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It was an open secret that Stroud abounded in writers and poets, but they had never been brought together in a Book Festival. As I winkled them out, the talent was stunning; we had old and new writers, first novelists, best sellers, big time prize winners, and some who were already legendary. We have represented the novel, short story, romance, memoir, crime and poetry. We didn't forget Shakespeare's 400 anniversary and, with the unique Echo Chamber installation, a reminder of a tough world out there.



Jamila Gavin
Book Festival Director

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Stroud Festival is marking its 70th Anniversary year with a new event on the festival calendar – the first Stroud Book Festival.

With funds from a local legacy - The Margaret and Netlam Bigg Trust - and a wealth of local talent, Stroud Festival celebrates the written word with around 40 popular authors who live in the area.

Who knew we had that many!

<http://www.stroudfestival.org>



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Friday 11 - Sunday 20 November

Illustration Exhibition

Subscription Rooms | Free

An exhibition of work by children's book illustrators. They are all taking part in the Book Festival so we're showing some of their work as a backdrop to the talks and events in the George Room. Illustrators: **Martha Lightfoot, Rebecca Ashdown, Hannah Shaw, Tom Percival** and **Wendy Maddour**.

The show runs from Friday 11 November, with an opening event at 6pm, through to Saturday 26 November.

Friday 11 - Sunday 13 November

Echo Chamber - voices of conscience

The Old Town Hall, Shambles | £1 (all profits to Stroud Refugee Aid)



Opening times:
Fri 11th 2pm to 7.30pm
Sat 12th 10 to 6pm
Sun 13th 10 to 5pm

A sound and photography exhibition marking 100 years of conscientious objection.

Quakers have a long history of opposing war and when conscription was introduced in Britain during World War I many chose to conscientiously object to joining the armed forces. For some this meant rejecting any form of participation and they were imprisoned and sentenced to death for their refusal (later commuted). Others took up alternative forms of service, providing relief from suffering at the front. There were over 16,000 registered conscientious objectors (COs) during World War I. People objected on different grounds. This exhibition is inspired by their stories.

Saturday 12 November

Hassan Akkad

7.30pm Subscription Rooms | £10/£8

Hassan Akkad talks about filming his journey as part of BBC2 documentary Exodus: Our Journey to Europe with excerpts and Q&A session. During the course of the evening Hassan will show excerpts from the documentary in order to tell his powerful story and answer questions from the audience.



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The Revolutionary Shelley

9pm Subscription Rooms | £5/£4

Dennis Gould, anarchist, pacifist, typographer, print maker and cycling poet, talks about the passionate revolutionary Percy Bysshe Shelley. With music from the Dave Ayre Trio.

Sunday 13 November

Inheriting the Mantle: Writing in the Cotswolds

6pm Subscription Rooms | £5/£4

Adam Horovitz has poetry running in his veins. Like his erstwhile neighbour Laurie Lee, his voice is leaving the Stroud valleys and reaching Jerusalem and beyond. Adam will be in conversation with Rick Vick before being joined by poet **Rosie Bailey**.



Monday 14 November

Historical Fiction

6.30pm Subscription Room | £5/£4

Kate Riordan and **Dinah Jefferies** talk about fact, fiction, poetic license and the importance of setting, which can be as vivid as the characters themselves. With **Caroline Sanderson**.



A Rambling Fancy: In the footsteps of Jane Austen

8pm Subscription Rooms | £10/£8

In this illustrated talk **Caroline Sanderson** traces what remains of Jane Austen's England and examines how places influenced her writing.



Monday 14 November

After Dark. Crime fiction: An English way of death

9pm Subscription Rooms | £5/£4

Fellow crime writers **Rebecca Tope**, **Nikki Owen** and **Jackie Kabler** talk about the murder mystery genre and how they choose the settings for their novels, from rural England and mountainous Spain to the fast-paced world of television news.



Tuesday 15 November

Life, Love, Loss and Pets with journalist, columnist and broadcaster Bel Mooney

6.30pm Subscription Rooms | £5/£4

Expect an evening of moving and honest story-telling from **Bel Mooney**, one of Britain's most successful journalists.

After the death of her beloved dog Bonnie, Bel set off on an emotional journey to learn more about pet bereavement. She shares her discoveries, and more in conversation with Caroline Sanderson.



Editing My Life: The eye of the hare

8pm Subscription Rooms | £10/£8

Pip Heywood presents an evening of words, images and film, with readings from 'The Eye of the Hare' and introduces his latest book 'Spring Head' to tell his own story.

For 35 years Pip worked as a documentary film editor, making over 400 films, with *David Attenborough*, *Alan Bennett*, *Paul Merton*, and many others. The content of this show is about the creative process, where film, painting - and indeed writing - can take you to a place beyond words.

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Everyone a Writer?

9pm Subscription Rooms | £5/£4

Andy Ward and **Alice Jolly** on memoir, biographical and factual social writing. Award-winning, highly- respected and prolific authors Andy and Alice will discuss their experience of sharing their personal stories and how writing can be a therapy. With Jackie Kabler.

Wednesday 16 November

Short story slam: Live action story-telling

7-9.30pm Mr Twitchetts | Free

An evening of pre-prepared fast tales, mixed with fast paced 'speed story time'. Always fancied yourself at making up a story, but never really had a chance? Love a bit of improv and watching people make stuff up, on the spot, on stage? Well, now's your chance to be part of it all.

Run by **Nikki Owen** and **Jackie Kabler**.



Blessed are the p*sstakers

8pm Subscription Rooms | £10/£8

Sue Limb is a prolific columnist and author of numerous books for adults and children. Specialising in comedy, from Radio 4's Gloombsbury to Dulcie Domum's Bad Housekeeping in The Guardian, she has written for both radio and television, enchanting audiences with her comic and razor-sharp irony.

All our Stroud Yesterdays

9pm Subscription Rooms | £5/£4

Stroud Football Poets 20th anniversary celebration with **Crispin Thomas, Stuart Butler, Dennis Gould, John Bassett & Jeff The Fuse**. Expect reflections on all that makes this town so creative and vibrant in verse, drama and song. Featuring poems on Stroud and more with extracts from the Poets most recent acclaimed on-going production Trenchcoats for Goalposts (Christmas Truce 1914) . Expect the unexpected. Unmissable!





Thursday 17 November

Love in the Afternoon

3pm Subscription Rooms | £15/£10



With best-selling author **Katie Fforde**, joined by **Jane Bailey, Penny Parkes, Caroline Sanderson, Claire King** and **Jo Thomas**. We look at the ever-popular genre of love and romance.

We'll (high) kick off the afternoon with a tea dance with Trevor T. Smith. Followed by a discussion around what makes a book "Romantic Fiction" during which we hope you'll bring your own favourite pieces to share and discuss.

Includes
Tea &
Cake

After which we'll look at whether anyone could really knock off a Mills and Boon, is it really as easy as it looks?

Finally we'll round off the afternoon and beckon in our evening's events with Give Me the Moonlight, dancing with Trevor T Smith.



Jilly Cooper - I must have done something good

7-8pm Subscription Rooms | £10/£8

Jilly has a new book out on September 8th - Mount! It is set in the ritzy world of flat racing and features her favourite character Rupert Campbell-Black who is engaged in an epic battle for his favourite stallion Love Rat to become Leading Sire.

Jilly will be in conversation with Caroline Sanderson – a local author and Associate Editor of The Bookseller.

Friday 18 November

My fiction & Other Genres

6.30pm Subscription Rooms | £10/£8



Award-winning writers **Rachel Joyce** and **Alice Jolly** both work successfully across different genres. They discuss versatility and the writing life with Caroline Sanderson.

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The BIGG Read with Ian MCEwan

8pm Subscription Rooms | £10/£8

Calling all book groups and passionate readers! Your chance to enter into discussion with award-winning novelist and screenwriter **Ian McEwan** about his novel *The Children Act*. Chaired by Jane Bailey. Ian will be signing copies of his book prior to the performance commencing at 8.30pm.



Saturday 19 November

Skylarks - Stroud Poets

6pm Subscription Rooms | £5/£4

Stroud's diversity of literary talent and quality is very much embodied by its poet, who also have national reputations.

Jay Ramsay and **Richard Austin** had the idea to invite the best of them to represent themselves in 5 poems: the result is this pithy new anthology which includes **Philip Rush** (Yew Tree Press), **Gabriel Bradford Millar**, **Adam Horovitz**, **Rick Vick**, **Jehanne Mehta**, **Jeff Cloves**, **Maria Butunoi**, **Helena Petre**, **Polly Howell** and **Steve Morris** among others.

Come and be uplifted!



Ferlinghetti

7.30pm Subscription Rooms | £5/£4

Dennis Gould reads Ferlinghetti founder of City Lights, San Francisco 1953 and the Pocket Poets. With Dave Ayre.

After Dark with Michael Horovitz and Vanessa Vie

9pm Subscription Rooms | £10/£8

An Evening Of Music, Songpoems & other Wordsounds – from the pens, harps & hearts of **Michael Horovitz & Vanessa Vie**. The legendary Michael Horovitz, one of the country's foremost poets and revolutionary figure from the Sixties onward, here appearing in collaboration with Vanessa Vie, with whom he is currently recording their first music and spoken word CD.



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Sunday 20 November

An Evening with Murray Lachlan Young



8pm Subscription Rooms | £14/£12

One of the best-known performance-poetry voices in Britain, **Murray Lachlan Young** presents his new show with readings from his latest and well loved work. Murray is celebrated for his mix of stand-up comedy and poetry with commentaries on the bizarreness of contemporary life.

A man whose YouTube clips have notched up residencies on BBC Radio 2 Arts Show, Radio 4's Saturday Live and as current resident poet of BBC 6 Music.

BBC Test Match Special and The Shipping Forecast. Unmissable!

"A Noel Coward for the Noel Gallagher generation." The Times.

Adult Programme Of Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Cost
Fri 11th-13th		Echo Chamber Exhibition	The Old Town Hall	£1
Fri 11th-20th		Illustration Exhibition	Subscription Rooms	Free
Sat 12th	7.30pm	Hassan Akkad	Subscription Rooms	£10/£8
	9pm	Dennis Gould	Subscription Rooms	£5/4
Sun 13th	6pm	Inheriting the Mantle	Subscription Rooms	£5/£4
Mon 14th	6.30pm	Historical Fiction	Subscription Rooms	£5/4
	8pm	A Rambling Fancy	Subscription Rooms	£10/£8
	9pm	After Dark: Crime Fiction	Subscription Rooms	£5/£4
Tues 15th	6.30pm	Life love loss & pets	Subscription Rooms	£5/£4
	8pm	Editing my Life	Subscription Rooms	£10/£8
	9pm	Everyones a writer	Subscription Rooms	£5/£4
Weds 16th	7pm	Live action story telling	Twitchetts	Free
	8pm	Blessed are the P*sstakers	Subscription Rooms	£10/£8
	9pm	All our Stroud yesterdays	Subscription Rooms	£5/£4
Thurs 17th	3pm	Love in the afternoon	Subscription Rooms	£15/£10
	7pm	Jilly Cooper	Subscription Rooms	£10/£8
Fri 18th	6.30pm	My fiction and other genres	Subscription Rooms	£10/£8
	8pm	Ian McEwan	Subscription Rooms	£10/£8
Sat 19th	6pm	Stroud Poets	Subscription Rooms	£5/£4
	9pm	Michael Horovitz and Vanessa Vie	Subscription Rooms	£10/8
Sun 20th	8pm	Murray Lachlan Young	Subscription Rooms	£14/£12

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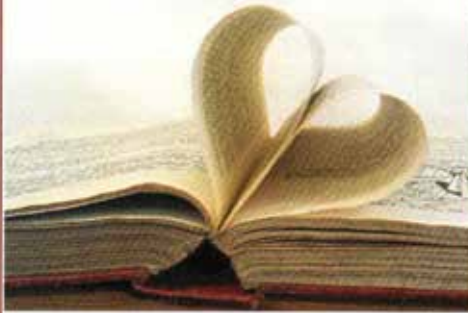
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Thursday 17 November

Introduction to Storytelling Schools

4pm Museum in the Park | £20



A workshop with Jamila Gavin and Chris Smith.

In a Storytelling School all children become storytellers. Learning to tell stories from memory is an inspiring, engaging and inclusive way to acquire language and discover topic content. The Storytelling Schools approach integrates the tried and tested principles of Pie Corbett's 'Talk for Writing' into a whole school approach to learning. This Twilight Training for teachers and teaching assistants is designed as an introduction to the Storytelling Schools approach. We will introduce you to the overall elements of the system: teaching storytelling, deepening, shared writing, innovation and invention, and how it all fits together.

Saturday 19 November

Stan Stinky

11am Museum in the Park | £2



Age 5-9. Have a go at inventing your own sewer hero or silly pet shop characters at **Hannah Shaw's** fun workshop. Hannah's picture books are universally popular with her vibrant illustrations and clever text. Come and make up a fun character to join Stan Stinky and friends.



Readings in the library marquee

12.30 - 1.30pm Stroud Library | Free

Come and find out how many of our fabulous authors are in the tent today. An hour for story time, read by the authors themselves. You will find readers for toddlers and children and may meet **Hannah Shaw, John Dougherty, Tom Percival** and **Wendy Meddour.**



Saturday 19 November

Shakespeare retelling: Friends, Romans, Children!

2pm Subscription Rooms | £4/£2

Join **John Dougherty** as he celebrates Shakespeare by retelling bits from some of the great plays. Take sides for or against Julius Caesar, be wrecked by *The Tempest* and fall under the spell of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Little Legends. Let's make and tell a digital story!

3.30pm Subscription Rooms | £4/£2

Age 5-9. Join Tom Percival's workshop as he introduces you to his Little Legends books. Together you will help him make up a story with words and pictures to play or read back at the end of the session. Story making for the 21st Century!



A Family Business?

6pm Subscription Rooms | £4/£2

Children/Teens. What's it like when the generations get together to collaborate on a series of books? Whose name should come first on the jacket and who decides how many commas you need in the text?



Join **Cindy Jefferies** and son **Sebastian Goffe**, and **Wendy Meddour** and daughter **Mina May** to discuss the joys and pitfalls of keeping writing in the family.



Sunday 20 November

Bear on a Bike

11am Museum in the Park | £2

Age 3-7. Enjoy hearing how **Hannah Shaw's** bear races to catch up with mouse, to give him a present. Then, join in with everyone to make a huge drawing together. This have a go workshop will have everyone keen to add something to the picture.



Come tell a teen spy story

2pm Museum in the Park | £3.50

Age 11-16. Join **Jane Ryan** in her workshop as she discusses all the ingredients needed for a stunning spy story. Delve into plots and plans and discover how the most ordinary objects can be important.



Modern Cautionary Tales for Children with Murray Lachlan Young

3pm Subscription Rooms | £8/£6



An innovative and ground-breaking poetry show written and performed by one of the UK's foremost performance poets BBC 6 Resident poet and a regular fixture on BBC Radio 4's Saturday Live.

Expect a mixture of: poetry, stand-up comedy, storytelling and a touch of panto making for a hilarious and positive route to showing children that poetry can be fun, thought-provoking and occasionally quite cool!



The Magic of Fantasy Games

5-10pm Subscription Rooms | £5



Join **Sebastian Parkinson** as he brings Atlantic Games to the Sub rooms. Discover the drama and excitement of being a character in a different world.

Be part of how the story unfolds and make real friends as you play. With an introductory film and lots of help along the way enjoy a different sort of storytelling. With Seb Goffe. Older children and teens. Numbers limited to 30.

Children's Programme Of Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Cost
Sat 12th	11am	Make your own stand up creatures	Museum in the Park	£2
	2pm	Glump and the Peeble	Museum in the Park	£2
	2pm	Who's in the tent today	Library	Free
	3.30pm	Stinkbomb and Ketchup-face	Subscription Rooms	£4/£2
	6pm	Terror, darkness and magic	Subscription Rooms	£4/£2
Sun 13th	2pm	Tales from the home front	Museum in the Park	£2
	4pm	Bug-eyed women and scantily clad monsters	Subscription Rooms	£4/£2
Thurs 17th	4pm	Storytelling Event	Museum in the Park	£20
Sat 19th	11am	Stan Stinky	Museum in the Park	£2
	12.30pm	Readings in Libray Marquee	Library	Free
	2pm	Shakespeare Retelling	Subscription Rooms	£4/£2
	3.30pm	Little Legends	Subscription Rooms	£4/£2
	6pm	A family business?	Subscription Rooms	£4/£2
Sun 20th	11am	Bear on a Bike	Museum in the Park	£2
	2pm	Come tell a teen spy story	Museum in the Park	£3.50
	3pm	Modern cautionary tales for children	Subscription Rooms	£8/£6
	5pm	The Magic of Fantasy Games	Subscription Rooms	£5

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