



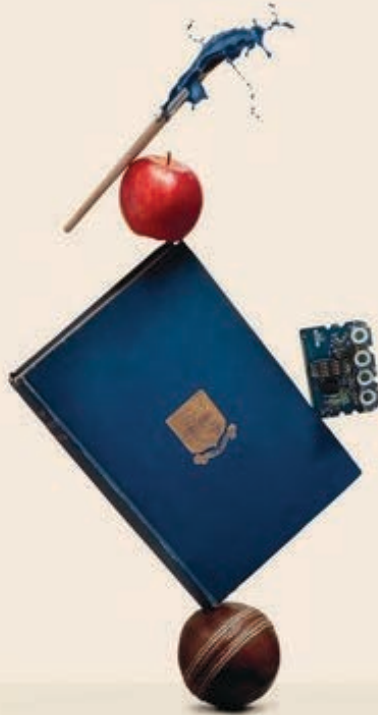
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**3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**2026**

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# Welcome to The Repton Festival 2026

A very warm welcome to the 2026 Repton Festival. I hope you enjoy this wonderful occasion and all the entertainment on offer, from author readings and workshops to performances and family activities. My sincere thanks go to our volunteers and sponsors, whose hard work and support make the Festival possible each year. Together, we continue to build a friendly and welcoming tradition for everyone to enjoy. I am sure the School and its beautiful surroundings will make your visit even more memorable. We are delighted to have you here.

Best Wishes

*Nick Brown*

Chairman



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## Access all areas with the free Repton Festival Paddock Pass



The Paddock Pass ticket is free and allows entry to the festival site - where there is a wealth of free events including the Viking camp and combat displays, Rhubarb Theatre, author presentations, children's activities and access to food stalls and the festival bar - all in the stunning setting of Repton's most ancient buildings and beautiful grounds.

Saturday & Sunday | All Day  
Paddock Pass required for entry

Venue: The Paddock

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## *Stirred not Shaken*



The opening night of the 2026 Festival promises a spectacular, immersive celebration of cinema and sound. A Back to the Future DeLorean sets the scene outside the entrance, and stepping inside leads into a glamorous world of film and fun.

The evening moves into a vibrant concert of iconic film music performed live by the Burton Concert Band, with much-loved scores paired with matching film clips. Acclaimed vocalist Tom Clamp adds to the atmosphere with performances that echo the drama and allure of the silver screen.

Cabaret-style seating creates an intimate setting, complemented by at-table service of food and themed cocktails. A prize will be given for the person/couple/family that is best dressed as a movie icon!

**Please note that there is no wheelchair access up to Pears School and approximately 18 steps.**



Friday 3rd July | 18:30  
Price: £20.00  
Venue: Pears School  
Tickets: [www.reptonfestival.co.uk](http://www.reptonfestival.co.uk)  
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## *Desert Island Wines with Helen Lederer*

An evening with comedian, actor and writer Helen Lederer, known for *Absolutely Fabulous* and a career spanning stage, screen and radio. In this Desert Island Discs-style interview, five wines replace records, each prompting stories from her life and career. With experience as a wine critic, she brings sharp insight, humour and authority to this engaging blend of conversation and guided tasting.

**'Helen Lederer is the third funniest woman in the world' – DAWN FRENCH**

**Helen will be signing copies of her latest book after the show.**

**The ticket price includes tasting of the five wines to over 18s only.**

**There is no wheelchair access to the Library and approximately 8 steps.**



## *The Vikings!*

### *Relive Viking History in Repton with the Vikings of Middle England*



Step into the Viking Age this summer as the Vikings of Middle England return to Repton – a village rich in Viking and Anglo-Saxon history. In 873 AD, the Great Heathen Army made Repton its winter base, building fortifications and repurposing a local monastery. Archaeological finds, including mass graves and a Viking axe, highlight its turbulent past. Visit our authentic Viking encampment to witness daily life through traditional crafts like weaving, blacksmithing and coin-striking. Engage with expert reenactors and enjoy thrilling, historically accurate combat demonstrations. Recognised for excellence in historical interpretation, the Vikings of Middle England were named “Best Historical Re-enactment & Living History Group” in 2023. Don’t miss this unique, immersive journey into the Viking era.



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**Saturday & Sunday | All Day**  
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**Venue: The Paddock**  
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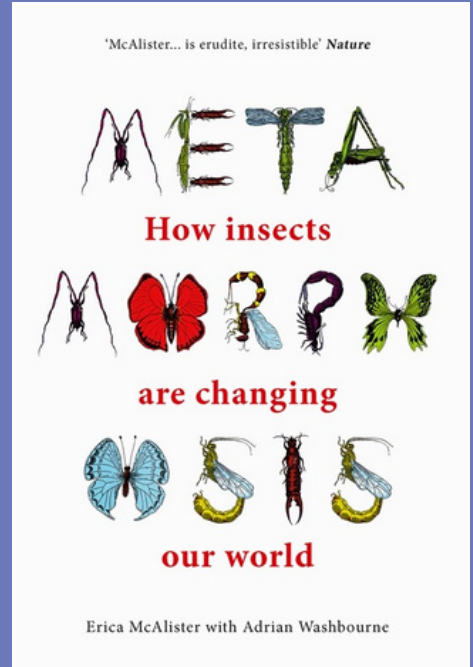
## Flies!

Erica McAlister, Diptera (Fly) curator at the Natural History Museum, is one of the UK's most distinctive science communicators, known for her quick wit and infectious enthusiasm. She has built a massive following through broadcasting, public events and award-winning outreach.

This talk takes a subject many would usually avoid—flies—and makes it unexpectedly absorbing and consistently funny. From bizarre behaviours to improbable survival tricks, these insects prove far stranger (and more entertaining) than their reputation suggests.

The talk will draw on her book 'Metamorphosis' to examine how flies have driven advances in fields as varied as forensics, agriculture, medicine and space research, and why they are increasingly central to modern biological science. A sharp, offbeat hour that prioritises curiosity and enjoyment, with plenty to spark conversation afterwards.

Erica will be signing copies of her latest books after the show.



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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 15:00**

**Price: £12.00**

**Venue: The Library**

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## *Famous authors live on stage*



**Tristram Fane Saunders** interviews three leading voices in psychological suspense for an hour of twists, secrets and dark revelations.

Acclaimed psychological suspense author **Caroline England** has become a familiar name to crime readers through novels including *My Husband's Lies*, a top ten ebook bestseller. A former divorce lawyer, she brings a sharp understanding of relationships, secrets and deception to her fiction. Her work has been shortlisted for the CWA Dagger and the Prix du Polar.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 17:00**  
**Price: £10.00**  
**Venue: The Library**  
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## Famous authors live on stage

**B. A. Paris** is one of the world's most successful thriller writers. Her debut novel, *Behind Closed Doors*, became an international phenomenon, topping bestseller lists in the UK and US and selling millions of copies worldwide. Her gripping, high-stakes novels have been translated into more than forty languages.

**Lesley Kara** burst onto the crime fiction scene with *The Rumour*, the UK's bestselling crime debut of 2019. Since then, she has established herself as a leading voice in contemporary psychological suspense, with several bestselling novels, *The Rumour* is now a major TV series.



All four will be signing copies of their books after the event.

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## Repton Walking Tours



Andy Austen is a local authority on the rich and engaging history of ancient Repton with particular emphasis on the Anglo-Saxon origins of the church (in the 7th century!), the Viking encampment of 873 through the foundation of the Augustinian Priory in 1172 and its destruction in 1553. This will be a fascinating and immersive experience.

### Meet at The Arch

**Note that this walking tour has steps and is not suitable for wheelchairs**

**Saturday 10:15 | Sunday 13:00**

**Price: £10.00**

**Venue: Meet at the Arch**

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*Lorna Rose Treen*



Lorna Rose Treen is a character comedian, writer and professional idiot. Writer for *Saturday Night Live UK*. Creator/star of BBC Radio 4's award-winning *Time of the Week*. Next Big Thing Award nominee 2026. Comedians' Choice Awards Best Show nominee 2025. Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe winner.

'The buzziest of the buzzy' New York Times

★★★★★ Observer, Telegraph, Standard, Independent



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 18:00**  
**Price: £15.00**  
**Venue: Tithe Barn**  
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## John Tothill - Superlative Stand Up



John Tothill has emerged as one of the most distinctive comic voices of his generation, praised for a mischievous, erudite style that blends high-energy whimsy with sharply crafted writing. His recent show *This Must Be Heaven* drew exceptional acclaim, described by *The Telegraph* as a “superlative stand-up set... at this rate, stardom beckons” ★★★★★, with *The Times* noting how “funny and charming and revealing” he makes the craft appear ★★★★★.



Earlier work such as *Thank God This Lasts Forever* and *The Last Living Libertine* cemented his reputation, earning five-star reviews for a voice “like no one else’s” (*The Guardian*) and performances “as intellectually stimulating as they are side-splittingly funny” (*EdFestMag* ★★★★★). His latest hour continues this trajectory with characteristic elegance and gleeful theatricality.

**Minimum age 14.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 19:30**

**Price: £15.00**

**Venue: Tithe Barn**

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## *Ben Pope - Utter Delight*



Ben Pope (“utter delight” ★★★★★ – Fest) is an award-nominated stand-up comedian and bookseller whose work blends crisp writing with a warm, theatrical presence. His comedy has appeared on Comedy Central, BBC Three, and BBC Radio 4, where he has written for The News Quiz and DMs Are Open. A regular headliner across major London clubs and a familiar face at the Edinburgh Fringe, he has built a reputation for smart, playful material delivered with bright, bookish charm.



This new hour brings together freshly-coined jokes, stories, parody literature and lyrical rants shaped by his love of language. Critics consistently highlight the craft: “Pope is superb company” (★★★★★ Evening Standard), “Beautifully constructed” (★★★★★ Scotsman), “Could an audience with the actual Pope offer as much” (★★★★★ Telegraph)

**Minimum age 16.**



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 21:00**

**Price: £15.00**

**Venue: Tithe Barn**

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*Blackout Séance: A Victorian  
Encounter in the Dark*



Step into the shadows for a one-hour recreation of a Victorian blackout séance.

In total darkness, the audience will be invited to experience the atmosphere, rituals and unsettling theatricality of the nineteenth-century séance room, where grief, belief, performance and fear once met around the same table. Drawing on the strange traditions of spirit communication, parlour mystery and Gothic storytelling, this intimate event asks what happens when the lights go out - and imagination begins to do the rest.

An atmospheric journey into one of the most fascinating and disturbing corners of Victorian culture.

**Not suitable for anyone of a nervous disposition.**

**Minimum age 16.**

**Audience members should be prepared for a fully immersive experience in blackout conditions.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 22:30**

**Price: £10.00**

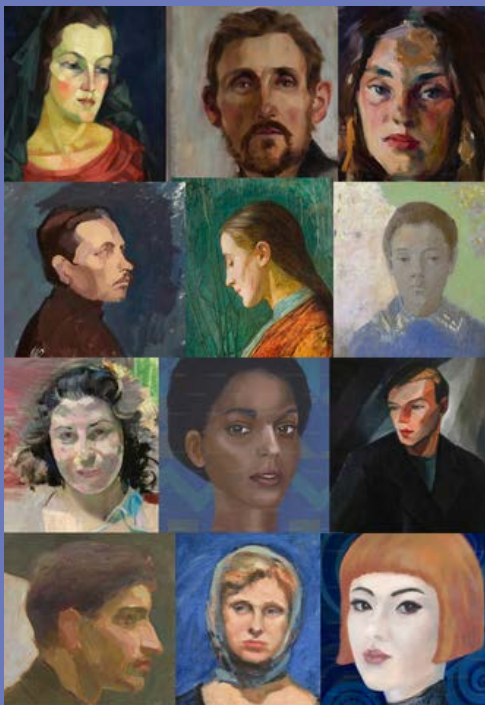
**Venue: Tithe Barn**

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## *Portrait Artist of the Festival – Live Painting Competition*

Inspired by Sky Arts' *Portrait Artist of the Year*, Repton Festival brings this exciting format to life for the first time. Nine artists will paint three remarkable sitters, competing for the title of *Portrait Artist of the Festival*. Doors open at 1pm, with audiences free to come and go as they watch the artists at work and observe their techniques. Open judging begins at 4pm, chaired by author and Renaissance scholar Sarah Dunant, with prizes awarded at 5pm.



**Ticket price allows unlimited access to the event throughout the day.**

**Please note that there is no wheelchair access up to Pears School and approximately 18 steps.**



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 13:00**  
**Price: £8.00**  
**Venue: Pears School**  
**Tickets: [www.reptonfestival.co.uk](http://www.reptonfestival.co.uk)**  
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## *Beds and Borders*



National Trust gardens attract millions each year, famed for vibrant, year-round displays. In this illustrated talk, senior gardener Robyn Booth shares how to Create Beautiful Flowerbeds and Borders by choosing plants that thrive together in any garden, regardless of size, shape, or light conditions. She offers practical advice on planning, colour, texture, and selecting plants that evolve through the seasons. Tips include supporting wildlife, attracting pollinators, and handling varied conditions. Whether aiming for traditional or modern styles, Robyn provides inspiration to create a beautiful, enjoyable garden all year round.

Robyn Booth will be signing copies of her book after the event.

**There is no wheelchair access to the Library and approximately 8 steps.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 13:00**

**Price: £9.00**

**Venue: The Library**

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## *Bell Ringing!*



Discover the centuries-old craft of bell ringing in this engaging session led by experienced local ringers. Learn how church bells create the familiar Sunday morning sound through rhythm, teamwork and simple logical patterns. What may seem impossibly complex will be revealed as an accessible and rewarding skill. You'll see how patterns develop into intricate sequences and later in the weekend could have the chance to try ringing for real. Whether curious or completely new to the tradition, this is an opportunity to experience something unique and perhaps even discover a new hobby.

### **Meet at the Arch.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 10:30**

**Price: £10.00**

**Venue: Meet at the Arch**

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# Repton Festival 2026

## Food & Drink

This year's Repton Festival offers a tempting selection of food and drink for all tastes.

Friday evening's spectacular opening concert features Head Chef Adam Keeling's authentic Tacos, served at your table. For the rest of the weekend Adam will be serving healthy and less-healthy food from the Aark pop-up, hopefully including his amazing *Poutine!*

The in-house bar serves refreshing draft beers from Everards and lively cocktails to set the weekend mood.  
It also serves ice creams!

The Cloisters Cafe will serve teas and coffees and host our book sales

Come hungry – you won't want to miss a bite!



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## *Sitar Virtuoso Harminder Kaur Klair*

Harminder is a luminous sitar virtuoso from Wolverhampton, apprenticed to the legendary Ustad Dharambir Singh MBE since 2012.

With years of devoted practice, her playing now captivates audiences in settings both intimate and grand — from cozy gatherings to major national venues, festivals, weddings, and Commonwealth celebrations.

She has graced illustrious stages like the Savoy and the Barbican Centre, bringing soul-soothing ragas and infectious, modern inflections.

Through her music Harminder dissolves boundaries between East and West, weaving genres together with the timeless, heart-stirring voice of the sitar.



## *Silver Saturday Ticket*



For the price of just £32 get tickets to see comedians Lorna Rose Treen, John Tohill, Ben Pope and a Blackout Séance with a massive 40% discount. A full evening of laughs and shivers!

“This is the dream line-up of young comedians just hitting the big time” Tristram Fane Saunders, official judge on the Edinburgh Comedy Awards industry panel in 2018, 2019 and 2025

See pages 12, 13, 14 and 15 for more information about these four events including start times and venue. The bar will be open until 10.30pm.



**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Price: £32.00**  
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### *Sometimes, they come back* *Encounters with the other world*



Deep beneath Repton Priory, in the atmospheric 12th-century Undercroft, Mike Payton brings storytelling for adults to vivid life. Drawing on traditions from Britain and beyond, he weaves warmth, humour and the uncanny into tales that grip, unsettle and entertain. *What is that knocking on the wall? Can you hear crying in the darkness — and is it getting closer?* From Arkansas to Zacatecas, Mike gathers dark and curious stories perfectly suited to one of the festival's most historic and eerie spaces.

**There is no wheelchair access to the Undercroft and approximately 10 steps.**



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July | 16:00**  
**Price: £7.00**  
**Venue: The Undercroft**  
**Tickets: [www.reptonfestival.co.uk](http://www.reptonfestival.co.uk)**  
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## **Sarah Dunant:** *the amazing life of Isabella d'Este*

International bestselling historical novelist Sarah Dunant, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, winner of the Crime Writers' Association Silver Dagger and as featured on Radio 4, brings her celebrated blend of "flawless historical scholarship and beguiling storytelling".

In 'The Marchesa', Dunant has written about the formidable and amazing Renaissance patron *Isabella d'Este*, who built one of Europe's most dazzling courts and was wealthy enough to commission artists including Leonardo, Raphael, Titian and Michelangelo.

This hugely entertaining and illustrated talk explores the politics, creativity and female power that shaped Isabella's extraordinary world.



Sarah Dunant will be signing copies of her book after the event.

**There is no wheelchair access to the Library and approximately 8 steps.**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July | 11:30**

**Price: £12.00**

**Venue: The Library**

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## *A Booklover's Guide to Very English Ghosts*



What makes a great ghost story? Why were Victorians so fascinated with the occult? And how have great writers put their own spooky spin on the genre? Join award-winning author and literary critic Tristram Fane Saunders for a talk on classic English ghost stories - from Charles Dickens and MR James to Robert Aickman. Warning: may cause uneasy dreams.

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July | 14:45  
Price: £8.00  
Venue: Tithe Barn  
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## Dapper Dan



'Dapper Dan' brings an engaging blend of Folk, Jazz, Bluegrass, Rock, Blues and World Music to the lunchtime stage, showcasing a rich mix of styles and influences. From the swinging country charm of "Walking After Midnight" to the rousing folk chorus of "Gypsy Rover," their set invites both listening and participation. Expect global flair in "Istanbul" and a nod to classic rock with The Beatles' "Get Back." Steve 'Wynne' Wynne-Jones (guitar/vocals), Bill 'Django' Smith (guitar), guest vocalist Jo Smith, and bassist Rob Whelan combine to deliver a relaxed yet polished performance. With songs to sing, sway, and reflect on, this is a lively and memorable midday musical escape.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July | 13:00

Price: £5.00

Venue: Tithe Barn

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## Rhubarb Theatre



Rhubarb Theatre brings vibrant energy to Repton Festival with two days of theatrical fun! Enjoy a double helping of magic each day with two enchanting shows:

Collection Day follows chaotic refuse collectors uncovering treasures and eco-themed stories through mime, puppetry, and comedy. The Time Machine sees Irene the Inventor whisk audiences through history—from dinosaurs to Victorians—in a fast-paced, interactive adventure full of music and eccentric characters.

Between performances, spot the duo's walkabout acts in whimsical costumes, spreading joy throughout the festival grounds.

Perfect for families and children of all ages, Rhubarb Theatre's unique mix of physical comedy, storytelling, and interactive fun will make your festival experience truly unforgettable.

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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**Included in Paddock Pass**

**Venue: The Hive**

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## **Alice Harman:** *Play with Matisse*

Make your own Matisse-inspired masterpiece! In this workshop with children's author Alice Harman, you'll create a colourful collage using Alice's – and illustrator Leanne Bock's – Play with Matisse art kit. Each kit includes templates, coloured paper and lots of fun activity ideas. As you use your unique imagination to make art and dream up wild

stories, you'll also learn about artist Henri Matisse's life and work – from why he loved breaking ALL the colour rules to how he made some of his best-loved work from his BED!

The Play with Matisse Craft Kit and books, *Your Wild & Wonderful Brain* and *Modern Art Explorer* all by Alice Harman will be available for purchase and Alice would be happy to sign them for you.



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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 14.00-16:30**  
**Price: Included in Paddock Pass**  
**Venue: The Hive - Drop in workshop**  
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## *Lights, Camera, Action!* *Step Behind the Scenes of* *Hollywood Magic*



Ever wondered how your favourite movies are made? This year, the Repton Festival offers an exclusive opportunity to dive into the exciting world of Hollywood filmmaking!

Explore key roles on set—from director to camera operator—and discover how movies come to life. Then, get behind the camera and shoot a scene using industry-standard equipment, normally out of reach for most beginners.

Perfect for aspiring filmmakers or anyone curious about the process, this event is both educational and fun.

Don't miss this unique chance to create your own movie magic. Spaces are limited, so book now and get ready to yell "Action!" at Repton Festival!

**Minimum age 11; children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Wheelchair and disabled access is available on request.**

**Otherwise, there are approximately 5 steps.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 11:30**

**Price: £7.50**

**Venue: Furneaux building**

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## *Andy Cope's Brilliant Kid: Top Secret Guide to Awesomeness*



Andy Cope's *Brilliant Kid: Top Secret Guide to Awesomeness* is an instruction manual for how to have an epic life.

Expect some serious learning as well as bags of fun. Aimed at 7 to 11s, 'Brill Kid' inspires you to:

- Think big, sparkle brightly and be your absolute best
- Be a mover, shaker and relationship maker
- Be a flamingo in a flock of pigeons
- Feel the fear and do it anyway
- Embrace the magnificent seven words that will change your life (yes, really!)

Andy's books *Diary of a Brilliant Kid* and *Brilliant Kid the Big Number 2* will be available for purchase and Andy would be happy to sign them for you.

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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 11:30**

**Price: Included in Paddock Pass**

**Venue: The Hive**

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*Repton Primary School presents*



Talented, energetic and engaging young actors from *The Repton Primary Performers* drama group at Repton Primary School present a hugely enjoyable performance of one of the most popular plays in the world: *Peter Pan!*

**There is no wheelchair access to Pears School and 18 steps.**

**Free event but ticket required for entry.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 10:15**

**Price: Free**

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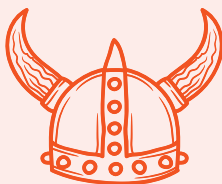
## Children's Activities



There's lots for children to do at the Festival this year and some of them are free. Any page marked with the Family Fun stamp is suitable for children (mostly on pages 30 to 42). Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

In the index printed in the middle pages of this programme, Family Fun events are listed with a pink background. In addition to those we have craft activities and a treasure trail. Just come along to The Hive between 10am and 5pm on Saturday or Sunday to check timing and availability.

Viking Shield entries should be brought to the Hive between 10am and 11am on Saturday 4th July. For more information on the Viking Shield competition, see our website.



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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
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## **Mike Payton:**

*Wondrous Stories from around the World*



Storyteller Mike Payton takes audiences on a lively journey through tales from near and far. Based in the Midlands, his stories travel from Derbyshire to Denmark, the Arctic to Argentina. Along the way we might meet dragons, trolls, giants, lost princes and strange creatures—alongside moments of cruelty, kindness and, hopefully, a happy ending. Expect the unexpected and be ready to join in as Mike spins his tales around the room.



Mike has spent years collecting and sharing stories, performing in more than 200 schools and for organisations including the British Museum, the Wellcome Trust and the National Forest, as well as festivals across the UK.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July | 10:30 & 12:30**

**Price: £6.00**

**Venue: The Hive**

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### **How to book**

Online: via [www.reptonfestival.co.uk](http://www.reptonfestival.co.uk) or scan the QR code below

On the door: We have a box office at the Arch, which is the entrance to the festival site. Card payments only. Tickets available 30 minutes before the event starts, subject to availability.

### **How to find us**

See [www.reptonfestival.co.uk/current-contact](http://www.reptonfestival.co.uk/current-contact)

The entrance to the festival site is the Arch which is just east of St Wystan's church. The what3words address is [w3w.co/crucially.caps.global](https://www.what3words.com/address/w3w.co/crucially.caps.global)

### **Refunds & Exchanges**

Tickets may not be refunded once purchased. Tickets may be exchanged for alternative Festival events to the same or higher value with the difference paid. No change or credit can be given when exchanged for a lower value. Returned tickets for sold-out events may be offered for resale. Tickets are non-transferable.



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### **Terms & Conditions**

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Doors will generally open 10 minutes before the start of the event although we reserve the right to not open doors until authors and venue are ready.

Unforeseen circumstances may result in programme changes.

The use of cameras and mobile phones for recording Festival events is strictly prohibited.

Repton Festival does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property brought to this event.

Visitors may be filmed, photographed, or sound recorded for broadcast, publication, marketing or security purposes.

Dogs are not permitted on the premises with the exception of guide, assistance, or hearing dogs.

No balls. Keep off the cricket pitch.

Please call 01332 498 397 if you have any queries

**Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**



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**Are you ready to answer the call to Valhalla?**  
Grab your helmets—spaces are limited!



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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July | 12:30  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July | 10:00 & 14:10  
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Venue: The Paddock  
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