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Welcome to The Repton Festival 2025

A very warm welcome to the 2025 Repton Festival!

I truly hope you all enjoy this fantastic occasion.

I must thank all our volunteers and sponsors who make this Festival happen through their contributions and hard work. I know that, as we get together each year, we are building a friendly event for all to enjoy. Let's keep this wonderful tradition alive!

Get ready to enjoy all the amazing entertainments on offer, including exciting author readings, workshops and performances. From captivating literary discussions to family-friendly activities, there's something for everyone.

I hope you enjoy all the entertainment on offer and in particular I am sure the School and its beautiful surroundings will enhance your enjoyment of your visit.

We are thrilled to have you here and hope you leave us looking forward to Festival 2026.

We can't wait to see you again!

Best Wishes

Nick Brown

Chairman



To buy your tickets head
to our website:
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The Paddock Pass

The Paddock Pass ticket is **free** and allows entry to the festival site to see the Vikings and other free events. Events that are free and that are included in the Paddock Pass are Vikings, Viking Combat displays (but not Viking Combat School), Burton Concert Band, author presentations in the Inferno Book Club on Sunday, children's author Alex Foulkes, some children's activities and treasure trail as well as access to the food stalls and Festival Bar.



Saturday & Sunday | All Day
Paddock Pass required for entry

Venue: The Paddock

Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk

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Definitely Mike Newall



Mike Newall is an effortlessly funny, dry-witted stand-up. With razor-sharp timing, laid-back charm, and a touch of dark sarcasm, Mike delivers observational comedy at its finest. As seen on Britain's Got Talent—where Simon Cowell compared him to “an Oasis concert where Liam tells jokes”—Mike has won fans across the UK with his well-crafted routines and relaxed style. A regular at the Edinburgh Fringe and former tour support for Alun Cochrane, he's your funniest mate with star quality. Whether it's his surreal takes on everyday life or pitch-perfect storytelling, this is a show not to miss. Mike Newall: smooth-talking Mancunian, comedy natural, and one of the best in the game.



Saturday 5th July | 18:00
Price: £10.00
Venue: Tithe Barn
Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk
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Salsa Night! *with the big Salsa Chubasco Band*

The Repton Festival kicks off with a sizzling evening of South American flair, blending music and cuisine in unforgettable style!

Salsa Chubasco brings the heat with their fiery ten-piece band, uniting top musicians from around the world for a high-energy live show. With irresistible Latin rhythms and vibrant salsa beats, they'll have you dancing, toe-tapping, or simply soaking in the electric atmosphere.

Gaicho Stu serves up the finest Argentine flavours—think 24-hour marinated steak grilled over open flames, homemade chimichurri salsa, and rich, smoky chilli bursting with protein-packed beans.

It's a celebration of rhythm and taste, where fiery salsa meets mouth-watering street food. Come enjoy an evening of music, movement, and a South American feast you won't forget!

7pm Salsa lesson.

8pm Salsa Chubasco live band.

10pm Salsa DJ



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

Friday 4th July | Doors open 18:30
Price: £15.00 (Food sold separately)
Venue: Pears School
Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk
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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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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:



The Book-Ends follows whimsical book-loving characters and their rickety cart, bursting with stories of pirates, musketeers, monsters, and more—filled with music, comedy, and silliness.

The Soapsuds Sisters features two lively laundresses turning washing day into a hilarious whirlwind of bubbles and chaos.

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.



Two shows per day
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Venue: The Paddock
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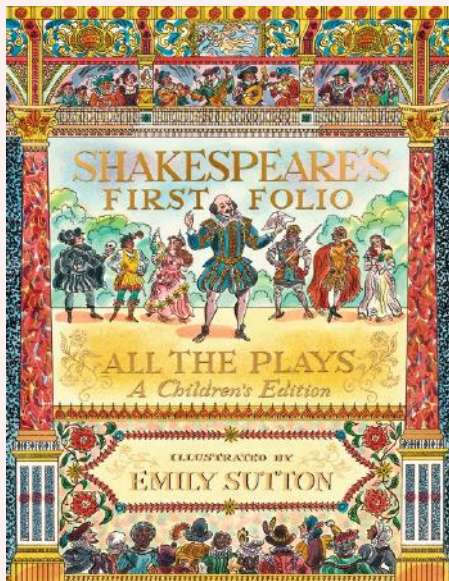


Twelfth Night

Repton Primary School
presents Shakespeare's
"Twelfth Night"



Talented, energetic and engaging young actors from The Seals drama group at Repton Primary School present a hugely enjoyable performance of one of the most popular plays in the world, specially abridged by The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust to mark the four hundredth anniversary of the publication of 36 of Shakespeare's plays altogether.



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Saturday 5th July | 10:00
Ticket required for entry
Venue: Pears School
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Paul Stevens' Repton Walking Tours



Paul is the acclaimed authority on the rich and engaging history of Repton, from the Viking encampment of 873, the foundation of the Augustinian Priory in 1172 and the School in 1557. During this fascinating and unique tour, Paul will draw on his encyclopaedic knowledge of the places and times, curiosities and intrigues to offer an unforgettable and hugely entertaining immersive experience.

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

Saturday 10:00 | Sunday 13:00

Price: £7.50

Venue: Meet at the Arch

Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk

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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 5th July | 11:30 & 13:00

Price: £7.50

Venue: Furneaux Building

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Burton Concert Band



Join Burton Concert Band for two uplifting concerts showcasing the talent and passion of this accomplished community wind band. Formed in 1993, the band brings together experienced musicians from Burton-upon-Trent, Derby, and the surrounding areas, performing a wide range of music—from classical favourites and film scores to contemporary wind band compositions.

With a reputation for high-quality, engaging performances, Burton Concert Band has played at everything from outdoor fêtes to prestigious concert venues. Their commitment to musical excellence has earned them national recognition, including a Boosey & Hawkes Gold Medal and a place in the National Wind Band Finals.

Whether you're a seasoned concertgoer or simply enjoy live music in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere, these concerts promise an entertaining event for all. Come and support your local musicians and enjoy the power and beauty of live wind band music at its best!

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Saturday 5th July | 12:00 & 14:30

Included in Paddock Pass

Venue: The Paddock

Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk

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Thrill of the Kill

Original, offbeat ways to tell a tale

Crime fiction thrives on fresh perspectives, daring twists, and storytelling that refuses to follow the beaten path. Acclaimed authors Miranda Dickinson, Tom Mead, and Guy Hale, guided by expert moderator (and author) Rob Parker, uncover the secrets to crafting truly original crime narratives.

From unconventional protagonists to unexpected formats, this panel dives into the techniques that make crime fiction stand out. How do writers subvert expectations? What makes a story genuinely unique? And how can authors keep readers on their toes while staying true to the heart of a great mystery? Expect lively discussion, fascinating insights, and a deep exploration into the art of storytelling at its most inventive. Whether you're a devoted reader, an aspiring writer, or simply love crime fiction with an edge, this event promises inspiration, intrigue, and the thrill of a tale told differently.

Dare to step outside the ordinary—who knows what you'll uncover?



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

Saturday 5th July | 14:15

Price: £7.50

Venue: The Library

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Sins of Our Forefathers

Crime Novels using the past as a backdrop

The past is never truly buried—it lingers in shadows, shapes motives, and fuels the crimes of today.

Renowned crime authors Chris Lloyd, Kate Griffin, and Natalie Marlow, alongside expert moderator (and author) Guy Hale, unravel the art of weaving historical settings into compelling crime fiction. From wartime conspiracies to secrets lurking in forgotten alleys, these writers masterfully use bygone eras to craft mysteries that grip and haunt.

How does history influence the choices of criminals and detectives alike? What truths lie hidden in the sins of our forefathers? This insightful discussion will explore the power of the past to drive unforgettable storytelling with fascinating revelations, thought-provoking ideas, and a deep dive into the historical heart of crime fiction.



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Saturday 5th July | 11:30

Price: £7.50

Venue: The Library

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George Nash in concert

Meet the sensational George Nash, a dynamo of fingerstyle wizardry hailing from Nottingham! This musical prodigy is turning heads with his mind-blowing percussive guitar techniques, seamlessly traversing through an eclectic mix of genres that guarantees to sweep you away on a sonic adventure during his electrifying performances.



Adding a pinch of Celtic influence to his tunes, George proudly channels his Welsh roots, infusing his music with a distinctive flavour that sets him apart from the rest. Brace yourself for a genre-defying experience as George Nash, this young fingerstyle virtuoso, takes you on a musical adventure like never before!

Saturday 5th July | 13:00

Price: £7.50

Venue: Tithe Barn

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Samantha Niblett MP

One year since being elected as South Derbyshire's MP, Samantha Niblett will be interviewed by Jason Seagrave using questions proposed by you! Come along to find out who she is, what her first year in her new job has been like and the answers to your own questions.



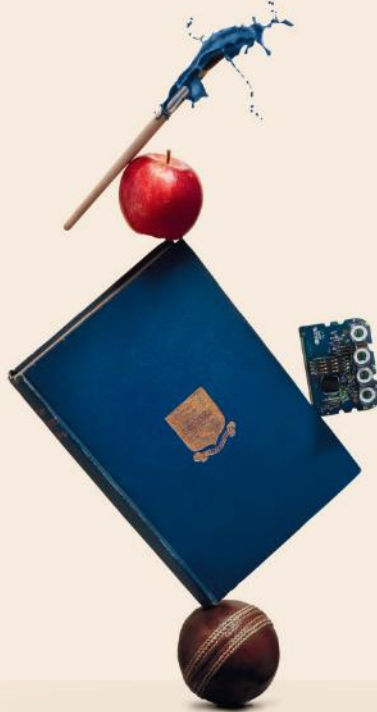
Ticket holders should send questions to questions@reptonfestival.co.uk by 2nd July.

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

Saturday 5th July | 15:30
Price: £5.00
Venue: The Library
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Am I a Viking?

Exploring your ancestry through DNA

Join Heritage Conservationist Tony Waldren on a fascinating journey of self-discovery as we delve into the realm of genetic ancestry in order to answer the intriguing question 'Am I a Viking?'

Using the speaker's own DNA profile, this enlightening talk will help to unravel the mysteries of discovering your heritage using the power of DNA analysis.

Join us as we explore the science, history and cultural significance of tracing your ancestors' origins and how the regions your ancestors hailed from have influenced your identity.



Sunday 6th July | 10:00

Price: £7.50

Venue: Tithe Barn

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Food & Drink

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

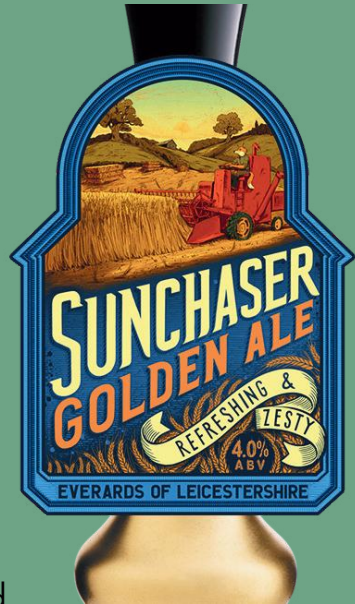
🔥 Friday features Gaucho Stu's smoky Argentinian BBQ—a festival favourite known for bold flavours.

🍞 For Saturday only, Repton's own Crafted-The Bakery will be selling their usual range of delicious pastries and breads.

🍺 The in-house bar serves refreshing draft beers from Everards and lively Cuban cocktails to set the weekend mood.

🌯 Wrapalicious brings flavour-packed Naan and Lebanese wraps, including a popular Indian fusion option, alongside classic burgers and chips.

🍰 For something sweet, The Halfway Horse—a charming converted horsebox café—offers handcrafted cakes, quality teas, and expertly brewed coffee.



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



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The Paddock Pass!
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Beyond the Veil

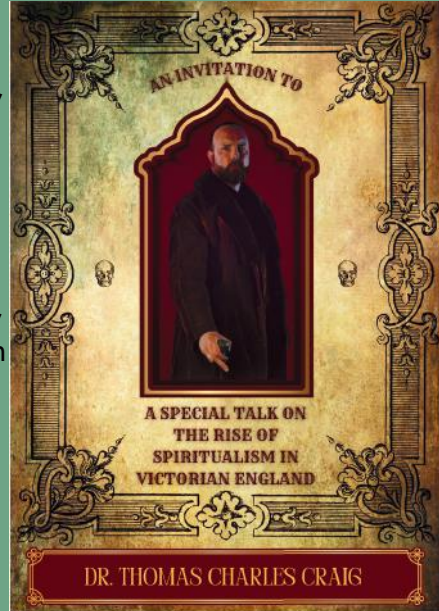
A Special Presentation on the Rise of Spiritualism in Victorian England



Step into the shadowy world of Victorian Spiritualism in this thrilling one-hour presentation that uncovers the rise of séances, spirit communication, and the minds that shaped the movement.

Combining historical fact with mesmerising live demonstrations, this event is an unmissable fusion of academic insight, theatrical illusion, and immersive storytelling. Witness the eerie techniques that captivated 19th-century audiences while exploring the cultural forces that made Spiritualism a sensation.

Experience the clash between science and the supernatural, hear the stories of infamous mediums, and delve into the psychological and theatrical mastery behind the séance. Thought-provoking, unsettling, and utterly absorbing, this event is strictly for mature audiences. Believe if you dare, but question everything.



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Saturday 5th July | 19:30
Price: £12.00 - Adults Only
Venue: Tithe Barn
Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk
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Silver Saturday Ticket



For the price of just £25 get tickets to see Definitely Mike Newall, Beyond the Veil and The Magic of Ada Campe! with a massive 30% discount. A full evening of laughs, magic and amazement!

See pages 4, 21 and 26 for more information about these three events including start times and Venue. The bar and food stalls will be open until 9pm.



Saturday 5th July
Price: £25.00
Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk
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The Magic of Ada Campe!

Ada Campe is an award-winning variety artiste, cabaret performer, comedian and magician.

"Coming across like a mix of Tommy Cooper, Ethel Merman and one of Bertie Wooster's aunts, Ada Campe sings, cracks jokes, does magic tricks... She's such a delightfully dotty character... I want to believe she's real." **The Telegraph**
"Genius" **Sandi Toksvig**

A multi-award winning, sought-after comedian on the established festival circuit, Ada enjoyed a hugely successful run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and returned to The Stand Comedy Club with her sell-out show *Ada Campe: Big Duck Energy* gathering four and five star reviews. "Extravagantly mischievous... devilishly eccentric... a real original and with irrepressible funny bones... brilliantly crowd-pleasing act!" **Chortle.**



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Saturday 5th July | Doors open 20:30

Price: £15.00

Venue: Tithe Barn

Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk

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Creative Writing Masterclass

By Tristram Fane Saunders



Discover your voice in a creative writing workshop led by poet, critic, and journalist Tristram Fane Saunders. Through inspiring prompts and guided exercises, explore fiction and poetry in a supportive, engaging setting.

Perfect for beginners and experienced writers alike, the workshop encourages experimentation, sharing, and the development of your unique storytelling style.

Tristram is Fellow Commoner in the Creative Arts at Trinity College, Cambridge, and former Senior Commissioning Editor at The Telegraph. His acclaimed debut poetry collection, *Before We Go Any Further* (Carcenet, 2023), highlights his distinctive voice. Join him for this exciting opportunity to grow as a writer and connect with others through words.

Wheelchair and disabled access is available on request.

Otherwise, there are approximately 5 steps.

Sunday 6th July | 11:00

Price: £10.00

Venue: Furneaux Building

Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk

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Imaginary Landscapes; Poetry & Harp

Imaginary Landscapes: Poetry and Harp is a captivating lunchtime performance blending the spellbinding words of acclaimed poet and storyteller Chris Tutton with the ethereal music of international harpist Lucy Nolan. Described as “magical and mesmerising... an exquisite fusion of words and music,” this unique collaboration invites audiences into a world of poetic beauty and sonic wonder.

Tutton, dubbed “the master of the short poem” by Ned Sherrin, brings his award-winning verse to life with wit and lyrical depth, while Nolan’s boundary-pushing harp performance enchants and surprises.

Together, they have graced stages from the Hay Festival to the Royal Albert Hall, delighting audiences at sold-out shows across the UK. Presented in an intimate setting, *Imaginary Landscapes* offers a moment of reflection and inspiration—perfect for a festival lunchtime escape.



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Sunday 6th July | 12:30

Price: £7.50

Venue: Tithe Barn

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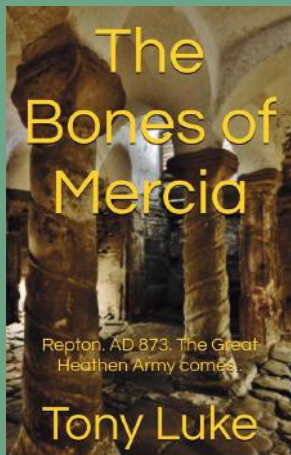
Best-Selling Authors

Join a series of engaging events featuring acclaimed authors Tony Luke, Elizabeth Chadwick, Jane Bettany, Jackie Kabler, Chris Shepherd, and Sue Moorcroft. Each author will share insights into their writing journeys, offering a behind-the-scenes look at their latest novels and the inspiration behind their stories. From Elizabeth Chadwick's rich historical fiction to Jane Bettany's gripping crime thrillers, every session promises a unique glimpse into the creative process. Jackie Kabler brings her bestselling psychological suspense to the conversation, while Chris Shepherd discusses crafting compelling narratives and unforgettable characters. Sue Moorcroft's romantic fiction, known for emotional depth and vibrant settings, will also take centre stage. Tony Luke has written a fast-paced novel set in Repton in the year 873AD! These six events offer readers the chance to explore different genres, connect with the minds behind the books, and enjoy lively discussions as the authors answer audience questions. A perfect opportunity for book lovers to celebrate storytelling and discover new favourites from some of today's most popular writers.

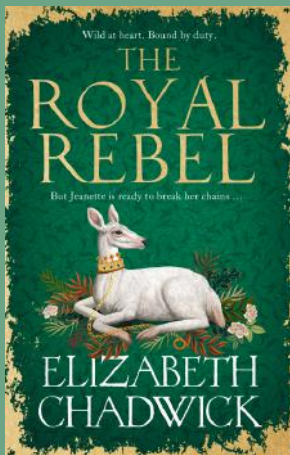
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Sunday 6th July
Included in Paddock Pass
Venue: The Inferno Book Club
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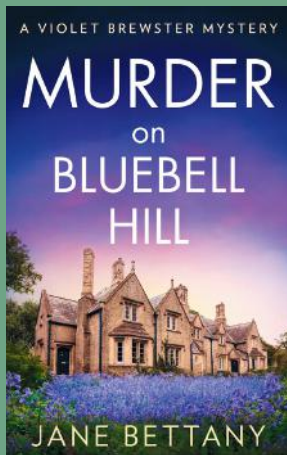




10:30 - Tony Luke



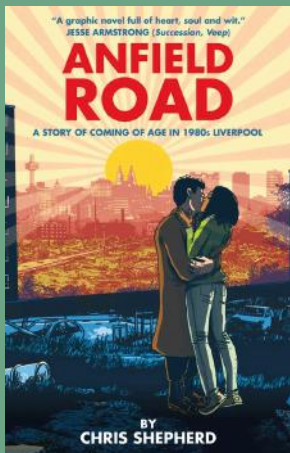
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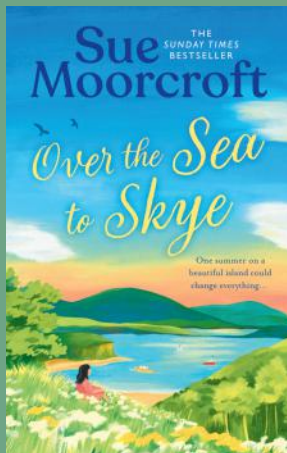
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13:30 - Jackie Kabler



14:30 - Chris Shepherd



15:30 - Sue Moorcroft



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History of the Undercroft

In this captivating talk in the venue, Paul Stevens—expert historian, storyteller, and Repton School’s Librarian and Archivist—will explore the rich past of the 12th-century Undercroft, a remarkable survival from the great Augustinian priory founded in 1172.

With his trademark blend of deep knowledge and engaging delivery, Paul will guide you through the Undercroft’s centuries of transformation, from its monastic origins to its evolving role in Repton’s history.

Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply curious about the hidden heritage beneath Repton’s surface, this event promises fascinating insights, lively storytelling, and a deeper appreciation of a nationally important and one of the village’s most iconic medieval treasures.



Email info@reptonfestival.co.uk for information about accessibility.



Sunday 6th July | 15:30

Price: £7.50

Venue: The Undercroft

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Attie Lime *Adventure Poet*

Step into a world of giggles, rhymes, and imagination with children's poet Attie Lime! Ideal for ages 4 to 94, this lively poetry session invites you to explore the joy of words through playful verses and interactive fun.

Attie brings her delightful debut collection, *Blue Jelly and Strawberries*, to life with poems that sparkle with humour and heart. From dinosaur poems to rhymes about doughnuts and pyjama pockets, her work celebrates the magic in everyday moments.

Expect a session filled with laughter, wordplay, and a spot of nonsense. Attie's engaging style ensures that children (and adults!) are not just listeners but active contributors to the poetic fun.



Sunday 6th July | 13:00

Price: £4.00

Venue: The Hive

Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk

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Samba Beat!

Experience the joy of rhythm in our uplifting Samba Percussion Workshop – a vibrant, music-filled session where young people can discover the infectious energy of Latin percussion. Guided by professional musicians, participants will explore a wide range of traditional Samba instruments, learning how to layer rhythms, follow musical cues, and create exciting grooves together.



The atmosphere is relaxed, welcoming, and supportive, making it easy for everyone to join in at their own pace. It's not just about learning percussion—it's about connecting through sound, building confidence, and having a great time with music.

Places are limited—book now and let the rhythm take over!

Suitable for teens and young adults, including those with SEND.

Note that the images do not necessarily represent the instruments that will be used.

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Sunday 6th July | 14:00

Price: £9.00

Venue: Meet at the Hive

Tickets: www.reptonfestival.co.uk

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Sunday Afternoon with Dr Gachet

Join us for a unique celebration of art, friendship and flavour. Discover Dr. Paul Gachet's remarkable connections with the impressionist painters while exploring wines perfectly paired to their story. This immersive event promises a sensory journey through art, history and the world of fine-ish wine. Cheers! Local artist Jeremy Bournon will talk us through some of Dr Gachet's interesting history while a special guest seeks to find tenuous links to various glasses of wine.



The ticket price for this event includes a few tasting glasses of wine. There will be audience participation!

Over 18s only.

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

Sunday 6th July | 19:00

Price: £15.00

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Conjuring Votes for Women: Theatre, Magic and the Suffrage Campaign

A lecture with performance by Naomi Paxton

The fight for women's suffrage extended beyond Parliament to stages, séance rooms, and public spectacles. Naomi Paxton explores how theatrical performance became a bold form of activism, with groups like the Actresses' Franchise League using drama, illusion, and magical arts to sway public opinion. From the Egyptian Hall's grand illusions to spellbinding shows, suffragists turned creativity into protest.

This talk reveals how theatre professionals championed Votes for Women, blending art and activism. Join an hour of captivating history and uncover the magical, often overlooked contributions of women who made their voices heard through performance.



Will you step behind the curtain and see the magic for yourself?

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Saturday 5th July | 16:45
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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. 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.

Story Box entries should be brought to the Hive between 10am and 11am on Saturday 5th July. For more information on the Story Box competition, see our website.



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Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July
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Gardening with Ann Treneman *How to be a Greener Gardener*

Ann Treneman writes fascinating and down-to-earth articles as the 'brilliant new gardening columnist' for The Times newspaper, where she has worked for 25 years as an award winning feature writer, political sketch writer and chief theatre critic. She won both the People's Choice Award and a silver gilt medal for her Wild Kitchen Garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and is an RHS Chelsea author of "Horti Curious" and "Greener Gardening".



Ann recently moved from Bakewell and is now establishing a new garden at her home in Kent, returning to Derbyshire specially to appear at the Repton Festival. She will be signing copies of her latest book "Horti Curious" after her show.

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Sunday 6th July | 14:00
Price: £10.00
Venue: The Library
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The Glory of Derbyshire Gardens

Hildegard Wiesehofer unveils The Glory of Derbyshire Gardens in a lively presentation full of charm and the history of beautiful green spaces that will inspire you with ideas for your own garden and leave you enchanted by Derbyshire's verdant treasures!

Perfect for garden enthusiasts and nature lovers alike!

Hildegard Wiesehofer is the county organiser for the National Garden Scheme and a 40-year connoisseur of gardens and gardening. Each year the NGS donates millions of pounds to charities collected at hundreds of private garden openings and through events such as this.



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Sunday 6th July | 11:00

Price: £7.50

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

How to find us

See 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)

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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.

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Perfect for ages 6–10, this is history brought to life—epic, educational, and unforgettable.

Are you ready to answer the call to Valhalla?

Grab your helmets—spaces are limited!



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Sunday 6th July | 10:00

Price: £5.00

Venue: The Paddock

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Alex Foulkes *Spooky Fun*



Children's author, Alex Foulkes, known for her captivating stories filled with chills, thrills and a touch of the supernatural, will enchant young readers aged 7–13 with readings from her popular books, including the Rules for Vampires series and the mischievous Ministry of Mischief.

During this interactive session, Alex will share behind-the-scenes insights into her writing process, answer questions, and perhaps even introduce you to a talking spider or two! With her background as a teaching assistant and school librarian, Alex knows just how to engage young minds and inspire a love for reading.



Stories with Jessi



Actor and entertainer Jessi Bates-McIntyre's lively performances and magical storytelling bring a delightful array of characters to life, sparking imagination, fun and laughter in children of all ages.

Tailored sessions for different age groups will feature well-loved tales such as Mr Magnolia and stories by Julia Donaldson, Roald Dahl and others in an event filled with fun, wonder and the sheer joy of storytelling—perfect for little listeners and growing readers alike!

Saturday at 12:00 for ages 9-12

Saturday at 15:00 for ages 4-7

Sunday at 12:00 for ages 6-10

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Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July

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Venue: The Hive

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