



BUTE NOIR



Friday, 4th - Sunday, 6th August, 2023

Val McDermid	Elly Griffiths	Mick Herron
Liz Nugent	Mark Billingham	Liam McIlvanney
Lin Anderson	Denise Mina	Ambrose Parry
Alex Gray	Abir Mukherjee	Vaseem Khan
Neil Lancaster	JD Kirk	Anna Mazzola
Christie J Newport	Fiona Cummins	Claire Askew
Susi Holliday	Marion Todd	Doug Johnstone
Luca Veste	Stuart Neville	Robbie Morrison
Gordon J Brown	Johnny Shaw	Douglas Skelton
Nina Allan	Myra Duffy	Christopher Priest
Ann Bloxwich	Heather Fitt	Heidi Amsinck
Alastair Liddle	Louise Welsh	Rachelle Atalla

The Fun Lovin' Crime Writers

Tickets for all events are priced at £7.00 each* and are available, along with a programme of events, from Print Point - Tel: 01700 503389

* "Red Hot Chilli Writers" and "Myra Duffy's Bus Tour" £10.00
"Fun Lovin' Crime Writers" £15.00

INTRODUCTION

Summer means Bute and Bute means Bute Noir. We can't wait to see you at our sixth festival, and we've got a line-up of authors we're sure you're going to love.

There are some familiar faces we're delighted to welcome back – including Val McDermid, Mark Billingham, Ambrose Parry, Denise Mina, Mick Herron, Abir Mukherjee and Liz Nugent. There's also a return by popular demand of the fabulous Fun Lovin' Crime Writers who will have you rocking on the Saturday night.

Among first-time visitors to the festival, we're thrilled to greet Elly Griffiths, Liam McIlvanney, Vaseem Khan, Marion Todd, JD Kirk and Neil Lancaster. We've no doubt they'll entertain you.

We have a new venue for you this year and we'll be gathering in the newly-minted splendour of Bute Yard for our Friday and Saturday events. It's a great space and both authors and readers will love it. But we've not forgotten our roots and there will also be events in Rothesay Library and Bute Museum, so thanks to them. Thanks too to all our sponsors, to Print Point for being our ticket hub, book supplier, and beating heart.

We're sure that Bute Noir 2023 will be a blast, and we can't wait to see you there!

Craig, Karen, Anne & Patricia

VENUES

Print Point



Tucked away on the corner of West Princes Street and Bishop Street in cosy surroundings, Bute's only bookshop opened in 1997. Open seven days a week with over 4000 books in store, daily book deliveries and freshly ground coffee while you browse, a friendly welcome awaits locals and tourists alike.

[*https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/printpoint*](https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/printpoint)

Rothesay Library



Located within the Moat Centre, Stuart Street, Rothesay Library prides itself on being a vibrant community hub. Recently refurbished, the library offers a range of services including the Peoples Net Work, Wi-Fi, Genealogy Research, Local History Archives, and of course books.....lots and lots of books! Friendly staff are always delighted to inform and assist both local customers and visitors to the island.

[*www.liveargyll.co.uk/library/rothesay-library*](http://www.liveargyll.co.uk/library/rothesay-library)

Bute Museum



An independent local museum run by volunteers, the building was opened in 1926 and has two galleries and a library/meeting room. It may be small but it has one of the best local collections of any museum in the country. From items of international importance such as the Viking 'Hostage Stone' and a Bronze Age jet necklace to an 18th century beggar's badge and a Victorian Punch and Judy, it tells the story of the people of Bute and the flora and fauna of the island.

[*www.butemuseum.org.uk*](http://www.butemuseum.org.uk)

Bute Yard



Situated opposite the local police station on High Street, Bute Yard is a brand new multi-use events venue with a taste for food and drink on the Isle of Bute.

Bute Yard will be home to monthly markets on the 1st Sunday of every month and has a fully licensed bar.

We wish them every success in the future.

[*www.buteyard.com*](http://www.buteyard.com)

FRIDAY

5.30-6.30 Bute Yard

The Rest is History: Abir Mukherjee and Ambrose Parry



Meet two – or is it three – of the most entertaining writers of historical crime at work today. Abir's captivating Wyndam and Bannerjee series, set in 1920s India, has an army of fans. Ambrose Parry, better known as Chris Brookmre and Marisa Haetzman, returns with the brilliant *Voices of the Dead*.

7.00-8.00 Bute Yard

Pyscho Thriller: Fiona Cummins, Stuart Neville, and Luca Vestè



A twisty session with three fine writers who like to mess with your head. Fiona's new novel *All of Us Are Broken* is breathtaking; Stuart's *The House of Ashes* is haunting and thought-provoking; Luca's *You Never Said Goodbye* is an electric thriller with real heart.

8.30-9.30 Bute Yard

Val McDermid and Mick Herron



Spend an hour in the company of two of the best in the business. Val is firmly established as the Queen of Crime and her Karen Pirie series was a huge TV hit last year. Mick's superb Slough House spy series is a TV smash on Sky as *Slow Horses* starring Oscar-winner Gary Oldman.

10.00-11.00 Bute Yard

LATE AND LIVE: Red Hot Chilli Writers Podcast with Special Guests



Authors Abir Mukherjee and Vaseem Khan bring their hilarious podcast to Bute; late, live and dangerous. Expect the unexpected as a line-up of special guests submit to whatever mad scheme, game or quiz that these two fiends dream up to entertain you.

SATURDAY

11.30-12.30 Bute Yard

The Long Arm of the Law: Claire Askew, Neil Lancaster, Marion Todd



Meet three experts in the art of the police procedural. There are now five books in Claire's award-winning DI Birch series; Neil's Max Craigie series has stormed the book charts in the last few years; while Marion's DI Claire Mackay series has gained a deserved army of fans.

1.00-2.00 Bute Yard

Science fact: Lin Anderson and Elly Griffiths



Two authors with a forensic eye for detail and two much-loved, long-running series. *The Wild Coast* is the 17th novel featuring Lin's forensic scientist Rhona Macleod, while Elly's forensic anthropologist Ruth Galloway says a sad farewell in *The Last Remains*.

2.30-3.30 Bute Yard

Science Fiction: Doug Johnstone and Christopher Priest



Award-winning crime writer Doug has turned his hand to science fiction for the first time with *The Space Between Us*, while leading sci-fi author Christopher has penned the classic *The Prestige*, and the much-anticipated new novel *Airside*.

2.30-3.30 Bute Museum

Blood Still Fresh: Ann Bloxwich, Heather Fitt, Alistair Liddle, Christie J Newport



Meet four new(ish) authors who are making their mark in the world of crime writing. Ann Bloxwich's second novel, *Goodnight, God Bless* sees abusers become victims; the killer in Heather Fitt's *The Flight* is 30,000 feet up; Alistair Liddle's *No Way Back* is a thriller set in Georgia. Christie's debut *The Raven's Mark* has received the highest praise.

4.00-5.00 Bute Yard

Second Chances: Denise Mina, Liam McIlvanney, and Louise Welsh



Three of Scotland's finest novelists in any genre get together. Denise's new novel *The Second Murderer* features Chandler's legendary detective Phillip Marlowe in 1920s LA. Liam's *The Heretic*, set in Glasgow in the 1970s, is the follow-up to the prize-winning *The Quaker*. Louise's *The Second Cut* is the long-awaited sequel to her astonishing debut, *The Cutting Room*.

4.00-5.00 Bute Museum

Elly Griffiths Children's Event



A special event aimed at older primary school children and featuring Elly Griffiths' acclaimed *A Girl Called Justice* series.

5.30-6.30 Bute Yard

Mark Billingham and Liz Nugent



Two outstanding authors who have created two memorable new characters. Mark's first new series for 20 years features the eccentric Detective Miller in *The Last Dance*, while Liz's latest offbeat creation is the wonderfully *Strange Sally Diamond*.

7.00-8.00 Bute Yard

Not Your Average Crime Novel: Nina Allan, Rachelle Atalla, Susi Holliday



Three writers who are continually trying to push the boundaries of the crime novel. Nina Allan's *Conquest* is a triumph of imagination and humanity; Rachelle's *Thirsty Animals* is a terrifyingly plausible yet speculative thriller; Susi's startlingly original *The Street* is a creepy mystery.

9.00-10.45 Bute Yard

The Fun Lovin Crime Writers



The world's #1 crime writing superband will rock the stage of Bute Yard, murdering songs for fun. Val McDermid, Mark Billingham, Chris Brookmyre, Doug Johnstone, Stuart Neville and Luca Veste come armed with new songs and old jokes, and are sure to get you dancing, and rocking in the aisles.

SUNDAY

10 -12 Bute Noir Bus Tour

Discover the hidden stories of the people and the places of the Isle of Bute on this special one-off bus tour with Myra Duffy.

Find out why author Myra Duffy sets her crime novels on the island and see some of the locations she uses. Myra will also be pointing out locations used by Craig Robertson and Stuart MacBride.

You may even be lucky enough to see the seals basking on the rocks!

Places are limited so book early.

The 2 hour bus tour will start at Guildford Square at 10.00 a.m. The bus will drop off at 11.50 in time for 12 noon event at Rothesay Library.

12-1 Rothesay Library

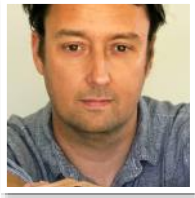
A Little Bit of History Repeating: Vaseem Khan, Anna Mazzola and Douglas Skelton



A trip back in time with three superb historical crime writers. Vaseem's *Death of a Lesser God* is the fourth in his Malabar House series; Anna's *The House of Whispers* is set in Rome; *A Thief's Justice* is the second in Douglas's Jonas Flynt series.

1.30-2.30 Rothesay Library

JD Kirk and Johnny Shaw



We present two natural storytellers. Scotland's JD Kirk has sold over two million copies of his Jack Logan series, and his new book is the explosive *In Service of Death*. Award-winning American novelist Johnny Shaw's latest in the UK is *The Upper Hand*, a brilliantly wild heist tale.

3-4 Rothesay Library

Heidi Amsinck, Myra Duffy and Alex Gray



Two festival favourites and a newcomer from Denmark. Alex's *Questions For a Dead Man* is the 20th book in her DSI Lorimer series. Heidi's *The Girl in the Photo* features violent attacks on the streets of her native Copenhagen. Myra's latest Bute-set novel is *Foul Play at the High Kirk*.

4.30-5.30 Rothesay Library

Glasgow Gone By: Gordon J Brown and Robbie Morrison



Two crime writers who've set terrific novels in 20th Century Glasgow. Gordon's thrilling *No More Games* sees 12-year-old Ginger pursued by a gunman and a criminal in 1974. Robbie returns to 1930s Glasgow for his new Jimmy Dreghorn novel *Cast a Cold Eye*.

The Brookmyre Cup

Rothsay Putting Green will once again host the “Usual Suspects” on Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m as they compete for the Brookmyre Cup. Pop along and cheer on your favourite.

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Bonnie Bling

Perfectly placed on Castle Street in between main venues for those in need of a caffeine fix! Bonnie Bling is home to the Isle of Bute Coffee bar, speciality coffees to sit in or takeaway and local produce on their lunch menu every day from 9-3 pm. Pick up a coffee and lunchbox to go, including some Bute Smokehouse salmon or cheese and locally baked cakes. They will have special offers on throughout Bute Noir for ticket holders so keep them handy!

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for allowing us to use his stunning photograph of Rothesay Bay, Isle of Bute throughout our programme and posters. Copies of his photographic books of Bute and its wildlife are available to purchase at Print Point.

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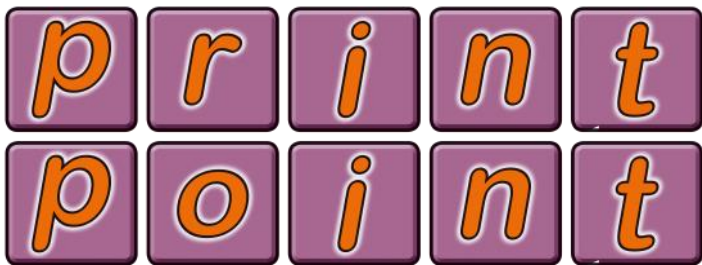
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SUNDAY 6th AUGUST

- 14. 10.00 am- 12.00 noon Island Bus Tour**
Join Myra Duffy on this round-Bute bus tour, taking in some of the island's beautiful locations used in her Isle of Bute Mystery Series of books.
* The bus will drop off at the Library at 11.50 in time for 12 noon event.
- 15. 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm Rothesay Library**
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- 16. 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm Rothesay Library**
JD Kirk and Johnny Shaw
- 17. 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm Rothesay Library**
Heidi Amsinck, Myra Duffy and Alex Gray
- 18. 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm Rothesay Library**
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All tickets are available in-store from Print Point or by telephone on 01700 503389



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