



RICHMOND WALKING AND BOOK FESTIVAL

18TH-27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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book events
and guided
walks



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WELCOME!

A Warm Welcome to the Richmond Walking and Book Festival 2026 !

Our Festival offers a unique mix of walking and book events, attracting visitors to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales and historic Richmond for 21 years. Boots and Books, Walks and Words cater to a range of abilities and interests.

The Book Festival opens with 165 Days: Prisoner of the Taliban by TV and film producer and former hostage Asad Qureshi, followed by a rich variety of entertaining and thought-provoking topics. Featured authors include Lady Hale, former President of the Supreme Court, discussing With the Law On Our Side. In Good, Occasionally Rhyming, Kathy Clugston & Rob Stepney celebrate the Shipping Forecast in poetry and prose, while Terry Deary swaps Horrible Histories for his "Actually" humorous murder mysteries.

Travel with Daniel Stables in Fiesta, or cycle England with Kenneth Wilson, who rides with a cello he plays during his talk. Explore with Thomas Bell in Walking in Nepal or follow a young wolf from Slovenia to Verona in Lone Wolf. Rosemary Brown & Rachel Hewitt discuss women and the outdoors, while Nic Wilson examines nature's impact on us. Forgotten Forests and Oaklore delve into the world of trees, and Laurence Rose combines birds, nature and a walk around Scorton Lakes.

Topical subjects include Hindpal Singh Bhui's What Are Prisons For?, Tony Rossiter's Diplomatic Adventures, and, on the final Sunday, stories of an asylum seeker and an immigration solicitor.

Bookbinding workshops, a Book Fair and a children's Book Treasure Hunt also feature.

A wide range of walks are on offer, including special interest routes in Arkengarthdale with Sustainable Swaledale, visits to Hazel Brow Farm, lead mining in Gunnerside Gill and a railway heritage walk in Shildon. Challenge walks include The Calf in the Howgill Fells, alongside new routes such as the Hawes Mosaic Trail, sections of the Cleveland Way and Coast to Coast, and two walks along the Way of Life pilgrimage to Durham.

Town Walks reveal Richmond's history, while Ramblers Wellbeing Walks offer gentler options—no booking needed for either.

The Festival relies on strong local support. Thanks go to our major sponsors—Richmond Town Council, Fry Family Office and Altberg—and to Millgate House, The Station (including The Station Cinema), accommodation providers, advertisers and volunteers.

Feedback, ideas or offers of help are always welcome.

With best wishes

The Festival Team

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

Advance booking is strongly recommended but any unsold tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event or at The Station at the start of a walk.

Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded unless an event or walk is cancelled. All tickets for book events are for unnumbered seats (other than those sold by the Georgian Theatre Royal for events at the Theatre).

Programmes, events, walks and artists are confirmed at the time of booking but Richmond Walking and Book Festival reserves the right to alter them in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

HOW TO BOOK TICKETS

People in full time education, receiving income assessment benefits, or as carers supporting other attendees may purchase tickets for most events at half-price.

MOST EVENTS AND WALKS (for exceptions see below)

ONLINE: via www.booksandboots.org. First study the programme and select the walks and book events you wish to book click on: *Book Here* to make the bookings. If you are booking more than one event click on *Continue Shopping* - it saves you time and us a small amount of money (we pay a fixed 20p for each transaction as well as a percentage commission per ticket).

IN PERSON: at the Festival Box Office – Richmond Information Centre, Market Hall, Market Place, Richmond, DL10 4QL. Tickets for children's events C1, C2 & C3 can only be obtained from Catterick and Richmond Libraries.

BY TELEPHONE: 0333 666 3366. This is a local rate 03 telephone number. The TicketSource telephone box office service is currently available from Monday to Friday, 09:00h to 19:30h and Saturday, 09:00h to 17:00h (excluding Bank Holidays). Calls received outside of available hours will operate on an answerphone and call back basis.

EXCEPTIONS: GEORGIAN THEATRE ROYAL AND SOME STATION EVENTS

For events E5, E17 and E22 bookings must be made through the Georgian Theatre Royal, Victoria Road, Richmond, DL10 4DW; www.georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk; Tel: 01748 825252.

For Events E3 and E11 Bookbinding workshops please book via The Station <https://www.thestation.co.uk/Whats-On>

CHOOSING THE RIGHT WALK FOR YOU

This section gives a range of information about our walks. It's important you choose walks that match your ability and experience: your enjoyment and safety are paramount.

Please note

- In the interests of other walkers, wildlife and livestock, **dogs are not allowed on any festival walks.**
- Walk routes may be subject to change by the leader on the day taking account of conditions.
- Advance booking is strongly recommended but any unsold tickets will be available at The Station at the start of a walk.
- Only in the most adverse conditions will the walk be cancelled.

All walks are led by volunteers who provide their time for the pleasure of passing on their love and knowledge of our wonderful countryside.

WALK CATEGORIES:

W WALKS

The main daytime walking programme which explores the Northern Dales and Pennines. There are walks each day varying in length from 4 to 16 miles. A summary and grade is provided for every walk.

H WALKS

These shorter walks are part of the national Ramblers Wellbeing Walks programme. They offer an easier option, are free and there is no need to book. You can just turn up 10 minutes before the start. For further information contact the Wellbeing Walks team on 07935 541998.

T WALKS

These are themed guided walking tours in and around Richmond town, generally with an historic or artistic interest. Your guide will talk about the history, architecture or artistic heritage of our town. Please refer to individual events for booking arrangements and joining instructions.

WALK GRADINGS FOR "W" CATEGORY WALKS:

Due to the Dales landscape most walks are moderate grading and should be no problem to the normal, fairly fit, weekend ramblers. NB: There are no flat walks in the Yorkshire Dales. All will have gradients as well as tracks which can be rough, muddy and uneven, and field paths with stiles and livestock. **'Hard' graded walks, however, are only suitable for fit, experienced walkers** because of the distance and terrain covered.

We have graded each of the "W" walks in the programme and included an approximate distance. In general, we do not give timings for walks. These will be dependent on the ability of the members of the party, the weather and conditions underfoot, and we will also be stopping on some walks to look at particular points of interest. **Please be aware of this when considering if you have any time constraints on a walk day.**

EASY: For those who walk in the countryside only occasionally, mainly shorter distances with generally gentle gradients.

MODERATE: For those of average fitness used to regular country walks involving longer distances. All these walks are likely to include some steeper inclines and/or descents, and uneven terrain.

HARD: The longest walks, often with some sustained or repeated climbs and steep descents, which should only be attempted by those who are physically fit, well equipped, and who have regular experience of the type of terrain, or the distance involved. Please note that all our high-level walks will by their nature sometimes cross open country, off recognised paths, and across boggy ground.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT WALK FOR YOU

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT WALKS

AT THE STATION - PARKING AND CAR SHARING FOR WALKERS

The majority of our main programme walks will have an initial meeting point at The Station, Richmond, DL10 4LD. A free parking space will be allocated for any cars left during the day. We encourage guests to car-share wherever possible, subject to any restrictions that might be in place at the time. If you require a lift to the start point it is vital that you let us know at the time of booking. We will use our best endeavours to ensure a lift is available, but if this is not possible we will aim to inform you beforehand and if necessary a refund will be given. We will also ask those starting at The Station, and who have transport, whether they are prepared to offer lifts. Passengers are asked to contribute to the driver's fuel and parking costs.

If you intend to meet us at the walk start point it is also vital that you let us know in advance (see below).

MAKING YOUR OWN WAY TO A START POINT? - KEEP US INFORMED

If you are making your own arrangements please advise when booking, or for any late change of plans please text or call 07506 282119, **preferably before the day of the walk**. Please note this phone number will only be in operation during the period of the Festival. Similarly, please advise us on this same phone number if, for any reason, you are unable to make a walk that you have booked for.

It should be noted that walk start points can be some distance from Richmond, but generally no more than one hour's drive away from our meeting point at the Station, though the majority are considerably closer. Meeting and start times for individual walks are clearly stated in the walks programme. Please ensure you are at the Station or other meeting point in plenty of time so we can get away promptly at the time shown in the programme.

For general walk enquiries, particularly where these are outside the festival period, please email info@booksandboots.org

SAFETY ON WALKS

Please carry sufficient food and drink. A mid-morning and a lunch break, and for longer walks a mid-afternoon break, will generally be taken en-route, so please bring suitable provisions with you.

Ensure you wear suitable clothing and footwear with additional layers and wet weather gear should the need arise. The walk leader has the right to refuse any person for whom the walk would, in their opinion, be inappropriate or whose equipment is considered inappropriate (see below). E.g. trainers and jeans are not suitable.

Do inform the leader of any medical conditions that you consider they should take into consideration, e.g. food stops for people with diabetes. If you have a chronic medical condition, please ensure that you take enough medication with you.

We ask those booking on our walks to give us contact details, preferably a mobile phone number on which they can be contacted on the day of the walk, as well as an emergency contact number for a family member or friend. To help with our safety arrangements please bring your mobile phone with you on the day.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT WALK FOR YOU

EQUIPMENT

Weather conditions can change – even on low-level walks - and you need to be properly equipped. Many of our high-level walks are in wild and open country at altitudes above 1500 feet, where weather conditions can be noticeably different to those in the valley bottoms.

The following is considered a minimum requirement:

- Food and Drink
- Suitable walking attire for the day – no jeans please
- Spare sweater / fleece
- Hat and gloves
- Rucksack
- Your mobile phone if you have one (see above)
- Waterproofs
- Suitable supportive footwear. On walks graded 'Hard' we strongly recommend walking boots

INSURANCE

Although the event has Public Liability cover, all participants are encouraged to provide their own accident cover. The Richmond Walking & Book Festival cannot be held responsible for any injury occurring during a walk.

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C1, C2 & C3: CINDERGORILLA AND RABUNZEL - THE MUSICAL - GARETH P JONES

C1 Colburn Library DL9 4RF 5th August 10:30h
C2 Catterick Library DL9 3EL 5th August 13:00h
C3 Richmond Library DL10 4AE 5th August 15:00h

Free Children's Event but please reserve a place at Richmond, Catterick or Colburn Library | Disabled access. All children should be accompanied by an adult.

Join author, performer and composer Gareth P Jones for a uniquely musical twist on classic storytelling. CinderGorilla and Rabunzel [illustrated by Loretta Schauer] are brought to life as fully interactive Picture Book Musicals from The Ministry of Mini Musicals. These lively immersive sessions invite the audience to sing, move, act and join in with the story. The performances include original live music and are fully interactive and inclusive. No two shows are ever quite the same! Expect colourful, energetic animal fairytales featuring warm messages of equality, empowerment and respect.



FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

OPENING EVENT



E1: 165 DAYS - PRISONER OF THE TALIBAN - ASAD QURESHI

Richmondshire Cricket Club, Hurgill Road, DL10 4AR | 19:30h | £10 | Bookstall | Disabled Access
Asad Qureshi, filmmaker and writer, works in dangerous places. When he sets off to interview Taliban commanders, he finds himself on the wrong side of the camera with a gun to his head and a ten million dollar ransom. 165 Days - Prisoner of the Taliban is his compelling account of his captivity. The emotional turmoil endured by those on the outside battling to save his life: his parents in failing health, a stoical brother facing down the terrorists. This is a haunting story of fear, loss, hope and the strength of the human spirit. The book offers unique behind-the-scenes insights into the workings of a notorious paramilitary network. Above all, it provides a stark reminder of the privilege of freedom.



SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER



E2: CHILDREN'S BOOK HUNT

*Books hidden from 10:00h in and around The Market Place and The Station **FREE EVENT!***

Philippa Lyall runs a local business with Usborne Children's Books. As part of the Walking and Book Festival, Philippa is organising a 'Book Hunt' around the town. Around 80 books will be hidden for children to find, take home, READ and either KEEP or RE-HIDE to spread the joy of

reading. Look out for a 'Book Treasure Trail' too, with the chance to win a whole heap of books! Philippa also works with schools and other organisations and can offer them lots of **FREE BOOKS!**

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W1: YOCKENTHWAITE MOOR

NEW

Leave Station car park 09:00h. Start at Marsett. (GR: SD 903 862, What3Words: ///frantic.handsets.keyboards) at 10:00h. 11 Miles. 1,300' of climb. Hard. £7

This walk takes us across the high moors south of Raydale. We cross the valley to Stalling Busk before picking up the route of Wainwright's "Pennine Journey" as we gain height across Stake Moss. We leave that route as we head west across Cray Moss on our way to Yockenthwaite Moor and our high point at 2,110'. The name of the areas around here indicate the countryside we will be crossing – which is largely peat moorland. This could of course be wet in places. We descend from the moors and walk down from the head of Raydale to return to our start.

W2: GUNNERSIDE GILL AND IT'S LEAD MINING HERITAGE

NEW

Leave Station car park 09.15h. Start at Gunnerside Village Hall parking (GR: SD 951 982, What3Words: ///radiating.eagle.belly) at 10:00h. 8.5 Miles. Moderate. £7

Gunnerside Gill is a rich mix of scenic beauty and industrial heritage dating back to its key importance in the days of the lead mining industry. We start our walk from Gunnerside along the valley path, with lots of evidence of mine workings, and the remains of a smelt mill and peat store. We then climb onto higher ground where the landscape is completely dominated by the former industry. As we complete our walk we move onto moorland managed for the today's key land uses of grouse moorland and sheep rearing, before descending back to our starting point.

W3: VISIT TO THE ALTBERG FACTORY AND A WALK TO WILLANCE'S LEAP

Meet at Altberg Factory Shop, 2B Racecourse Road, Gallowfields Trading Estate DL10 4TG (What3Words: ///wound.rinsed.clerk) at 10:00h. 6.5 Miles. Moderate. £7

This traditional "Start of Festival" event is a good way to get to know one of the most popular short walks from Richmond, with the added interest of a visit to Altberg, the last remaining boot manufacturer in England. We will start the day at the factory to see how the boots are designed and made - for walking, the army and biking. There's time for a cup of tea and a look round the excellent factory shop before a walk along Whitcliffe Scar, with great views over lower Swaledale, to hear about the famous but gruesome legend of Willance's Leap.

Supported by: Altberg



E3: DELPHINE RUSTON, BOOKBINDING WORKSHOP

The Station, Richmond DL10 4LD | 10:00 - 13:00h | £60 | Café | Bookstall | Disabled Access

Learn the art of bookbinding in this hands-on 3 hour workshop. Have you ever wondered how fine and

antiquarian books were made? The art and craft of book making dates back over two thousand years, but whether that's works from ancient China, Japanese designs, the rich tradition of Islamic bookbinding, or the leather-bound volumes of stately-home

libraries, the principles are similar: papers are sewn together and secured within a protective, often decorated, casing. In this workshop led by local bookbinder, Delphine Ruston, see for yourself how books start life by making two books of your own to take away – a 3-hole pamphlet (or chap book), and a single-section, hardback notebook. With a few materials, tools and simple skills, it's possible to make attractive books to put to whatever use you wish.



E4: FIESTA - A JOURNEY THROUGH FESTIVITY - DANIEL STABLES

Richmond Town Hall, DL10 4QL | 16:00h | £10 Refreshments | Bookstall | Disabled Access

A journey through human festivity, told through colourful travel narratives set in some of the world's most eye-catching festivals and interwoven with insights from the fields of anthropology, history, psychology, and folklore,

examining why we celebrate festivals in the ways we do. Fiesta explores the vibrant tapestry of human festivity, delving into the extraordinary lengths we undertake to express our cultures and commemorate life's milestones.

Daniel Stables has been working as a travel writer for the last decade, first writing guidebooks for Rough Guides, and later writing articles for National Geographic, the BBC, and national newspapers. He has won acclaim and recognition for his work, having been shortlisted for Travel Writer of the Year at the Freelance Writing Awards in 2021, and for Travel Feature of the Year in 2023 by the British Guild of Travel Writers.



E5: WHAT ARE PRISONS FOR? - HINDPAL SINGH BHUI

Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond DL10 4DW | 19:30h | £10 from www.georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk Bar | Bookstall | Disabled Access

Dr Hindpal Singh Bhui OBE leads inspections of prisons and immigration detention at HM

Inspectorate of Prisons and is Visiting Law Professor at the University of Oxford. He has led numerous international prison reform projects and is an expert for the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture. Hindpal was formerly a probation officer, working in the community and in prison, and won national awards for his practice in both contexts. He edited The Probation Journal for ten years, and has published widely on prisons, probation and immigration detention, as well as a book on Race and Criminal Justice. He will be discussing his recent book, What Are Prisons For?





E6: BOOK FAIR

The Station, Richmond, DL10 4LD | 10:00h - 16:00h | Free | Café, Bookstall, Disabled Access
In conjunction with Richmond's Walking and Books Festival, The Station will be hosting a Book Fair - come along and browse a variety of new, second-hand,

antiquarian and collectable books from expert sellers on The Platform - as well as our regular 'Lost and Found' book stall. Heaven for all bookworms and collectors!

W4: GREEN BELL AND RANDYGILL TOP

NEW

Leave Station car park at 09:00h. Start at west end of Newbiggin on Lune where there is ample parking in the Village Square (GR: NY 704 053, What3Words: ///variously.secure.client) at 10:15h. 10 miles. 1,700' of climbing. Hard. £7

This walk is at the northern end of the Howgills' familiar swooping hills and valleys which make the Howgills different to other northern dales. A long steady climb takes us to the summit of Green Bell at 1,984' and on to Randygill Top at 2,047' with splendid views back over the Warcop Fells. We descend back to the valley and follow a pretty path through woods and along Weasdale back to Newbiggin.

W5: HAWES MOSAIC TRAIL

NEW

Leave Station car park 09:00h. Start at the Dales Countryside Museum CP - DL8 3NT (GR: SD 875 899, What3Words: ///skins.cubic.panels) at 10:00h. 11 Miles. Moderate. £7

A varied walk through the lovely countryside and villages around the market town of Hawes. Round the route we will enjoy spotting a series of inventive mosaics. These evoke the life, the flora and fauna, and the history of the area. The route takes us to Burtsett and on to Gayle. We visit Aysgill Force before picking up a series of tracks and lanes on our way to Appersett and Hardraw and the ascent to Sedbusk. From here we descend into the valley and back to Hawes. The route crosses rolling countryside, with plenty of ups and downs, but with the exception of a short climb out of Hardraw, none of these are particularly steep. There are, however, a number of narrow pinch stiles.

W6: THE SOURCE OF THE SWALE

NEW

Leave Station car park 09:00h. Start at Rukins Farm Car Park (GR: NY 892 012, What3Words: ///attending.sonic.drag) at 10:00h. 8 Miles. Moderate £7

The journey to the source of the Swale takes us into one of the remotest corners of Swaledale, an area of seemingly endless fells and deep gills, of wide skies and scattered farms. Several characteristic "forces" [waterfalls], all impressive after rain, add to the attractiveness of the scene. Leaving Keld we follow Wainwright's Coast to Coast Trail through dramatic Whitsundale to Ravenseat, before dropping down to the source of the Swale. A short walk along the river, across open moorland and a terrace above the river takes us back to Keld - with further waterfalls on the way. There are a couple of short but steepish climbs enroute.

T1: RICHMOND'S WYNDYND AND LANES

Meet outside the Town Hall at 14:15h. Free but donations to Richmondshire Museum most welcome. Approx. 1 hour

This walk explores Richmond's Wyndynds and Lanes offering big views, intriguing nooks, secret places and a chance to hear of the people who lived in them. The walk is mostly on pavements but also has some steep slopes and steps.



E7: WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS - RACHEL HEWITT AND ROSEMARY J BROWN

Richmond Town Hall, DL10 4QL | 16:00h | £15 | Refreshments | Bookstall | Disabled Access.

Rachel Hewitt is a prize-winning author: notably the best-selling Map of a Nation:

A Biography of the Ordnance Survey (2010) and more recently, The Last Bastion: A History of Women in Sport 1984-2024 (2024). She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, and her latest book, In Her Nature, blends memoir, history and a feminist perspective to reveal how women have long found joy, strength and power in outdoor adventure - and how men have tried to stop them.



In conversation with Rachel will be journalist, Rosemary Brown. An avid traveller, she is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Churchill Fellow. In her quest to put female adventurers 'back on the map' she speaks at the Globetrotters Club and helped to organise The Heritage of Women in

Exploration conference at the Royal Geographical Society.

Her latest book is Moving Mountains on women in climbing, celebrates nine extraordinary women climbers commemorated in peaks that bear their names. Defying extreme altitudes and discrimination, they summited mountains across the globe to achieve a distinction long reserved for men and monarchs. Blending biography, adventure and history, Moving Mountains restores these pioneers to their rightful place in exploration.



E8: HUMAN NATURE - WALKING IN NEPAL - THOMAS BELL

Richmond Town Hall, DL10 4QL | 19:30h | £10 | Refreshments | Bookstall | Disabled Access.

The Himalaya is not a wilderness! For thousands of years the landscape has formed the region's history, and been shaped by people with their flocks, ploughs, and imaginations in turn. Religion, economy, and politics were derived from the land -- and made their mark on it. In his innovative book Human Nature, Thomas Bell mixes travel and anthropology to write a history of Nepal as a cultural history of the environment and compares it to Western environmental ideas.

Thomas Bell lived in Kathmandu for almost 20 years, working as a foreign correspondent, UN political officer and human rights researcher.



W7: INTO COLSTERDALE

NEW

Leave Station car park at 09.15h. Start at lower end of East Witton Green (GR: SE 144 860, What3Words: ///divided.crunch.waking) at 10:00h. 9.5 Miles. Moderate. £7

We start from the lovely village green at East Witton with a steepish climb to Sowden Beck Farm and up to the moors separating Coverdale and Colsterdale. Our track takes us past Slipstone Crags as we descend to the wooded valley and Gollinglith Foot. Here we pick up the Six Dales Trail as we re-cross the moors to Ellingstring and pick up farm tracks back to our starting point.

W8: THE IMPACT OF THE CHANGING NATURE OF FARMING: HAZEL BROW FARM DISCOVERY WALK

Leave Station car park 09.15h. Start at pull in parking overlooking Surrender Bridge (GR: SD 989 998, What3Words: ///districts.veered.manliness) at 10:00h. 7.5 Miles. Moderate. £7

Our walk gives great views of Swaledale, and plenty of opportunities to hear and see a variety of moorland birds. Starting and finishing at the ruins of the smelting mill at Surrender Bridge, we walk over rough moorland and along valley paths to illustrate the landscape in which local farmers work, and the industrial past of the hamlets through which we pass. Over the last 40 years there have been major changes in farming in Swaledale affecting the food we eat, and the landscape that we live in. En route we visit Hazel Brow Farm in Low Row, a farm that has sought to adapt and diversify, and hear from its owner how they have coped with the ever-changing demands and the impact this has had on the lives of people in the area and on the countryside through which we walk.

Supported by: Hazel Brow Farm

W9: SAVE OUR SWALE

Start at the Fosse Car Park, at Richmond Falls DL10 4JR (What3Words: ///behalf.values.sleepers) at 10:00h. 4 Miles. Easy. £7

A short walk led by members of Save Our Swale, a volunteer group formed in 2023 to monitor water quality and invertebrate health. There will be several stops to discuss issues of pollution, Richmond's rich history, and the town's relationship with the river. The walk will go via Easby Abbey, following established tracks and passing through woodland and pasture. There is no lunch stop on this walk.

Supported by: Save Our Swale

H1: WELLBEING WALK: HILL AND DALE

NEW

Start at Richmond Racecourse Hurgill Road CP (GR: NZ 158 020, What3Words: ///November.chain.brink) at 10:00h for 10:15h. 4.5 Miles. Moderate. Free, just turn up on the day.

This walk is part of the Ramblers Wellbeing Walks programme. Our walk takes us across the old racecourse to Coalsgarth Gate, and then through Beacon Plantation to come out on the upper section of Hurgill Road. We descend to join the route of the Coast to Coast National Trail at High Leases, enjoying the panoramic views across to Richmond, and with the North York Moors in the distance. We walk back towards Richmond on the C2C route before turning up through Aislabeck to return to the starting point. Whilst a short walk please note there are some significant ascents & descents.

Supported by: Ramblers Wellbeing Walks Richmondshire



E9: THE LAND BENEATH THE WAVES - NIC WILSON

The Station, Richmond, DL10 4LD | 19:30h | £10 | Café, Bookstall, Disabled Access

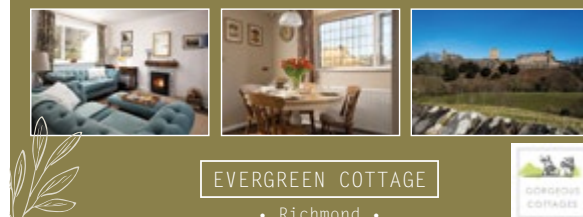
When Nic Wilson begins researching her local landscape, the last thing she wants to do is consider her own past. But as she unearths tales of giant sequoias, nightingales and chalk streams, Nic realises her affinity with nature

began as a way to handle growing up with a mother who lived with debilitating illness.

Now in her forties, and facing mental and physical health challenges herself, Nic revisits her childhood to trace the influence of the natural world on her life. Can she find the strength to face the waves of chronic illness and learn how to reach for steady ground?



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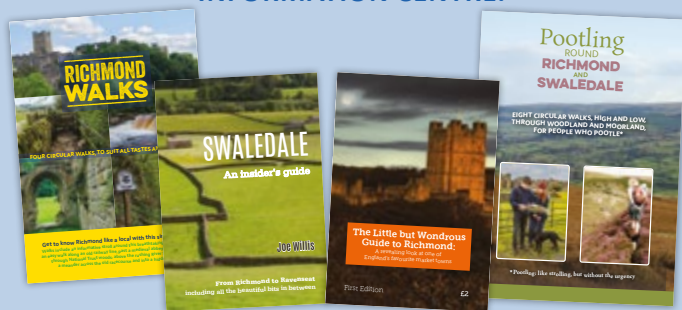
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TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

W10: A PILGRIMAGE WALK – “THE WAY OF LIFE”

NEW

DAY 1 – GAINFORD TO BISHOP AUCKLAND

Start at gateway to Gainford St Mary's Church DL2 3DS (GR: NZ 170 167, What3Words: ///cleans.clashing.contexts) at 09:30h. 16 Miles. Hard. £7. This is a linear walk involving the use of public transport. Please see the website item on this walk for full details. All participants will be contacted in advance to finalise appropriate travel options.

The Northern Saints Trails are a series of 6 routes converging on Durham Cathedral, and over 2 days we will follow the southerly route called "The Way of Life", which runs from the church in the lovely spa village of Gainford north to Durham. It is said that the route corresponds to the last part of the journey of the body of St Cuthbert from Ripon to his final shrine in Durham. The same route forms part of the official Camino Ingles Pilgrimage. The two stages can be done separately or together. Our first day takes us through varied countryside, past Headlam and Ingleton to West Auckland, famous as the home of the first Football World Cup! From here we start to see evidence of the railway history of the area as we walk along the Etherley Incline which formed part of the original Stockton and Darlington Railway. The area roundabout was an important centre for coal mining and iron works. We will reach Escomb, with its small Saxon Church, before following the Weardale Way to Bishop Auckland, where we take our chosen arrangements to get transport home. Those doing both legs may wish to arrange accommodation in Bishop Auckland overnight. Although this is relatively straightforward walking, the length of the route justifies the grading of hard and means we will need to maintain a good pace throughout.

W11: NATIONAL TRUST NATURE WALK –

NEW

A BUCKDEN PIKE CIRCULAR

Leave Station car park 09:00h. Start at Buckden YDNP car park (GR: SD 941 774, What3Words: ///behalf.makeup.freely) at 10:00h. 5.5 miles. Hard. £7

Join Yorkshire Dales National Trust Rangers and Ecologist for a circular walk on Buckden Pike (2,303'). As always, the National Trust walk will be used to illustrate and discuss various aspects of the Trust's conservation work in the Dales. The route will sometimes deviate off established paths to include areas of woodland creation, montane scrub planting, and peat bog restoration. Although short in distance terms this will be a strenuous walk. We head up the Rakes and the summit of Buckden Pike, along to the Polish Memorial, and then down to Eshber Wood to pick up the Millennium Path back to Buckden. Please bring lunch, these walks always take longer than expected as the objective is not to cover distance quickly!

Supported by: The National Trust

W12: ASKE HALL AND GILLINGWOOD HALL

Leave Station car park 09:30h. Start at Mocha Café Car Park at Aske Hall DL10 5HQ (GR: NZ 178 037), What3Words: ///fidgeting.bypassed.solutions) at 10:00h. 8 miles. Moderate. £7

An undulating walk, all on good paths, with fine views and a variety of landscapes and historic features. We walk past the impressive Aske Hall, for a steady climb over Richmond Golf Course to reach the historic former racecourse. Our gentle climb continues to the viewpoint of Jockey Cap Hill. We then descend through woodland to return to the valley, passing Gillingwood Hall, and back to our start where there should be time to sample the coffee or chocolate at Mocha.



E10: WINDHOVER - LAURENCE ROSE

Cosy Stove Café, Scorton Road, Brompton On Swale, DL10 7EQ | 11:00h | £10

Join naturalist and writer, Laurence Rose, on a talk celebrating 'the extraordinary nature of ordinary nature'. Set in the Yorkshire countryside, his latest book *Windhover* does just that. Later,

during a leisurely 3 - 4 mile flat walk around Scorton Lakes Nature Reserve Laurence will share his love and knowledge of the natural world, including readings from his books and literary field notes. This is an opportunity to experience nature through the eyes of a writer: for some it may be a whole new way of engaging with landscape, wildlife and 'place'. Feel free to bring a notebook of your own writing if you would like to do so - Laurence is always happy to exchange ideas and challenges along the way.



E11: DELPHINE RUSTON, BOOKBINDING WORKSHOP

The Station, Richmond DL10 4LD | 14:00h - 17:00h | £60 | Café | Bookstall | Disabled Access

Learn the art of bookbinding in this hands-on 3 hour workshop. Have you ever wondered how

fine and antiquarian books were made? The art and craft of book making dates back over two thousand years, but whether that's works from ancient China, Japanese designs, the rich tradition of Islamic bookbinding, or the leather-bound volumes of stately-home libraries, the principles are similar: papers are sewn together and secured within a protective, often decorated, casing. In this workshop led by local bookbinder, Delphine Ruston, see for yourself how books start life by making two books of your own to take away - a 3-hole pamphlet (or chap book), and a single-section, hardback notebook. With a few materials, tools and simple skills, it's possible to make attractive books to put to whatever use you wish.



E12: GOOD, OCCASIONALLY RHYMING - KATHY CLUGSTON AND ROB STEPNEY

Richmondshire Cricket Club, Hurgill Road, DL10 4AR | 19:30h | £12 | Bookstall | Disabled Access

A collection of poetry and prose celebrating The Shipping Forecast on the 100th anniversary of its first BBC broadcast.

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Delivered in precise, metronomic language, it remains a national favourite. Good, Occasionally Rhyming is a love letter to this iconic broadcast. Kathy Clugston, chairman and voice of Gardeners' Question Time, read the forecast for years and wrote A Brief History of Tim and co-created But First This. Rob Stepney writes on travel, science, medicine and The Archers, and is also a published poet.



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REF	NAME	TIME & LOCATION
Wednesday 5th August		
 C1	Cindergorilla and Rabunzel	10:30 Colburn Library
 C2	Cindergorilla and Rabunzel	13:00 Catterick Library
 C3	Cindergorilla and Rabunzel	15:00 Richmond Library
Friday 18th September		
 E1	165 Days - Prisoner of the Taliban	19:30 Richmond Cricket Club
Saturday 19th September		
 W1	Yockenthwaite Moor	09:00 Station
 W2	Gunnerside Gill	09:15 Station
 E2	Children's Book Hunt	10:00 Market Place & The Station
 E3	Bookbinding Workshop	10:00 The Station
 W3	Altberg Factory & Willance's Leap	10:00 Altberg Factory
 E4	Fiesta - Daniel Stables	16:00 Town Hall
 E5	What Are Prisons For?	19:30 Georgian Theatre
Sunday 20th September		
 W4	Green Bell & Randygill Top	09:00 The Station
 W5	Hawes Mosaic Trail	09:00 The Station
 W6	Source of the Swale	09:00 The Station
 E6	Book Fair	10:00-16:00 The Station
 T1	Richmond's Wynds and Lanes	14:15 Town Hall
 E7	Women in the Outdoors	16:00 Town Hall
 E8	Human Nature - Nepal	19:30 Town Hall
Monday 21st September		
 W7	Into Colsterdale	09:15 The Station
 W8	Hazel Brow Farm Discovery Walk	09:15 The Station
 W9	Save Our Swale	10:00 Richmond Falls
 H1	Wellbeing Walk Hill & Dale	10:15 Racecourse
 E9	The Land Beneath the Waves	19:30 The Station
Tuesday 22nd September		
 W10	Way of Life Day 1	See entry for details
 W11	Buckden Pike Circular	09:00 The Station
 W12	Aske Hall & Gillingwood	09:30 The Station
 E10	Windhover - Laurence Rose	11:00 Cosy Stove Café
 E11	Bookbinding Workshop	14:00 The Station
 E12	Good Occasionally Rhyming	19:30 Cricket Club

REF	NAME	TIME & LOCATION
Wednesday 23rd September		
 W13	Way of Life Day 2	See entry for details
 W14	High Force & Teesdale	09:00 The Station
 W15	Eggleston Hall Gardens Walk	09:15 The Station
 T2	Exploring Richmond	12:00 Town Hall
 E13	Pilgrim Cello	19:30 Town Hall
Thursday 24th September		
 W16	Howgills - Calf & Calder	09:00 The Station
 W17	Wensleydale River Trust Walk	09:00 The Station
 W18	Stockton & Darlington Railway Walk	09:15 The Station
 H2	Wellbeing Walk West Howe	10:15 Nuns Close
 E14	Diplomatic Adventures	11:00 The Station
 E15	Lone Wolf - Adam Weymouth	19:30 Town Hall
Friday 25th September		
 W19	Cleveland Way & Coast to Coast	09:00 The Station
 W20	Ivelet Wood Seed Walk	09:00 The Station
 W21	Barnard Castle & Tees Path	09:15 The Station
 E16a	Sketchbook Walks	10:00 The Station
 E16b	Sketchbook Walks	13:30 The Station
 E17	With the Law on Our Side	19:30 Georgian Theatre
Saturday 26th September		
 W22	Birks Fell & Firth Fell	09:00 The Station
 W23	Arkengarthdale Discovery Walk	09:15 The Station
 E18	Forgotten Forests & Oaklore	16:00 Town Hall
 E19	Peter Robinson Memorial Event	19:30 Town Hall
Sunday 27th September		
 W24	Penhill & Walden Valley	09:15 The Station
 W25	Sunday Lunch Walk Arkengarthdale	09:15 The Station
 T3	Richmond's Wynds and Lanes	14:15 Town Hall
 E20	Promoting Yorkshire Authors	10:00 The Station
 E21	Across Mountains & Determination	16:00 Town Hall
 E22	Actually I'm a Corpse	19:30 Georgian Theatre



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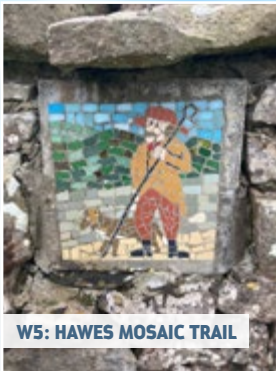
W2: GUNNERSIDE GILL



W13 NEARING DURHAM ON THE WAY OF LIFE



W14: HIGH FORCE



W5: HAWES MOSAIC TRAIL



W9: RICHMOND FALLS
SAVE OUR SWALE



BACKGROUND IMAGE: W7 COLSTERDALE

W13: A PILGRIMAGE WALK – “THE WAY OF LIFE” NEW**DAY 2 –BISHOP AUCKLAND TO DURHAM**

Start in front of Auckland Tower (GR: NZ 213 301, What3Words: ///starts.taken.sorry) at 09:30h. 15 Miles. Moderate. £7. This is a linear walk involving the use of public transport. Please see the website item on this walk for full details. All participants will be contacted in advance to finalise appropriate travel options.

See W10 for further background. Day 2 of our walk starts at Auckland Tower near the gateway to Auckland Castle, former home to the Bishops of Durham and now the centrepiece of the Auckland Project. Sadly, we will not have time to linger but will make our way through the Deer Park and onto the railway path towards Byers Green. Passing through Whitworth, the former home of “Bonny Bobby Shafto” of the famous song, we pass through Tudhoe Village to Sunderland Bridge. From here we are on the final leg towards our goal of reaching Durham Cathedral. We will get a wonderful view of this from the aptly named Mount Joy before we descend into the City and make our way to the Cathedral. Although this is relatively straightforward walking, mainly on wooded tracks and paths, the length of the route justifies the grading of hard and means we will need to maintain a good pace throughout.

W14: HIGH FORCE AND TEESDALE FROM BOWLEES**NEW**

Leave Station car park 09:00h. Start at Bowlees Visitor Centre CP (GR: NY 908 283, What3Words: ///good.dockers.wake) at 10:00h. 9 Miles. Moderate. £7

We walk from the Visitor Centre down to the Tees at Low Force Waterfall, crossing over at the famous Wynch Bridge, and follow a delightful path along the riverbank to High Force, impressive at any time and particularly after rain. Continuing along the Pennine Way we recross the Tees and head towards Langdon Beck before heading back east on field tracks and paths to Bowlees. This area is rich in geology, and in particular the Whin Sill which crosses the landscape here, and the area is dotted with the white painted farmhouses of the Raby Estate. All this promises a varied and exhilarating walk.

W15: COTHERSTONE, EGGLESTON HALL GARDENS AND THE TEES RAILWAY PATH**NEW**

Leave Station car park 09:15h. Start in front of The Fox and Hounds PH in Cotherstone (GR: NZ 010 198, What3Words: ///score.rise.baguettes) at 10:00h. 6.5 Miles. Moderate. £12 to include the charge for the Garden visit.

The highlight of this walk will be a guided tour of the beautiful, 400-year-old garden at Eggleston Hall [www.egglestonhallgardens.co.uk]. A treat for all gardeners and historians!

We will leave Cotherstone taking the Teesdale Way, giving splendid views over the Tees, and arrive at Eggleston Hall in time for lunch, which can be enjoyed at the café, and for the garden tour. We will return to Cotherstone at the end of the afternoon via the lovely Tees Railway Path on the south side of the valley. The walk is graded moderate due to a number of stiles, all well-maintained, on the Teesdale Way section, with an easy return section along the old railway path.

T2: EXPLORING RICHMOND

Meet outside the Town Hall at 12:00 noon. Free but donations to the Richmond Mayor's Charity most welcome.

Your costumed guide, a Richmond policeman of 1842, takes you for a walk back in time lasting just over one hour.

**E13: PILGRIM CELLO - 42 CATHEDRALS ON A BIKE - KENNETH WILSON**

Richmond Town Hall, DL10 4QL | 19:30h | £10 | Refreshments | Bookstall | Disabled Access

Kenneth Wilson is a writer, a cellist, and

a dreamer. His latest book – Pilgrim Cello – chronicles his 1,900-mile journey around all forty-two English cathedrals. In every cathedral, except one, Kenneth performed a Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. It's a story of stamina and endurance, combining adventure with music and a spiritual response to our historic holy places. Many of you will remember Kenneth from his last musical voyage to Rome, Highway Cello. Now from the great architectural icons of Canterbury and York to the lesser-known gems of Southwell, Derby, and Carlisle, Kenneth weaves an account of a personal response to the religious and historic traditions of this country. Come along and enjoy the ride – and the music!





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W16: THE HOWGILLS – CAUTLEY SPOUT, THE CALF AND CALDERS

NEW

Leave Station car park at 09.00h. Start at Cross Keys Inn CP on A638 (GR: SD 699 969, What3Words: ///dine.baths.cooked) at 10:15h. 11 Miles, 2,450' of climbing. Hard. £7.

This is one of the great walks of the Howgills. We start with the challenging steep climb up the vertiginous side of the iconic Cautley Spout falls before making our way to the Calf at 2,218'. We follow The Dales High Way along the ridge over The Calf (2,218'), Bram Rigg Top (2,205') & Caldars (2,211'). A long descent, steep in places, takes us to the fields above Sedburgh. We follow the undulating path along the attractive valley of the River Rawthey back to the Cross Keys.

W17: WENSLEYDALE – RIVER TRUST DISCOVERY WALK

NEW

Leave Station car park at 09:00h. Start at the Dales Countryside Museum CP – DL8 3NT (GR: SD 875 899, What3Words: ///lentil.buying.teacher) at 10:00h. 7.5 Miles. Moderate. £7

Please note that some parts of this walk follow paths that feature in the longer Hawes Mosaic Trail walk W5.

A walk and talk led by Catherine Mason from the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust. With lovely views of upper Wensleydale throughout, we visit Burtsett and Gayle then follow Widdale Beck downstream to Appersett before crossing the Ure and a gentle ascent to Hardraw, and back to Hawes. Enjoy spotting beautiful fauna and flora and discovering some interesting river facts along the way, including finding out about the Trust's Natural Flood Management project work in the area. There will be an optional free tour of the Rivers4Life summer exhibition at the Dales Countryside Museum on our return. This is generally a moderate walk, with short stretches of road walking mainly on minor roads, several stiles, some narrow and uneven paths and a few gentle climbs.

Supported by: The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

W18: WALK AND VISIT – THE HERITAGE OF THE STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY

NEW

Leave Station car park 09:15h. Start from the free car park at the Locomotion Museum in Shildon DL4 2RE (What3Words: ///lads.crunchy.hunter) at 10:00h. A special interest day with a linear walk of around 5.5 Miles. Easy. £7

Our walk follows parts of the original route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway from Shildon, where Locomotion No1 set off for Stockton in 1825. Starting at the aptly named railway museum 'Locomotion' it traces the route along a recently refreshed track to Brussleton Winding House. Here wagons were pulled up the hill from West Auckland, and then lowered to Shildon, before being steam hauled eastwards. Information boards are sited along the route detailing its history. We descend to join the Roman Dere Street, and a refreshment stop at Broom Mill Farm Cafe. A road walk takes us to a bus service (bring your pass if you have one) back to Shildon and 'Locomotion'. The museum complex (free admission) may then be explored at leisure.

H2: WELLBEING WALK: WEST HOWE

NEW

Start at Nuns Close CP in Richmond DL10 4UN (What3Words: ///radiating.craftsman.outlined) at 10h for 10:15h. 3.5 Miles. Easy. Free just turn up on the day.

This walk is part of the Ramblers Wellbeing Walks programme. We will walk along the top of West Field, then down Green Lane to Round Howe. From there we cross the footbridge over the Swale, going along the riverside meadow before turning up through the woods to come out at Green Bridge. We cross the bridge and then go up into Richmond and back to the starting point.

Supported by: Ramblers Wellbeing Walks Richmondshire



E14: DIPLOMATIC ADVENTURES - TONY ROSSITER

The Station, Richmond, DL10 4LD | 11:00h | £10 | Café, Bookstall, Disabled Access

Tony Rossiter is a former diplomat, civil servant and international consultant. His talk will focus on his time as a young diplomat in the late sixties and early seventies. In Moscow during the Cold War, Western diplomats were kept under surveillance and their flats were bugged. In Karachi, during the Indo-Pakistan war of 1971, bomb blasts shook the walls of Tony's bungalow before women and children were belatedly evacuated. Transferred to Buenos Aires, he arrived shortly after Perón's reinstatement as President, when the Montoneros urban guerrillas were stepping up terrorist attacks against Western targets. Tony's book is a behind-the-scenes look at the life of a junior diplomat who had a ringside seat at three critical chapters of twentieth-century history.



E15: LONE WOLF WALKING THE FAULT LINES OF EUROPE - ADAM WEYMOUTH

Richmond Town Hall, DL10 4QL | 19:30h | £10 | Refreshments | Bookstall | Disabled Access

In 2011, a wolf named Slavic set out from Slovenia, travelling through the Alps to Northern Italy, where he crossed paths with a female wolf in a region that had been without wolves for a century. A decade later, more than a hundred wolves are back in the area, the result of their meeting. In Lone Wolf, Weymouth walks Slavic's path, examining changes facing these wild corners of Europe, where re-wilding meets cultural preservation and climate change is reshaping lives.

Adam Weymouth's work has been published in Granta, The Atlantic, The Observer and the BBC. His first book, Kings of the Yukon, won the Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year Award, the Lonely Planet/Stanfords Adventure Travel Book of the Year and the Prix Paul Emile-Victoire.



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W19: ALONG THE EDGE OF THE NORTH YORK MOORS WITH A TASTE OF THE CLEVELAND WAY AND THE COAST TO COAST TRAIL

NEW

Leave Station car park at 09:00h. Start Ingleby Cross at the crossroads (GR: NZ 450 006, What3Words: ///flirts.interacts.draining) at 10:00h. 8.5 Miles. Moderate. £7

Our walk starts at Ingleby Cross, where the Coast to Coast Trail leaves the Vale of York and climbs into the North York Moors. Here the trail and the Cleveland Way coincide for a time along the edge of the moor, with great views north towards Teesside and south into the Moors. Our walk takes in Cod Beck Reservoir and the wooded path around it, and the Lady Chapel near Osmotherly. This is a varied walk on good paths and tracks, with plenty of ups and downs, and an overall 1,300 feet of ascent during the day.

W20: A NATURE DISCOVERY WALK- IVELET WOOD SEED WALK

NEW

Leave Station car park at 09:00h. Start at The Farmers' Arms, Muker (GR: SD 909 979, What3Words: ///driver.thrashed.trousers) at 10:00h. Park at the National Park CP (chargeable) at the entrance to the village, or roadside parking beyond the pub. An easy nature walk of around 4.5 Miles. £7

Our walk passes through Ivelet Wood - one of the few remaining areas of ancient woodland in Swaledale, with evidence of charcoal burning platforms and wood kilns dating back to the 16th century. Rob Macdonald of Sustainable Swaledale will accompany the walk and outline the work of the Group. There will be an opportunity to collect tree seeds, some of which you will be able to plant towards the end of the walk. We will also visit Adelaide Level and the lovely waterfall of Arn Gill, before continuing up the valley for a lunch stop at Swinner Gill. On the return to Muker we shall make the short climb up to the Old Vicarage where walkers will be able to sow some of the seeds collected, see intermediate saplings from the Group's tree nursery, and then visit a small area of recent planting.

Supported by: Sustainable Swaledale

W21: BARNARD CASTLE, THE RIVER TEES AND THE TEES RAILWAY PATH

NEW

Leave Station car park 09:15h. Park at Demesnes in Barnard Castle (free car park, accessed via Gray Lane off Thorngate) (GR: NZ 050 160, What3Words: ///beeline.bring.speedily) at 10:00h. 9 Miles. Moderate. £7

In some ways a companion piece to our Wednesday walk W15, today covers further sections of the Teesdale Way and Railway Path to the south. Starting in Barnard Castle, we follow the Teesdale Way for the first part of our walk, passing the Castle which gives the town its name. We cross the Tees and walk to Pecknell Wood and on to Cotherstone. Here, we pick up the southern section of the Tees Railway Path and into the lovely grounds of the Grade II* listed Lartington Hall. Reaching the village of Lartington, we follow the course of a dismantled railway. An impressive bridge abutment marks the line's crossing of Deepdale Beck. We follow the Beck back to its confluence with the Tees, and then back into Barnard Castle.



E16A & E16B: SKETCHBOOK WALKS WITH LIZ HARVEY

The Station, Richmond, DL10 4LD | E16a - 10:00h E16b - 13:30h | £25 | Café, Bookstall, Disabled Access
Join us for a gentle walk ... with a sketchbook!

We will be taking a 3 hour stroll, with plenty of sketching stops where you will be guided by artist, Liz Harvey. Liz is an experienced artist & tutor whose

own work is inspired by natural forms and the landscape. She will share sketchbook ideas and approaches with you and help you to create interesting, mixed media sketches based on your observations. All materials & a sketchbook will be provided.

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E17: WITH THE LAW ON OUR SIDE - BARONESS BRENDA HALE INTERVIEWED BY CHRIS LLOYD

Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond DL10 4DW | 19:30h | £15 | From www.georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk | Bar | Bookstall | Disabled Access

Lady Hale retired as President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in January 2020, after a varied career, as an academic lawyer at the University of Manchester (also qualifying and practicing for a while as a barrister), then as the first woman member of the Law Commission, and finally as a Judge. She has taken part in many notable cases, but most famously the 'prorogation case' in September 2019. In retirement she has spent her time in good works, speaking and writing - Spider Woman, A Life (2021), With the Law on Our Side (2025), and Do We Have a Right to Die? (2026). Lady Hale will be interviewed by Chris Lloyd who is no stranger to the Richmond Walking and Book Festival. A prominent local journalist, author and local historian in his own right. Chris appeared at the Festival in 2025 to talk about his latest book on The Stockton and Darlington Railway.





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 W22: BIRKS FELL AND FIRTH FELL

NEW

Leave Station car park at 09:00h. Start Buckden National Park Car Park (Charge) (GR: SD 942 774, What3Words: ///baking.tomato. confirms) at 10:00h. 11 miles, 1,400' of climbing. Hard. £7

The highlight of our walk today is the ridge of the fells separating Langstrothdale from Littondale, and we will get great views each way during our walk. We start in gentle fashion as we make our way alongside the youthful River Wharfe via Hubberholme to Yockenthwaite.. From here we follow The Dales High Way, climbing steeply to the ridge, with a quick visit to Horsehead (1,985'), before we start the ridge walk to Birks Fell (2,001') and Firth Fell (1,991'). Then it is a steep but easy descent back to the valley to the banks of the River Wharfe, and Buckden.

 W23: SUSTAINABLE ARKENGARTHDALE DISCOVERY WALK

NEW

Leave Station car park 09:15h. Start at parking opposite CB Inn, Langthwaite DL11 6EN (GR: NY 999 031, What3Words: ///push.prom.swarm) at 10:00h. 8.5 miles. Moderate. £7

We will visit some of the many sites in Arkengarthdale where volunteers from the Sustainable Swaledale Group have carried out work to increase biodiversity, and to develop a natural method of flood management. We will be accompanied by Rob Macdonald from the Group, with opportunities to ask questions about our own gardens/land and about the work of the Group. From our start we follow the valley down to Heggs Farm where Liz Sutcliffe will provide a guided tour of the Heggs-Castle renaturing project (<https://heggscastlecluster.org>). After the tour there is a steady climb up to Low Moor, providing a bird's eye view of the area covered by some of the projects, before turning downhill to Eskeleth Bridge and a final section north along the valley.

Supported by both: Sustainable Swaledale & The Heggs-Castle Renaturing Project



 E18: FORGOTTEN FORESTS AND OAKLORE - JONATHAN MULLARD AND JULES ACTON

Richmond Town Hall, DL10 4QL | 16:00h | £15 | Refreshments | Bookstall | Disabled Access | Includes Tea And Scones

Two writers present their recent books on the importance of trees in this double presentation. Jonathan Mullard is an author, biologist, and was Britain's first senior officer for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. He is the author of the New Naturalist titles Pembrokeshire, Brecon Beacons and Gower, and he is also a keen photographer.

Jonathan will discuss his new book *Forgotten Forests: Twelve Thousand*

Years of British and Irish Woodlands, drawing on the latest scientific understanding of our natural history, as well as a fascinating journey through the forests, landscapes and human history of Britain.

Jules Acton lives and breathes trees. She works for



the Woodland Trust and is currently a spokesperson for the Tree of the Year campaign. She encourages walkers to switch off their air pods and concentrate instead on the sounds of nature. Ancient woodlands now only cover 2.5% of the UK – and her book, *Oaklore*, is a clarion call to care for those we have left. She also explores the incredibly diverse history of the oak tree: from a source of food and shelter to its use in literature as a plot device and muse, its role as an essential ingredient in ink, and in mythology from across the British Isles as a sacred plant and precious resource.



 E19: PETER ROBINSON MEMORIAL EVENT - RISING STARS OF CRIME FICTION

The Town Hall, Richmond, DL10 4QL | 19:30h | Refreshments | Bookstall | Disabled Access

A must for fans of crime fiction - this recently added Festival Event showcasing the work of up and coming writers in this ever popular genre.

Follow the link to the Richmond Walking and Books Festival website at booksandboots.org for more clues to the mystery, full details of featured authors and to buy tickets!

 W24: PENHILL AND THE WALDEN VALLEY

NEW

Leave Station car park 09:15h. Parking at Layby on A684 before West Witton (GR:SE 068 885, What3Words: ///mistaking.hobbyists.gasp). Start walk at 10:00h. 10 Miles. Moderate but with steep ascent. £7

Our walk takes us, by a steep ascent in places, to the top of Penhill with great views all around. From there we walk along Penhill Scar, Black Scar and across the moor to the Height of Hazely. We descend, again on a steep path, to Cote Bridge and make our way to the picturesque waterfall at West Burton. As we make our way back to the start we will pass the interesting remains of a Knights Templar Preceptory and Chapel dating back to the 12th C. Then it is along the green Langthwaite Lane back to the village of West Witton.

 W25: A SUNDAY LUNCH WALK IN ARKENGARTHDALE

NEW

Leave Station car park 09:15h. Parking beside The CB Inn in Arkengarthdale DL11 6EN (GR:NZ 000 031, What3Words: ///saying.televiseshiver). Start walk at 10:00h. 5 Miles. Moderate. £7

An invigorating walk to work up an appetite for Sunday lunch at the historic 18th Century CB Inn, named after a descendant of physician Dr John Bathurst who bought the dale in 1656 and whose family did much to develop lead mining here. We head for the imposing Scar House and climb up onto the top of the scar. Heading for the tiny hamlet of Booze, we will see signs of the lead mining industry and the location where scenes from *Wuthering Heights* were filmed.



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Heading down to Arkle Beck we follow the river back to the CB via Langthwaite which featured in the opening shots for the iconic series, All Creatures Great and Small. Please bring a drink and a snack for a stop on route. Walk participants will be contacted prior to the walk for their lunchtime menu choices.

T3: RICHMOND'S WYNDS AND LANES

Meet outside the Town Hall at 14:15h. Free, just turn up on the day. Donations to Richmondshire Museum most welcome.

This walk around the central area of Richmond lasts for between one hour and one and a half hours and remains on level ground, as far as is possible in Richmond!

E20: PROMOTING YORKSHIRE AUTHORS

The Station, Richmond, DL10 4LD | 10:00h - 16:00h | Free | Café, Bookstall | Disabled Access

Promoting Yorkshire Authors will be showcasing and selling books from a wide range of talented authors writing in a variety of genres, with interesting author talks being given in the Boardroom. Alongside the talks will be an exciting opportunity to contribute to a community poem about Richmond. Throughout the day, people can write a couple of words, which will be collated at the end of the event into a poem by our talented poets. There's something for everyone, from fiction to non-fiction, crime to historical fantasy, delightful children's books to gripping adult fiction, memoirs to poetry and much more. A great chance to find your new favourite author. For an introduction to featured authors and titles check out the listing for this event at the Festival website.



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E21: ACROSS MOUNTAINS AND SEA AND DETERMINATION - MIR RAHIMI AND TAWSEEF KHAN

Richmond Town Hall, DL10 4QL | 16:00h | £15 | Refreshments | Bookstall | Disabled Access | Includes Tea And Scones

Another event showcasing two authors. In his memoir *Across Mountains, Land and Sea*, Mir Rahimi tells the extraordinary true story of one boy's journey across the world to find safety. Born in Afghanistan, he came to Britain in 2001 aged 14, entered secondary school with very limited English, and a decade later graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science—a truly remarkable story.



In *Determination*, a fictional work exploring another side of the immigrant experience, Jamila Shah is a twenty-nine-year-old immigration solicitor running her family law firm. Woken by frantic calls from clients facing deportation and working under the government's 'hostile environment', she hopes their 'determinations' will allow them to stay. This assured, character-driven debut introduces the staff of Shah & Co Solicitors—recent arrivals themselves—and their clients, all seeking some semblance of normality.

Author Tawseef Khan is a qualified immigration solicitor with a doctorate from the University of Liverpool, where he examined the fairness of the British asylum system, and is a prize-winning graduate of the Creative Writing Programme at the University of East Anglia.



E22: ACTUALLY, I'M A CORPSE - TERRY DEARY

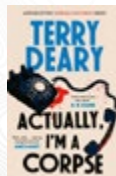
Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond DL10 4DW | 19:30h | £15 from www.georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk | Bar | Book-Stall | Disabled Access

1973. Hours after a mysterious phone call is made to the police, a train pulls into Sunderland station with a dead body on board. Cause of death:

strangulation. Victim: unknown. Witnesses: none. Undeterred by this baffling set of circumstances, newly promoted Police Sergeant Aline James vows to crack the case and prove her critics wrong! But when her famously ruthless investigation tactics yield no results, she is forced to seek help from unlikely allies: unassuming assassin John Brown and calamitous actor Tony Davies. As the bodies pile up, can this unusual trio thwart a devilishly complex plot, before one of them, actually, becomes a corpse?

Well-known for his beloved books and television adaptations of *The Horrible Histories*, Terry Deary has always loved reading murder mysteries. For his 350th book he finally decided to write his own titled *'Actually, I'm a Murderer'*. He now follows up with the second title in the series *'Actually, I'm a Corpse'*

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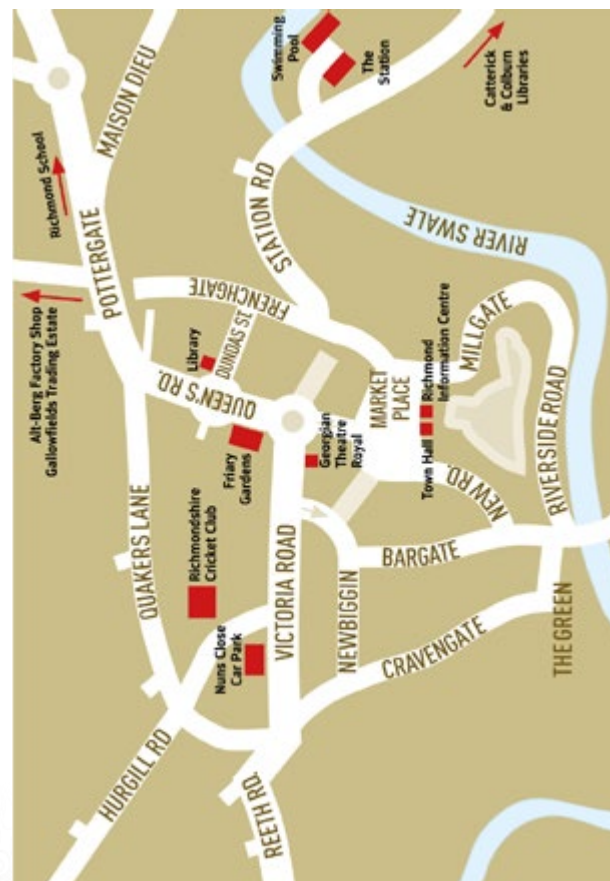
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- **Town Hall**
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- **Georgian Theatre Royal**
DL10 4DW
- **Richmondshire Cricket Club** DL10 4AR
- **Catterick Library**
DL9 3EL
- **Richmond Information Centre, Indoor Market**
DL10 4QL

Walk start points are various but fully referenced in the walk descriptions.

All event venues are wheelchair accessible.



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