobriety and therapy were for hippies, weirdos and neurotics. Previously a Jack-the-lad of his time, Sam gave up drink and drugs in 2015. He is now a bestselling author on mental health problems and addiction. He talks with the novelist Irvine Welsh about mental health, addiction and recovery, how hard it is to admit you need help and where to look for support.

Sam hosts The Reset podcast on mental health and works for both radio and TV. He writes for a broad range of newspapers and magazines, from the *Sunday Times* to *Cosmopolitan*.



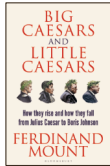
Irvine Welsh is known for his gritty novels. He is the author of 'Trainspotting', a cult story of the 1990s. His latest book, 'The Long Knives', is part of the CRIME trilogy.

Ferdinand Mount

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Ferdinand Mount explains why Caesar-style politics persist and continue to threaten democracy in a robust analysis of societies dating from Ancient Greece to the present day. Mount shows how every democracy has been attacked or destroyed by a would-be Caesar, from Julius Caesar and Oliver Cromwell to Trump and Johnson. Big Caesars want total social control, Little Caesars settle for an agreeable kleptocracy without opposition.

Ferdinand Mount is a leading authority on politics today and writes for *The Times Literary Supplement* and the *London Review of Books*. He was previously political editor of *The Spectator*, and he led Margaret Thatcher's Number 10 Policy Unit for two years.

Robert Peston in conversation with Chris Blackhurst

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Robert Peston is one of the top political and financial journalists in Britain. He discusses *The Crash* with Chris Blackhurst, former editor of *The Independent*. Published this September, *The Crash* is Robert Peston's second novel following the success of *The Whistleblower*. The new political thriller is set in 2007/8 when the fragility of the UK's booming economy is exposed by the imminent collapse of a small northern bank.

Robert is the Political Editor for ITV, and hosts the current affairs show, *Peston*. Previously the BBC's Economics Editor, he is famous for his reports on the financial crisis of 2008. His non-fiction books include the bestselling *How Do We Fix This Mess?* and *WTF?*



Chris Blackhurst is a respected editor and city editor. He is the author of *'Too Big To Jail: Inside HSBC'*. His forthcoming book focuses on finance in football.

Alicia Foster in conversation with Chloë Ashby

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Art historian Alicia Foster talks with leading art critic Chloë Ashby, about the work of Gwen John - one of the most significant female artists of the twentieth century. Alicia curated this year's major exhibition on Gwen John at the Pallant House Gallery. She talks about her research into John's life and shows the artist to be single-minded, sensuous and extraordinarily experimental. A contemporary of Cézanne, John worked in the heady art worlds of London and Paris and lived in a rich cultural circle that included Whistler, Matisse, Picasso and her lover, Auguste Rodin.

Alicia Foster is a highly regarded art historian and curator. Her publications include *Tate Women Artists: Gwen John, Nina Hamnett*.



Chloë Ashby regularly writes for *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *FT Life & Arts*, *TLS* and *The Spectator*

Tom Courtenay in conversation with Michael Billington

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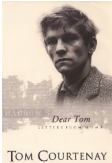
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OLYMPIC STUDIOS



Sir Tom Courtenay is one of Britain's most illustrious actors. His career spans five decades of award-winning stage, film and television performances. He meets leading theatre critic Michael Billington to talk about his work, including his iconic role in *The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner* (1962). Regarded as one of the top British films ever made, it tells a story of rebellious youth and class consciousness.

Tom starred in a string of successful films such as *Doctor Zhivago* (1965), *The Dresser* (1983) and *45 Years* (2015) but claims his main love is theatre. His memoir *Dear Tom: Letters from Home* captures his time as a struggling young actor in the heyday of the swinging sixties.



Michael Billington is the chief theatre critic for *The Guardian* for almost thirty years. He is the author of the award-winning 'State of the Nation: British Theatre Since 1945'.

Ysenda Maxtone Graham in conversation with AJ Pearce

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Ysenda Maxtone Graham discusses her latest book, *Jobs for the Girls*, with the novelist AJ Pearce. The book analyses the working lives of women across all sections of society - from roles requiring aprons, overalls and uniforms to cardigans and pearls, to the era of mini-skirts and bottom-pinching. It's a thought-provoking insight into the different working lives of women in Britain from 1950 onwards and the work environment for women today.

Ysenda is a highly regarded feature writer and the author of six books, including *Terms & Conditions: Life in Girls' Boarding Schools, 1939-1979* and the *Sunday Times* bestseller, *British Summer Time Begins: The School Summer Holidays, 1930-1980*.



AJ Pearce is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestselling 'Dear Mrs Bird', the first book in the hugely popular 'Emmy Lake Chronicles' set during World War II.

Oliver Soden in conversation with Patricia Hodge

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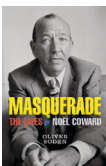
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Award-winning writer Oliver Soden joins the celebrated actress Patricia Hodge, to discuss the mercurial talents of Noël Coward. *Masquerade* is the first cradle-to-grave account of the playwright's life for thirty years and is based on access to unpublished diaries and correspondence. The book reveals a deeply complex man. Oliver and Patricia share their perspectives of this iconic and extraordinary figure, who was simultaneously a writer and composer, an actor, humorist, playboy, patriot and (possibly) a spy.

Oliver Soden is the author of the critically acclaimed *Michael Tippett: The Biography* and *Jeffrey: The Poet's Cat*, which were both awarded Book of the Year status in the *Times Literary Supplement*.



Patricia Hodge is a greatly admired award-winning actress. Her recent appearances include 'The Laureate' (2021) and the popular TV series 'All Creatures Great and Small' (2020-23).

Leo McKinstry and Joshua Levine

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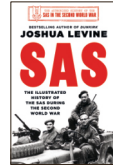
BARNES GREEN CENTRE



Leo McKinstry and Joshua Levine debate the heroes of World War II. Leo McKinstry argues for an unknown maritime wing of the RAF, the 'Cinderella Boys'. He reveals them to be the unsung heroes of the Battle of the Atlantic. In contrast, Joshua Levine discusses the legendary SAS. A small band of soldiers who pioneered a radical new form of warfare by running small-scale but devastating raids behind enemy lines.



Leo McKinstry and Joshua Levine are both highly successful authors. Leo McKinstry has published twelve non-fiction titles and is a leading national journalist. Joshua Levine has written seven bestselling history books and worked as the historical advisor on the 2017 film *Dunkirk*.



Anita Rani in conversation with Vaseem Khan

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Anita is well-known as a leading television presenter and radio broadcaster. She joins Vaseem Khan to discuss her first novel *Baby Does a Runner*. It follows the journey of a young woman who leaves everything she knows in England to travel to India, after the death of her father. Anita talks about setting her story against the background of Indian Partition in 1947 and weaving together cross-cultural strands of religion, culture, history and generational trauma.



Vaseem Khan is the author of two highly successful crime series set in India. His fourth book in the 'Malabar House' series, *Death of a Lesser God*, is published this summer.



Anita's memoir, *The Right Sort of Girl*, recounts her own experiences of growing up as a Punjabi girl in Yorkshire and was a *Sunday Times* bestseller. Anita is best-known for her work on BBC One's *Countryfile* and for hosting BBC Radio 4's *Woman's Hour*.

Simon Heffer in conversation with Allan Mallinson

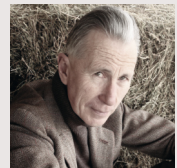
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Simon Heffer talks about his latest book on the social history of Britain and the troubling political upheavals and social changes between 1919 and 1939. The interwar years were unquestionably times of turmoil and national doubt, marked by the General Strike of 1926 and the Abdication Crisis of 1936. There were deep tensions which split the nation, between the haves and have-nots, between warring ideological factions and between those who promoted fascism in Europe and those who bitterly opposed it.



Allan Mallinson is a well-known historian and novelist. His many books include the popular 'Hervey' series. He also writes for *The Spectator*, *Country Life* and *The Times*.



Simon is a well-known author, historian and biographer and has published numerous books. He recently edited Henry 'Chips' Channon: *The Diaries*. He also writes regularly for the *Daily* and the *Sunday Telegraph*.

Anne Glenconner in conversation with Gyles Brandreth

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Anne, Lady Glenconner discusses her astonishing life in conversation with the broadcaster and author, Gyles Brandreth. Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Margaret for over thirty years, Anne is now in her nineties and her latest book *Whatever Next?* reflects on the stark contrasts of her life. Her experiences range from living in stately homes to tents in the jungles of Mustique, and from travelling the world with the Royal Family to coping with her wildly volatile husband, Lord Glenconner. She talks about joy and loss and how she has learned to stay open to every new adventure.

Anne's first book was the bestselling *Lady in Waiting*, about her life and role within the Royal Family. She has also published two novels.



Gyles Brandreth is a highly regarded writer and broadcaster. He is much loved for his work on radio and TV including 'Just a Minute', 'Gogglebox' and 'Have I Got News for You'.

Helen Czerski in conversation with Tracy Edwards

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Renowned physicist and oceanographer Helen Czerski gives a fascinating insight into the powerful force of the ocean. She describes how it has impacted almost every aspect of the natural world and society, shaping animal life, weather, human history and culture. Helen sees the ocean as a vast single engine powered by sunlight. She talks with Tracy Edwards, the award-winning British sailor, who has a very different view of the ocean, its unpredictability and magnitude.

Helen is an Associate Professor at University College London, a regular presenter of BBC TV science documentaries and a popular science podcaster. She is also the author of *Storm in a Teacup: The Physics of Everyday Life*.



Tracy Edwards skipped the first all-female crew in the Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989 and was the first woman to receive the Yachtsman of the Year Trophy.

Anthony Seldon in conversation with Sonia Purnell

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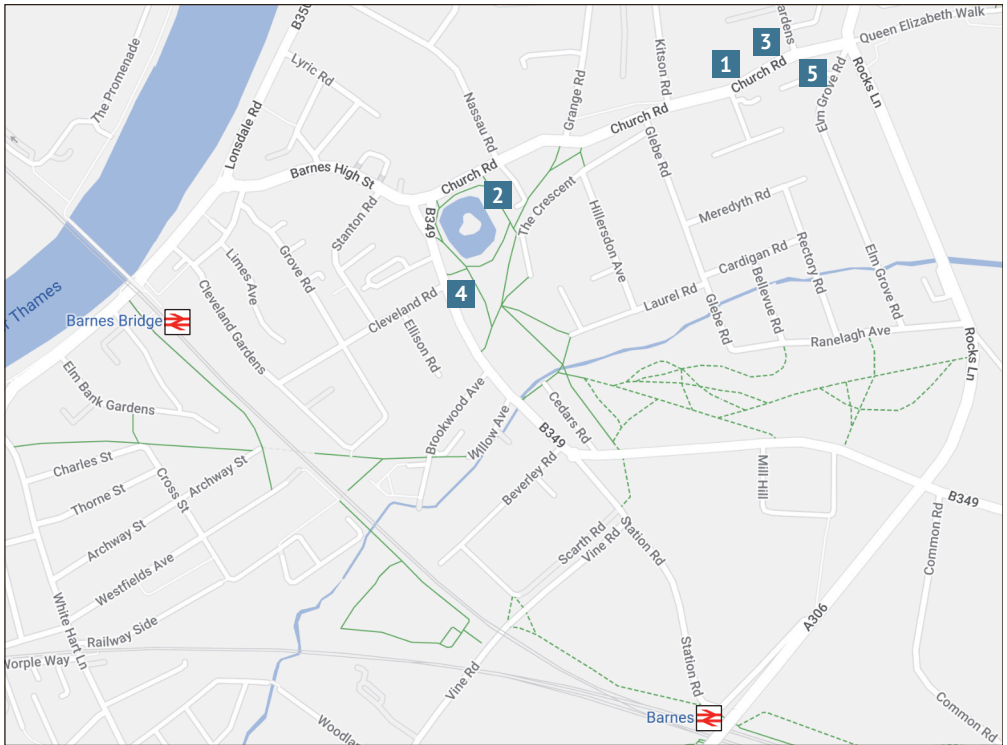
Sir Anthony Seldon is the foremost historian of Downing Street and the office of prime minister. In conversation with Sonia Purnell, the author of *Just Boris*, Sir Anthony analyses the era of Boris Johnson; from his sudden rise in 2019 to his reluctant resignation in 2022. *Johnson At 10* was an instant *Sunday Times* bestseller. It focuses on ten key moments of Johnson's premiership, showing how Boris as prime minister was inscrutable and divisive in both action and policy.

Sir Anthony is an admired writer and commentator. He has published over forty-five books, including his series on recent British prime ministers. Previously Master of Wellington College, he is currently acting headmaster at Epsom College.



Sonia Purnell is an established biographer. Her first book 'Just Boris' was nominated for the Orwell Prize. She is working on a biography of Pamela Harriman, the US political activist.

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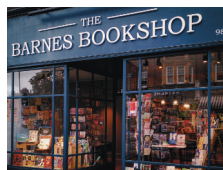
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