

## THE HEATH BOOKSHOP

The Heath Bookshop is an independent bookshop located in Kings Court, Kings Heath. Established in September 2022 by Catherine & Claire, the shop is a place that welcomes everyone, offering a range of fiction and non-fiction books in a relaxing atmosphere (with coffee!).

The Heath Bookshop logo by Matthew Whitney (@mattwhitneyart)



## KINGS COURT

The Heath Bookshop is located in the vibrant Kings Court in Kings Heath. All your eating and drinking needs are catered for within Kings Court! You will find the bar "La Sante", coffee shop "Pause", French bakery "Levain & Cherry", and brunch & dessert shop "Milkcake Man". If the mood takes you, you can even get a tattoo at the brilliant "Spartan Ink".



## HARE AND HOUNDS

Situated in Kings Heath, the Hare & Hounds has been around since 1820. Playing host to local Birmingham legends UB40's first ever gig in 1979, the Hare & Hounds is one of the most important and influential music venues in the country.



**HARE & HOUNDS**  
KINGS HEATH

## HOW BRAVE IS THE WREN

How Brave Is The Wren is a children's book shop based at York Road, Kings Heath. We stock beautifully-crafted books created by authors and illustrators that appeal to the young and the young at heart. Our stock includes a wide range of books to suit newborns, pre-school, young children, teenagers and young adults, or even grown ups who just like children's books!



how brave is the wren

## BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (BSL)

Many of the events will be BSL signed. Please check back on this programme in the coming weeks for further information on this.



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# LITERATURE

And MUSIC

THE HEATH BOOKSHOP

FESTIVAL

APRIL 18-21 2024

# PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

## AN EVENING WITH ROBIN INCE

19:00-20:30 (plus book signing)  
Queensbridge School, B13 8QB  
Tickets: £6.50 [CLICK HERE](#)



Robin Ince will take us on a journey across Britain exploring his lifelong love of bookshops and books. He is co-presenter of the award-winning BBC Radio 4 show and podcast, *The Infinite Monkey Cage*. He has toured his award-winning stand-up across the world, both solo and with Professor Brian Cox.

He is the author of *I'm a Joke and So Are You* and *The Importance of Being Interested*, and *Bibliomaniac*.

Robin is hugely entertaining – the night could take us anywhere!

FRIDAY 19TH APRIL

## ADVANCED WRITING WORKSHOP WITH MICHEL FABER

11:30-13:30  
The Heath Bookshop, B14 7JZ  
Tickets £60 [CLICK HERE](#)



Aimed at individuals who have been writing for some time, the Advanced Writing Workshop is an opportunity to receive feedback from Michel Faber, an award-winning author of seven novels, three short-story collections and a poetry book.

Please read ticket information carefully before booking this event. **One bursary place for this event has been funded by The Heath Bookshop with help from Writing West Midlands.**

## WHITE RABBIT BOOKS: RICHARD NORRIS - STRANGE THINGS ARE HAPPENING

18:15-19:30 (plus book signing)  
Hare & Hounds, B14 7JZ  
Tickets £5 [CLICK HERE](#)



Richard Norris will be discussing his autobiography *Strange Things Are Happening* which documents his journey through the music industry including his work as remixer, writer and producer.

Embracing a psychedelic lifestyle along the way, this is a funny, improbable and frequently wild journey down the rabbit hole. Richard will be in conversation with Daniel Dylan Wray.

## WHITE RABBIT BOOKS: LIAS SAUDI - TEN THOUSAND APOLOGIES

20:15 - 21:30 (plus book signing)  
Hare & Hounds, B14 7JZ  
Tickets £5 [CLICK HERE](#)



Lias Kaci Saudi is a writer, artist and musician, and the front man of genre-bending iconoclasts Fat White Family.

He will be discussing his book *Ten Thousand Apologies*, co-authored with Adelle Stripe. *Ten Thousand Apologies* is the sordid and thrilling story of the country's most notorious cult band, Fat White Family. Lias will be in conversation with Daniel Dylan Wray.

White Rabbit Books is dedicated to publishing the most innovative books and voices in music and literature – including exclusive special editions, signed copies, merchandise and more.

Daniel Dylan Wray is a freelance arts journalist, writing about music, film, television, documentary books and other areas for publications such as: the Guardian, VICE, Pitchfork, Uncut, Bandcamp, Loud & Quiet, Noisey, i-D, Little White Lies, Dazed, the Quietus, Long Live Vinyl, The Independent and several others.



## DAVID HOLMES + LEFTFOOT DJ'S

22:00-03:00  
Hare & Hounds, B14 7JZ  
Tickets £15 [CLICK HERE](#)



Join us for an evening with one of the most esteemed DJs / producers in the world. David Holmes will be playing a 3 hour genre bending set taking in house, techno, electro and beyond. DJ support will be from Leftfoot residents.

David Holmes is a Belfast born DJ & producer. In his varied professional life, he has produced five of his own albums and over 30 film soundtracks. Having DJed from the age of 15, David has produced Noel Gallagher, Primal Scream, and has remixed the likes of Orbital, Jarvis Cocker, and many more.

Leftfoot, established in 2000 by Adam Regan & Richard Whittingham, joined by Matt Beck in 2010, has for two decades and counting been the go to brand for forward-thinking, left of centre music in Birmingham and the Midlands.



SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

## CRIME WRITERS' PANEL

10:00-12:00 (plus book signing)  
All Saints Centre, B14 7RA  
Tickets £7.50 [CLICK HERE](#)



Join crime writers Jo Callaghan, Mark Edwards, and Rachel McLean in conversation with fellow crime author, Barbara Coppertwaite. This expert panel will discuss all things crime writing from their own novels to plot development, writing processes, and how they became published authors.

Jo Callaghan works full time as a senior strategist, where she has carried out research into the impact of AI and genomics on the future workforce. After losing her husband to cancer in 2019 she started writing *In the Blink of an Eye*, her debut crime novel, which explores learning to live with loss and what it means to be human. *Leave No Trace*, the second in the series, will be published in March 2024.

Mark Edwards writes psychological thrillers in which scary things happen to ordinary people. His novels include *The Magpies*, *Here To Stay* and his latest book, *The Darkest Water*. He lives in Wolverhampton with his family.

Rachel McLean is the author of the bestselling Birmingham-based *DI Zoe Finch* series as well as the prizewinning *Dorset Crime* series. She's a born and bred brummie who spent all her childhood holidays in Dorset so loves writing about the city and the countryside.

Barbara Coppertwaite is an international bestselling author of psychological thrillers, whose books have topped Amazon and Kobo, as well as appearing on the USA Today chart. She also writes gothic historical thrillers as Barbara Havelocke.

## INGRID PERSAUD - THE LOST LOVE SONGS OF BOYSIE SINGH

10:30-11:30 (plus book signing)  
The Heath Bookshop, B14 7JZ  
Tickets £5 [CLICK HERE](#)



Ingrid Persaud's debut novel, *Love After Love*, has won numerous awards including the Costa First Novel Award. Ingrid will be talking about her new novel, *The Lost Love Songs Of Boysie Singh*. Four women, connected and controlled by one man: the notorious, charismatic gangster Boysie Singh. Let



these women tell of the man they believed could love, help or free them and how some of them survived to tell a tale at all. Ingrid will be in conversation with Grace Smith.

Birmingham-based Grace Smith, BBC Radio WM presenter and reporter, is a presenter, event host, and voiceover artist. Her empathetic interviewing style reflects a passion for

people and community. A music and literature enthusiast, she reports from diverse festivals, seamlessly blending her roles and audiences engagingly.



## BRADLEY TAYLOR - POETRY ON DEMAND

11:00-12:15  
New Photo Company, B14 7DG  
Free - no ticket needed



Drop in to the New Photo Company and chat to Bradley. Creating magic with his typewriter he will write you a bespoke poem for you to keep! Bradley Taylor is a poet born in Birmingham. He hosts the monthly spoken word evening 'Overcoat Poetry' in Kings Heath, and also performs 'poetry on demand', using his typewriter to gift strangers with a unique poem of their own choosing.

12:45 - 14:00  
Seesaw Opticians, B14 7AG  
Free - no ticket needed



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## MIKE GAYLE & CATHERINE O'FLYNN - POP LIT!

13:00-14:00 (plus book signing)  
All Saints Centre, B14 7RA  
Tickets £6.50 [CLICK HERE](#)



Join Birmingham legends Mike Gayle and Catherine O'Flynn as they discuss the crossover between their love of pop music and their writing. How music journalism inspired them to start writing and which of them went on to write for *Just 17* magazine!

Former journalist Mike Gayle was born and raised in Birmingham. After graduating from Salford University he worked variously as a features editor and agony uncle and has written for a plethora of publications including *The Sunday Times*, and the *Guardian*.

Catherine O'Flynn's writing has received various awards including a *British Book Award* & the *Costa First Novel Award*. Fay Weldon described O'Flynn as: 'the JG Ballard of Birmingham... finding poetry and meaning where others see merely boredom and dereliction.'



## MISFITS MUSIC FOUNDATION

14:30 - 15:30  
Oxfam Bookshop B14 7LG  
Free



Come and be serenaded by musicians from the community music project Misfits Music Foundation at the fantastically stocked Oxfam Bookshop on Kings Heath High Street. Simply enjoy the music or scour the shelves for a literary bargain as you listen!

Local charity Misfits Music Foundation runs community music projects for adults to bring people together, have fun and make friends. We welcome any instruments from violins and flutes to saxophones, accordions, harmonicas, electric guitars and more!

