

SouTAr

festival of words

26th-28th APRIL

2019

A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF AUTHOR
TALKS, MUSIC, ART, CREATIVE WRITING
ALL CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY OF THE
SCOTS LANGUAGE AND CONTEMPORARY
SCOTTISH CULTURE.

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A new literary festival is coming to Perthshire, celebrating contemporary Scottish culture and the beauty of the Scots language. Soutar Festival of Words will take place at numerous venues and outdoor locations across Perth from the 26th to 28th April.

There are over twenty events detailed in this brochure, including author talks, the Perthshire Poetry slam, children's events and the opportunities for local people to gain an insight into the world of creative writing.

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More information about the
festival can be found online at
culturepk.org.uk/soutarfest

Tickets can be booked via
cpksoutar.eventbrite.co.uk

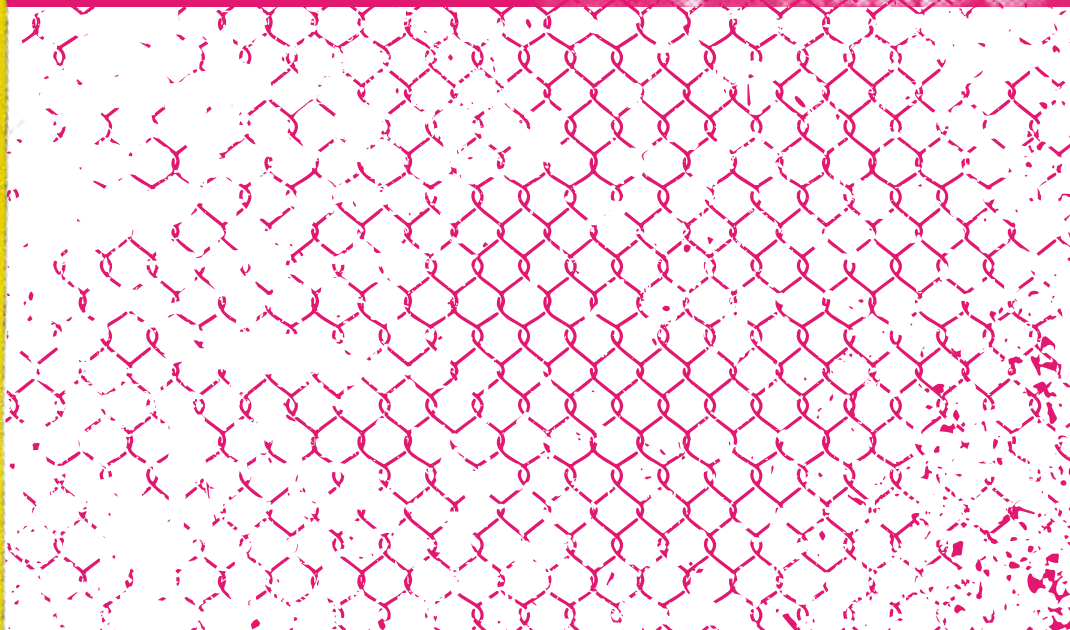
Prices for all events range from
Free to £10

Email: events@culturepk.org.uk



JON PLUNKETT
POET IN RESIDENCE

As part of Soutar Festival of Words, Culture Perth and Kinross have employed a poet in residence, Jon Plunkett who for 6 weeks, will work with the community to promote the festival. Jon will also work on a commissioned piece which will be performed during the festival.



IN A SMA ROOM

Mon 22nd April/ 8pm/ Joan Knight Studio, Perth Theatre
/ £15, Conc. £13 (incl £1.50 booking fee)

In a Sma Room celebrates the poems of William Soutar through original music written by Debra Salem, Kevin Mackenzie and Paul Harrison. Tickets available www.horsecross.co.uk

William Soutar & The Art of Dreaming Poetry with Professor Kirsteen McCue

Fri 26th April/ 7.30pm/
AK Bell Library/ Free

Whilst Soutar is known as a fine poet and lyricist and a writer of journals, diaries and books, few critics have spent time with his numerous books of 'Dreams'. This lecture will explore these wonderful manuscripts, looking at how Soutar's experience and theories of 'Dreams' played their part in his growing stature as a published poet.





CRIME WRITERS PANEL

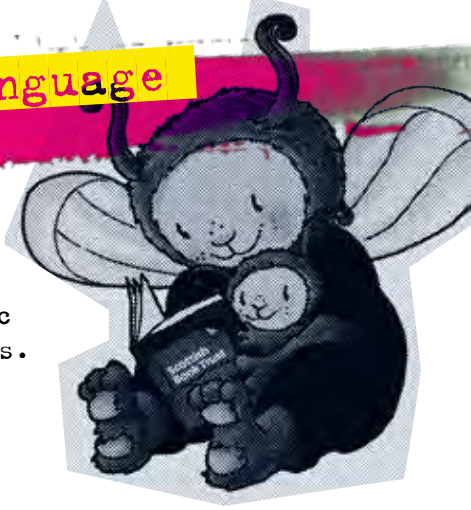
**Fri 26th April/ 7.30pm/
Perth Museum & Art Gallery/ £5**

Join crime writers Denzil Meyrick, Neil Broadfoot & Douglas Skelton in conversation about crime writing. They will be chatting about setting the scene in crime writing and beyond!

Gaelic and Scots Language Bookbug Session

**Sat 27th April/ 9.45am/
AK Bell Library/ Free**

Join us for a Bookbug session, where we'll be learning some Gaelic and Scots language rhymes and songs.



The William Soutar Haik

Sat 27th April/ 10am/ Meet at the Fergusson Gallery/ £3

Join us on the William Soutar haik (walk) and discover where Soutar got his inspiration. There will be plenty of stops around the trail to enjoy listening to his poems. Sensible footwear is required and please dress appropriately for the elements.



Making Every Word Count
A Workshop for Budding
Writers with Alex Gray



Sat 27th April / 10am /
AK Bell Library / £10

The award winning crime
writer Alex Gray will host
a creative writing workshop
for 12 keen writers.
Participants should bring
a short piece of writing
to the workshop (work in
progress is suitable).
Booking is essential due
to limited numbers.

Scots Language

Storytelling Sessions

Sat 27th April / 11am / AK Bell Library / Free

Come and join our storytime session and
listen to some stories written in our
beautiful language. Book by calling
01738 477023.

CREATING CHARACTERS

with Illustrator
Kate Leiper

Sat 27th April/ 11am/ Perth Museum & Art Gallery/ £5

Have you ever wondered how an illustrator brings a character to life? Where do they look for inspiration? Join illustrator, Kate Leiper, as she shares her top tips and technical tricks on creating characters. A perfect event for scribbly sketchers, determined drawers, aspiring artists and those just curious to know more about illustrating characters. Suitable for age 8+ and adults.



The Garden Beyond

Sat 27th April/ 11.30am/ AK Bell Library/ £3

Join us for a screening of a dramatised enactment focusing on the life of the poet William Soutar. The Garden Beyond is a film produced by Douglas Eadie, who will be hosting a short Q&A session afterwards.

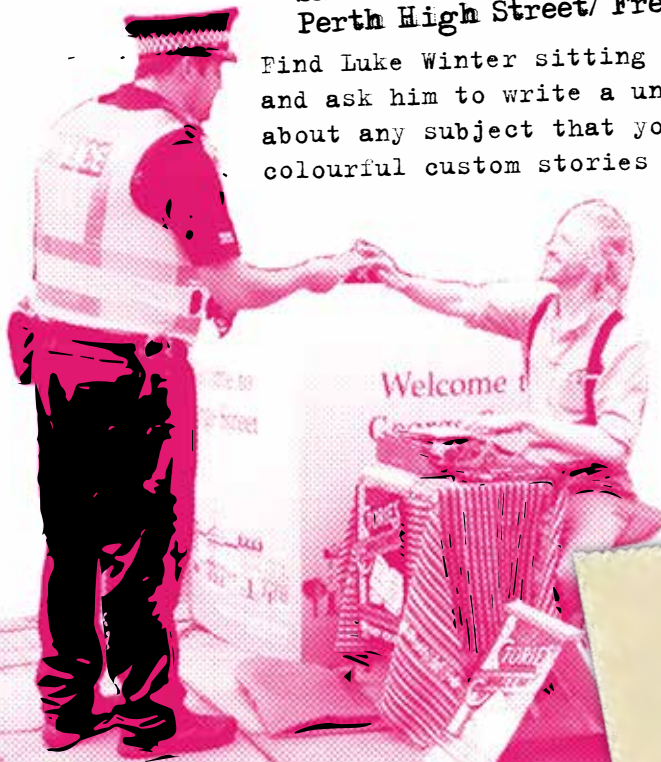


Stories for Strangers

with Luke Winter

Sat 27th April/ 12pm/ Farmers' Market,
Perth High Street/ Free

Find Luke Winter sitting behind a typewriter and ask him to write a unique story for you about any subject that you give him. Luke's colourful custom stories are typed with a rainbow coloured ink ribbon onto A5 paper and come packaged in a golden envelope. Once your story is finished, (15-20 minutes) Luke will read your story to you, or seal the envelope so that you can read your story wherever you choose.





**SOUTAR'S
VIEW**

Sat 27th April/ 12.30/ North
Inch Community Library/ Free

Soutar's View is an exhibition based on William Soutar created by the University of the Highlands and Islands HND Contemporary Art Practice Students. Poet in Residence, Jon Plunkett will also be giving a poetry reading as part of this event.



**Buckie
Braes
Poetry
Walk**

**with
Jen
Cooper**

Sat 27th April/ 2pm/ Meet at
the Cherrybank Inn carpark,
PH2 ONA/ £3

Join us in the picturesque Buckie Braes for a gentle stroll uphill with local poet Jen Cooper.

Sensible footwear is required and please dress appropriately for the elements.

A Novel
Addition to
the Toolkit
for Surviving
the Menopause

MENOPAUSE  2019
festival

Scottish
Book Trust
Inspiring readers and writers

Creative
Writing with
Fiona Thackeray

Sat 27th April/ 2pm/ Joan Knight
Studio, Perth Theatre/ Free

In partnership with the Menopause Festival, we invite you to join us in creating some fun with words. At the heart of every good story is transformation, born of conflict. Menopause is also transformational, though often it can feel out of control. The joy of writing creative fiction is that you control the transformations: invent characters and slay them, tell lies and subvert truths. With guidance, you'll have the chance to create a piece of writing that just might be the start of something interesting, whether you plan to keep a secret diary or aim for publication. Sponsored by the Scottish Book Trust.

Nip Nebs
with Susi
Briggs

Sat 27th April/ 2pm/
AK Bell Library/ £3

Go on a diddle daddle journey, and find stories, music and wee pixies along the way as we explore the beauty that is Scots language.

Mother- A Girl's Best Friend with Ajay Close

Sat 27th April/ 2pm/ Perth Museum & Art Gallery/ £5

Few relationships affect us as deeply as the love between a mother and daughter. Novelist Ajay Close leads a discussion on this unique, passionate and sometimes bittersweet bond. If you're a mum, or a daughter, or just an interested bystander, come along and have your say!

How to get Published

Sat 27th April/ 3pm/ Perth Museums & Art Gallery/ £5

Are you a budding author looking for help and inspiration on how to get your book published? Come along to our publisher panel event with Tippermuir Books, Red Squirrel Press, and Big Dog Books to hear from the professionals.

Scottish Culture Captured Through Film

Sat 27th April/ 3.30pm/
Soutar Theatre, AK Bell
Library/ £3

Enjoy 2 short films from the National Library of Scotland's film archive. We'll be showing Sorley McLean's *Island* and *Songs of Scotland*. *Songs of Scotland* includes traditional songs against a backdrop of Scottish Scenery with Hamish Henderson and Dolina MacLennan.





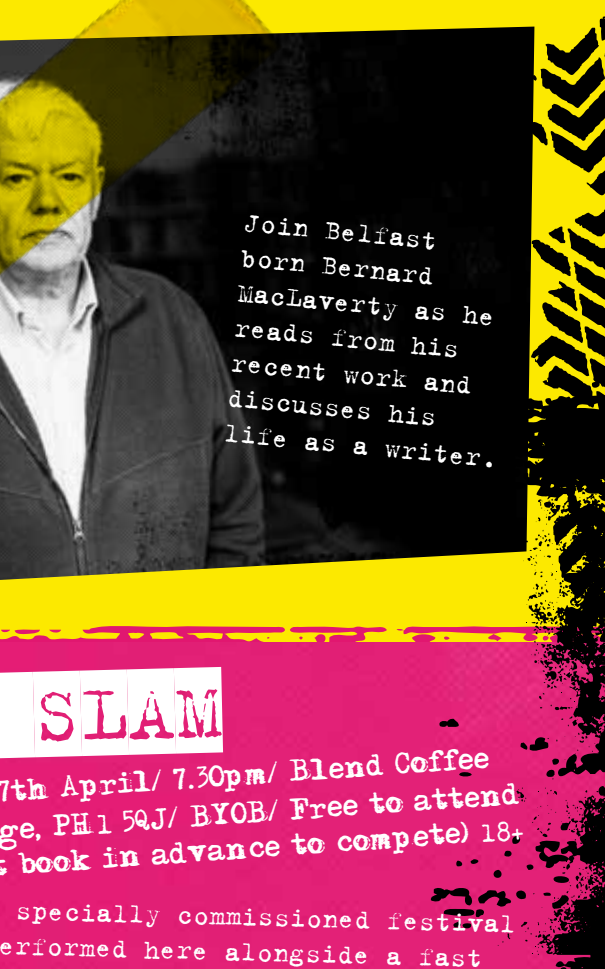
An Evening
with Bernard
MacLaverty

Sat 27th April/ 7.30pm/ AK
Bell Library/ £5

Join Belfast born Bernard MacLaverty as he reads from his recent work and discusses his life as a writer.

SOUTAR SLAM

Sat 27th April/ 7.30pm/ Blend Coffee Lounge, PH1 5QJ/ BYOB/ Free to attend (must book in advance to compete) 18+



Jon Plunkett's specially commissioned festival poem will be performed here alongside a fast paced evening of live performance poetry in which participants compete to be crowned the first Soutar Slam Winner.

The overall winner and one runner up will qualify for a place to compete in the national slam to be held in Glasgow later this year.

Anyone wishing to compete is advised to signup prior to the event as places will be limited. Please email events@culturepk.org.uk to book a performance slot.

Poets after Dark

Sat 27th April/ 9pm/ The Venue, Perth/ Free

A late evening event in 'The Venue' where poets and creative writers can come together to network, meet like-minded individuals and develop their craft. Come and join us to share writing, discuss projects, or just have a chat with other creative people! This event is for 18+.



Breakfast with Soutar

Sun 28th April/ 10am/ Soutar House/ £5

Come and visit Soutar's house and enjoy listening to Debra Salem's musical arrangement of Soutar's poems. Ticket holders will also be entertained by Soutar himself, played by actor Paul Fontana. Bacon rolls included in the ticket price. Please get in touch if you have any dietary requirements.

The Tale o' the

Wee Mowdie

with

Matthew Mackie

Sun 28th April/ 12pm/ AK Bell Library/ £3

Join this family time story session about the Tale o' the Wee Mowdie that wantit tae ken wha keeched on his heid - an illustrated book for younger children. This Scots language book is about a mole that goes on a quest to find out exactly who has ruined his day!

Corbenic Poetry

Path Walk

Sun 28th April/ 11am / Corbenic Poetry Path, Trochry, Nr Dunkeld, PH8 ODY/ £3

Join poetry path founder, Jon Plunkett, local poet Jim Mackintosh and Scottish Flute Player Munro Gauld on this guided walk. Learn all about the founding of the path as well as its exciting future developments. The path is over 3km long, with mixed terrain. Sensible footwear is required and please dress appropriately for the elements.

Emerging Authors' Showcase

Sun 28th April/1.30pm/ Soutar Theatre, AK Bell Library/ £5

Let's celebrate emerging authors with a visit from three of Scotland's new, exciting writers. Conner McAleese, Tracey Emerson and Liz MacWhirter will inspire anyone who is thinking about writing or publishing a book. Find out from first-hand experience the exciting journeys they have all been on as they published their first novel.

MAMMIETUNG/MEMMETAAL

with David Eyre
and Geart Tigchelaar

Sun 28th April/ 2pm/ Perth Museum & Art Gallery/ £5

David explores the connections and echoes between Scots and Frisian poetry, through the work of the Frisian poet Geart Tigchelaar. More information available online.



Walter Scott

The Fair Maid of Perth Walk

Sun 28th April/ 2pm/ Meet at The Fair Maid's House,
PHI 5LU/ £3

This walk is an opportunity to visit many of the places mentioned in Scott's 1828 novel, The Fair Maid of Perth. From the Fair Maid's House this walk will offer history, architecture, anecdote, literary detail, a bit of humour, some gore, and more.

Hotchpotch in Perth

Sunday 28th April/ 3.30pm/ AK Bell Café Culture/ 18+/ Free

Hotchpotch is coming to Perth! This open-mic session for writers, readers and listeners is a safe place to experiment or to react creatively to current affairs! Bring along something to read (5 mins max) or just come and listen in.

Cyberscots

Scots Language on the Internet

Sun 28th April/4pm/ Soutar Theatre, AK Bell Library/ £5

Join Dr Michael Dempster, the nation's Scots Scribever, for an exploration of Scots language as it's used in the global context of the internet.

Voice and Verse with Chansons

Sun 28th April/ 7.30pm/ St John s Kirk/ £15

Join Chansons, Perth's Chamber Choir, for Voice and Verse, conducted by Howard Duthie with Jane Rimer on cello, Gordon Murch on piano and Kevin Duggan on organ. The programme features the first performance of 'The Circling Year', a suite of songs set to four poems by Perth poet William Soutar, commissioned by Chansons for the choir's 40th anniversary. Tickets available from www.chansons.co.uk



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