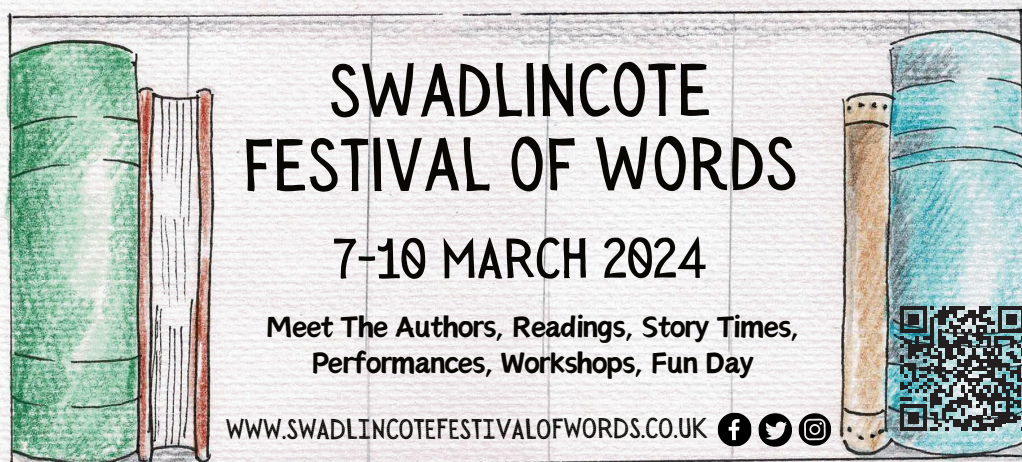




**SWADLINCOTE
FESTIVAL OF WORDS**

7-10 MARCH 2024

Meet The Authors, Readings, Story Times,
Performances, Workshops, Fun Day

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SWADLINCOTE FESTIVAL OF WORDS

Thursday 7 March 2024

10.00 Rhyme Time @ Swadlincote Library (C)

Fun with songs and rhymes for babies and toddlers (aged 0-3), parents and carers. No booking required.

Swadlincote Library, Civic Way, DE11 0AD

Free

11.00 Cut Up Poetry with Emily Pallett (A)

A fun session for adults creating your own poems using printed words. Booking recommended.

No2 Coffee House on The Delph, DE11 9AD

Free

13.00 Meet the Author: Kerry Dilks (C) (P)

Children's Author and Illustrator, Kerry will be reading her book 'The Greatest Cake' and bringing the greatest cake ever made to life. There will also be the opportunity to design your own Greatest Cake afterwards. Booking recommended.

Swadlincote Library, Civic Way, DE11 0AD

School Visit

19.00 Meet the Crime Writers: Christine Poulson, Sarah Ward & Jane Adams (A) (P)

Successful crime writers Christine Poulson, Sarah Ward and Jane Adams discuss their inspirations, their experiences and, of course, their books. Booking essential.

Swadlincote Library, Civic Way, DE11 0AD

Price: £5

19:00 Writing for Film with Deborah Haywood (A)

Writer and director of Pin Cushion (2017), Deborah talks about the inspiration for her feature film debut which was filmed in Swadlincote. Booking essential.

No2 Coffee House on The Delph, DE11 9DA

Price: £5 (includes screening)

20:00 Screening of Pin Cushion (A)

Filmed in Swadlincote, Pin Cushion tells the story of when a socially awkward teen and her outcast mother become targets for the petty and cruel denizens of their small town, they seek refuge in an elaborate fantasy world of their own making. Written and directed by Deborah Haywood. Bookings as above.

No2 Coffee House on The Delph, DE11 9DA

Friday 8 March 2024

10.00 Story Time @ Swadlincote Library (C)

Enjoy stories with other children and their parents and carers. No booking required.

Swadlincote Library, Civic Way, DE11 0AD

Free

11.00 Meet the Poet: Attie Lime (C)

Children's Poet, Attie and her poetry parrot, Marjorie, will share fun interactive poems for children with lots of giggles and actions. Bring your joining-in voices! Suitable for children aged 3-11. Booking is essential.

Swadlincote Town Hall, The Delph, DE11 0AG

Price: £3.00

11.00 Self-publishing with Jayne Knight (A)

Self-published author of The Hare & The Tortoise, Jayne will guide you through the process of self-publishing. Booking recommended.

Swadlincote Library, Civic Way, DE11 0AD

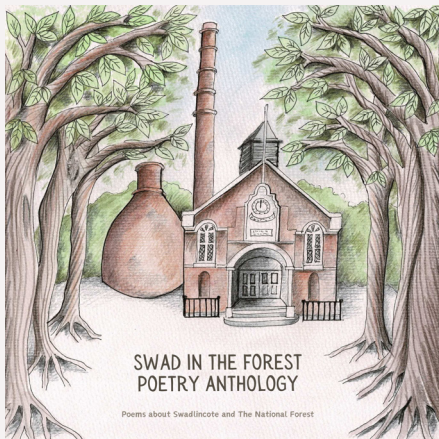
Free

19:00 Poetry Open Mic Night & Launch of the Swad in the Forest Poetry Anthology (F)

Enjoy an evening of poetry from local authors including those whose poems are included in the Swad in the Forest Poetry Anthology. No booking required.

Pegg's Bar and Street Food, Belmont Street, DE11 8JU

Free Entry



(A) Adults

(C) Children

(F) Families

(P) Book Signings

Please note: Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times

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SWADLINCOTE FESTIVAL OF WORDS

Saturday 9 March 2024

9.00 Swadlincote Festival of Words Fun Day (F)

- Stories on The Delph *
- 'Let's go on a Bear Hunt' Bear Trail
- Play the Next Word with Woodville Scouts
- Giant Bookmark Exhibition
- Walkabout Entertainment
- Crafts in the Library

Free

10.00 Meet the Author: Ben Davis (C) (P)

Hear Ben read from and talk about his latest book 'Lenny Lemmon and the Trail of Crumbs' Booking essential.

Swadlincote Town Hall, The Delph, DE11 0AG

Price: £5.00

10.00 The Walking Library for Forest Walks (F)

Join Hazel McDowell for a walk through Swadlincote's woodlands and green spaces, featuring readings from The Walking Library for Forest Walks – a collection of books recommended for taking on a wander amongst the trees. The walk will be approx. 3 miles. Wear suitable outdoor clothing. Booking recommended. Meet at Swadlincote Town Hall, The Delph, DE11 0AG

Free

NB. The Walking Library for Forest Walks will be available to browse Fri-Sun, 10am-3pm, Swadlincote Town Hall

11.00 Meet the Author: John Delaney (A) (P)

Local author John talks about his latest mystery/thriller 'Jurassic Jemma and the Mysteries of Time', the second book in the Jurassic Jemma series about the sassy fossil hunter 'Jurassic' Jemma Thorne. Booking recommended.

The Bus Park Community Hub & Cafe, Market Street, DE11 9DA

Free

11:00 Meet the Author: Wendy Garvey (F)

Wendy is a self-published children's author with 'Phone me when you're home!' and a new book out in 2024. Wendy will be reading, signing and selling her books in the Kiln. No booking required.

Sharpe's Pottery Museum, West Street, DE11 9DG

Free

11:00 Creative Book Making with Emily Pallett (F)

A fun session make and decorate your own artist book using different materials. No booking required, drop in between 11:00-13:00.

No2 Coffee House on The Delph, DE11 9DA

Free

11.30 Meet the Author: Berlie Doherty (A) (P)

Berlie, author of more than 60 books for children and adults, chats with Tamsin Rosewell, Illustrator, about the partnership between writer and illustrator and bringing their ideas to life. Booking recommended.

Swadlincote Town Hall, The Delph, DE11 0AG

Price: £5.00

12:00 Reflections of Life with Poet, Maria Hambidge (A)

Maria's love of poetry came from her mother, Patricia. Maria enjoys using poetry to express some of life's mysteries and intricacies. Maria is looking forward to sharing a number of her poems. Booking recommended

The Bus Park Community Hub & Cafe, Market Street, DE11 9DA

Free

STORIES ON THE DELPH *

Saturday 9 March 2024

10.30 The Shed of Stories

Overnight a small mysterious shed appears on The Delph. When the doors are opened, words and stories will begin to tumble out with music and laughter to filling the air.

11.00 Country Tales with Andy Chalmers

Enjoy and take part in a performance of poetry featuring the characters from Andy's Country Tales. Can you create a rhyme for each line?

11.30 More from The Shed of Stories

12.00 Pog The Pig and Other Fun Poems with Jonathan Sellars

Ready your ears for tales of a hot stew in Timbuktu, an aunt-eating Alligator, one truly volcanic sneeze, and many other factually imprecise recollections by poet and author, Jonathan Sellars.

12.30 More from The Shed of Stories

13.00 Wrong Way Day and other Fun Poems with Attie Lime

Children's poet Attie Lime writes and performs poems for children. Be ready to try cornflakes and gravy, and visit the Monster Café!

13.30 More from The Shed of Stories

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LET'S GO ON A BEAR HUNT

2-17 March 2024 • Swadlincote Town Centre

There are 12 bears hidden around town. Can you find them? Pick up a trail map from the South Derbyshire Visitor Information Centre or from the Swadlincote Festival of Words website.



Head around town to find the bears, answer the clues and be in with the chance to win one of the wonderful stacks of book prizes.

The Bear Trail starts on Saturday 2 March 2024 and finishes on Sunday 17 March 2024. There is no charge to take part. Winners will be announced on Monday 18 March 2024.

13:00 Meet the Author: Jonathan Taylor (A)

Jonathan writes fiction, memoir and poetry. He will be reading 'Bee in the Bonnet', a story about Emma and her dreams, from his new book, *Scablands and Other Stories* (Salt, 2023). Booking recommended.

The Bus Park Community Hub & Cafe, Market Street, DE11 9DA

Price: £5.00

14:00 Meet the Author: Trevor Millum (A)

Trevor talks about his book 'Son of The Secret Gardener', the story of his gardening father and grandfather, who featured in the famous novel 'The Secret Garden'. Booking is essential.

Oakland Village, Hall Farm Road, DE11 8N

Price: £5.00

14:00 Writing & Drawing for Children with Belinda Richards (C)

In this fun and creative workshop, children will have the opportunity to create a character and tell their tale. Booking essential.

No2 Coffee House on The Delph, DE11 9DE

Free

15:00 Poetry workshop: Dawn Jutton, (F) Staffordshire Poet Laureate

Writers of all levels and stages of their creative career are invited to join Dawn and People Express for an exclusive poetry writing and performance workshop. Dive into the art of poetry, explore your unique creative perspective, and gain experience performing your pieces for friends and family. Booking is essential.

Swadlincote Town Hall, The Delph, DE11 0AG

Free

19:00 Meet the Author: Lucy Felthouse (A)

Celebrating more than 170 steamy publications to her name and, at least one more on the way, find out where Adult author, Lucy, gets her inspiration for her naughty novels and what it takes to be a successful writer. Booking is essential.

No2 Coffee House on The Delph, DE11 9DA

Price: £12.00 includes A Glass of Fizz and a Mini Mezze Platter

20:00 The Great Literary Quiz (A)

Do you know your fact from your fiction, your writers from your poets, your classics from your moderns? Take part in this fun and friendly literary quiz. Teams of 4 to play. Booking is essential.

The Swadlincote Constitutional Club, Midland Rd, DE11 0AN

Price: £1 per person

THE STORY EXPLORERS

Meet Nellie and Nathaniel, the intrepid explorers who have travelled the world collecting story ideas for their StoryGenerator, out of which a fiesta of tales is playfully spun with words, puppetry and movement.



You can find them on the High Street at 10.00, 11.45 and at 13.30.

POP-UP BOOKSHOP & BOOK NOOK

Swadlincote Town Hall Friday 8 - Sunday 10 March 2024

A pop-up bookshop will be operating in the Swadlincote Town Hall during the Festival of Words between the hours of 10am-15:00pm. Many of the visiting authors will have their books on sale.

There will also be a cosy corner for anyone to sit and read during opening times!

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Sunday 10 March 2024

10:30 Kids Poetry Club with Attie Lime (C)

Have fun with words through games, rhymes and hand crafts. Suitable for children aged 5-11, under 10's must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential.

No2 Coffee House on The Delph, DE11 9DA

Price: £3 per child

10:30 Meet the Author: Paul Linnet (C) (✓)

Come and join the fun as we celebrate 10 years of the 'Supertato' picture books, with the amazingly talented author/illustrator Paul Linnet. Suitable for children aged 4-8 years accompanied by their grown-ups. Booking is essential.

Swadlincote Library, Civic Way, DE11 0AN

Free

12:00 Meet the Author: Caryl Hart (C) (✓)

Dressed as a character in the book 'The Girl Who Planted Trees' Caryl will tell the true story that inspired her to write the book and talk about our dreams and aspirations and how working together can help us achieve these before reading the story. Make a Ladybird of Dreams to take home. Booking is essential.

Swadlincote Town Hall, The Delph, DE11 0AG

Price: £5 per child

14:00 Writing for Wellbeing (A)

Join Belinda Richards in this wonderful workshop exploring different writing activities designed to foster personal growth, increased mindfulness, and emotional wellbeing. Booking is essential.

No2 Coffee House on The Delph, DE11 9DA

Free

14:00 Meet the Dinosaurs with Caryl Hart (C) (✓)

Join in with the rhymes and get ready to spot all the friendly (and not so friendly!) dinosaurs, from the huge Brontosaurus and amazing Diplodocus to the speedy Velociraptor and scary T-Rex. Little ones will have an action-packed time and take away their own dinosaur masterpiece. Booking is essential

Swadlincote Town Hall, The Delph, DE11 0AG

Price: £5 per child

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IN THE NATIONAL FOREST

Sunday 10 March 2024

10:00 Wings of Wonder with Honey Craft (F)

Unleash your creativity, fly into the magical world of butterflies and moths found in the National Forest, and create your own butterfly or moth wings from recycled paper.

This drop-in activity is available all day. No booking required.

Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Road, DE12 8JX

Free

11:00 Meet the Author: Ig Oliver (C) (✓)

Entertained by Sindeena the wicked dragonfly witch, her twin sister Belliza as well as the mascot Bramley Bee, author Ig Oliver brings his story of The Butterfly Bee Lady and the Bee to life at Rosliston Forestry Centre. Booking is recommended.

Burton Road, Rosliston, DE12 8JX

Free

12:00 Stories of the National Forest (F)

13:00 with Storyteller, Pyn Stockman, and

14:00 Musician, Ann Jones

Enjoy co-creating new stories and songs about the National Forest and the wider natural world in these interactive sessions with Pyn and Ann.

Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Road, DE12 8JX

Free

12:00 Meet the Author: Fiona Spence Arnold (C) (✓)

Reading her book, 'Rhamni Finds Her Wings' Fiona will enchant listeners on the adventures of Rhamni, a Brimstone butterfly, in the search for the elusive Ghost Orchid. Teaming up with Max, a Mint moth, the pair set off on a perilous adventure, facing danger at every turn. Finish this wonderful adventure with a quiz.

Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Road, DE12 8JX

Free

The Rosliston Forestry Centre Book Trail

Pick up your trail map from reception, explore the site to find all eight wood carved books and identify the story they are from.

Return to reception to collect your tree medal.

The Book Trail costs £3 per child



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SWADLINCOTE FESTIVAL OF WORDS FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2024,
9.00AM-2.00PM
SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE

- Meet the Authors
- Let's go on a Bear Hunt Book Trail
 - Stories on The Delph
 - Pop-Up Book Shop
- Play the Next Word with Woodville Scouts
 - Giant Bookmark Exhibition
- Walkabouts with The Story Explorers
 - Children's Arts & Crafts

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