#### THE HEATH BOOKSHOP

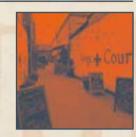
The Heath Bookshop is an independent bookshop located in Kings Court, Kings Heath. Established in September 2022 by Catherine & Claire, the shop is a place that welcomes everyone, offering a range of fiction and non-fiction books in a relaxing atmosphere (with coffee!).



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** 

#### **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!





#### **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.







Supported using public funding by **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND** 



### AN EVENING WITH ROBIN INCE

ts: £6.50 CLICK HERE

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

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 Tickets £60 <u>CLICK HERE</u>

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

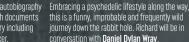


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#### WHITE RABBIT BOOKS: RICHARD NORRIS - STRANGE THINGS ARE HAPPENING

lare & Hounds, BI4 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



#### WHITE RABBIT BOOKS: LIAS SAOUDI - TEN THOUSAND **APOLOGIES**

Tickets £5 CLICK HERE

Lias Kaci Saoudi is a writer, artist and musician, and the front man of genre-bending iconoclasts

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

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If you are unable to book online, please call **The Heath Bookshop** on 0121 444 3958 or email us at: hello@theheathbookshop.co.u





22:00-03:00

Hare & Hounds, B14 7JZ Tickets £15 CLICK HERE



DAVID HOLMES + LEFTFOOT DJ'S

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 **Leftoot** residents.









# mes is a Belfast born DJ & producer. In his varied professional life, he ced five of his own albums and over 30 film soundtracks. Having DJet gge of 15, David has produced Noel Gallagher, Primal Scream, and has ne 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) Tickets £7.50 CLICK HERE

Join crime writers **Jo Callaghan**, **Mark Edwards**, and **Rachel McLean** in conversation with fellow crime author, **Barbara Copperthwaite**. 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 Al and genomics on the future 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

 $\textbf{Rachel McLean} \ \text{is the author of the bestselling Birmingham-based } \textbf{DI}$ **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

**Barbara Copperthwaite** 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

**CLICK HERE** 

Ingrid Persaud's debut novel. Love After Love 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

these women tell of the man they believed could love, help or free them and how some of notorious, charismatic gangster Boysie Singh. Let conversation with **Grace Smith** 



ROGRAMME

BOOKSHOP



#### **BRADLEY TAYLOR** - POETRY ON DEMAND

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.



Geesaw Opticians, B14 7AG ree - no ticket needed



Drop in to the **Seesaw Opticians** and chat to Bradley. Creating magic with his typewriter he will write you a bespoke poem for you to keep!



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

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 cations including **The Sunday Times**, and

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 Booksh



enjoy the music or scour the shelves for a literary



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

#### BLACK SOUND, SONG AND SOMA. DEEPING IT: A LIVE EXPERIENCE

Tickets £6.50 CLICK HERE

In this specially commissioned production, Adèle Oliver takes the soul of her book Deeping It: Colonialism, Culture and Criminalisation of UK Drill to the stage, fusing live music, spoken word poetry and capoeira to explore Black resistance through

Adèle Oliver is the author of Deeping It: Colonialism, Culture and Criminalisation of UK Drill, which demystifies drill and its apparent link to knife crime and gang violence, placing it in the contexts of crime, policy, art, consumerism, and colonia

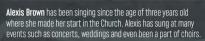
Casey Bailey is an award winning writer, performer and educator, born and raised in Nechells, Birmingham, UK. Casey was the Birmingham Poet Laureate 2020 - 2022.

from Birmingham. He has been performing consistently since 2019 and also has experience delivering spoken word workshops in local primary schools in the Birmingham/West Midlands region.

Drawing inspiration from everyday life and personal experiences **Nicoy Downes** likes to create art that can not only tell a story but encourage others to create their own from what they see.







**Blair Alagoa** is a self taught musician and producer, starting on the guitar before adding the piano and flute to their arsenal. Their taste in music is heavily influenced by jazz infused hip hop, R&B, fusion



**Brazilian Cultural Centre CDOB Joyce** and **Contramestre Mascote**, who have been doing Capoeira for more than 20 years, and have been promoting this African-Brazilian art for more than 15 years here in



## **GENERAL LEVY AUTHOR TALK -**INCREDIBLE 5-21:00 (plus book signing) & Hounds, B14 7JZ ets £5 (General Levy Bundle Talk+Gig £18)

Still one of the most in demand MC's in the country, General Levy has been at the forefront of UK club culture for decades. Join us for an exclusive dive into the life and times of one of the UKs longest standing club legends. General Levy will be discussing his autobiography, Incredible, with Alex Carr.





#### GENERAL LEVY + LEFTFOOT DJ'S

22:00-02:00 Hare & Hounds, B14 7JZ Tickets £15 (General Levy Bundle Talk+Gig £18)

A late night club show with the one and only General Levy, expect Jungle, plenty of bass and 'Incredible' vibes. DJ support from Leftfoot residents.



#### **SUNDAY 21ST APRIL**

BEGINNERS' WRITING WORKSHOP: 'HOW TO BUILD A CHARACTER' WITH ANNA METCALFE

kets £8 <u>CLICK HERE</u>

What makes a great character?

real, and who stay with us long after we've finished reading about them? This workshop will encourage you to create your own brilliant main character.



Join one of Granta's Best Young British Novelists, Anna Metcalfe, for this beginners' writing Her work includes the story collection **Blind Water Pass** and the novel **Chrysalis**.

### **BOOKSHOP BAND**

13:00-15:00 (including interval) The Heath Bookshop, B147JZ Tickets £4 CLICK HERE

Join the acclaimed **Bookshop Band** for a chilled out Sunday lunchtime performance. The artistic love-affair between a group of award winning songwriters and an independent bookshop in the UK, Mr B's Emporium of Reading Delights - come and listen to Beth Porter and Ben Please as they bring books to the stage along

The award-winning **Bookshop Band** write and perform songs inspired by books. They shared a stage with over 150 authors, including Philip



Pullman, Margaret Atwood and Robert Macfarlane and this summer release **EMERGE**, **RETURN** their

#### WHITE RABBIT BOOKS: 'TOO MUCH, TOO YOUNG' - TWO-TONE MUSIĆ WITH DANIEL RACHEL AND PAULINE BLACK

14:45-16:00 (plus book signing) Hare & Hounds, B14 7JZ Tickets £6.50 CLICK HERE

Join best selling British author Daniel Rachel, author of Too Much, Too Young. The 2 Tone Record Story: Rude Boys, Racism and The Soundtrack of a Generation with special guest, iconic front woman of The Selecter, Pauline Black OBE. Daniel and Pauline will be in conversation with Lyle Bignon.

Birmingham-born **Daniel Rachel** is a former musician-turnedaward-winning and bestselling author whose previous works include: Isle of Noises: Conversations with Great British Songwriters (a Guardian and NME Book of the Year), Walls Come Tumbling Down: the music & politics of Rock Against Racism and 2 Tone and Red Wedge (winner of the Penderyn Music Book prize).

mer, singer, artist, band leader and songwriter, **Pauline** Black OBE has dedicated four decades to the music scene and is an undisputed icon of British music. A lifelong love of music inspired by punk and reggae artists from the 1970s led Pauline to join **The** Selecter and a career that has seen her travel across the world to share her passion and artistry with hundreds of thousands of fans

> **Lyle Bignon** is a UK and European music industri media, and PR consultant, a music writer, and **Night Time Economy Ambassador for Birmingham** workir on behalf of the **NTIA**.



#### POETRY WITH NAUSH SABAH AND AYAN ADEN

Tickets £4 CLICK HERE

Join Naush Sabah and Ayan Aden for some late afternoon poetry at

**Naush Sabah** is a writer, editor, critic, and educator based in the West Midlands. In 2019, she co-founded **Poetry Birmingham** Literary Journal where she is currently Editor and Publishing Director. She is a visiting lecturer in creative writing at Birmingham

Award-winning performance poet, writer & facilitator, Ayan Aden captivates audiences with empowering spoken word art. Known for opening TedxTalks, Beatfreeks Youth Trends, and performances for regional/national stakeholders. Her works published, she's also the



### THE BIG GAY POETRY NIGHT WITH MADDIE AND BRADLEY

Hare & Hounds, B14 7JZ Free / Booking required CLICK HERE

Swing by the **Hare & Hounds** on the 21st of April for **The Big Gay Poetry Night** as part of **The Heath Bookshop Literature and Music Festival**. Sign up with hosts Maddie and Bradley to perform your queer-themed poetry!

Maddie Langham-Walsh is a Birmingham-based performance poet specialising in comedic writing that explores reality and absurdism. Her debut collection My Dog Has Never Read This will be published

Bradley Taylor is a poet born in Birmingham. He hosts the monthly spoken word evening 'Overcoat' voin Kings Heath, and also performs 'poetry' in Kings Heath, and also performs 'poetry'

#### FESTIVAL AFTER PARTY

Tickets £4 CLICK HERE

Closing off the inaugural **The Heath Bookshop Literature and Music Festival** with Bham club stalwart's **Leftfoot**.



Expect Leftfoot DJs to take you on a journey of

STORY TIMES

Thursday 18th April - 11am Friday 19th April - 10:15am

Location: How Brave Is The Wren Bookshop A

Join us for our weekly story time session with an added musical twist. Aimed at children aged 0-5 and their carers, but all ages welcome. Books read by Adam Thursdays / Sarah Fridays.

#### **CAN YOU FEEL THE NOISE:** STEWART FOSTER

Aimed at ages 8+

Thursday 18th April

4:00pm-4:45pm Location: How Brave Is The Wren Bookshop Free / Booking required <u>CLICK HERE</u>



Life is going well for Sophie. She's getting by at school, has some pretty awesome friends, and their band have made it through to the semifinals of the Battle of the Bands competition.

But when Sophie wakes up completely deaf one morning, the life she once knew seems like a distant memory. With lessons replaced by endless hospital appointments, and conversations now an exercise in lip-reading, Sophie grows quieter and quieter. Until she discovers the vibrations of sound through an old set of drums and wonders whether life onstage is actually still within reach. A profound story about inner strength and perseverance in the face of a life-changing event.

Stewart Foster's other books include The Perfect Parent Project, All The Things That Could Go Wrong and The Bubble Boy.

He loves The Clash, Radiohead and the Delays, he hates having his photo taken and loves cycling up mountains, he also puts toast in the fridge. Want to find out why? Come and ask him after school on Thursday 18th April.

#### STEADY FOR THIS: NATHANAEL LESSORE

Aimed at ages 11+

#### FRIDAY 19TH APRIL

4:00pm-4:45pm Location: How Brave Is The Wren Bookshop Free / Booking required CLICK HERE

Shaun (aka MC Growls) is ready to drop his best bars and smash the competition at Raptology. He's convinced Tanisha will finally give him a chance, but when a livestream practice goes epically wrong, Growls's dirty laundry is literally exposed. He's finally achieved his dreams of going viral - not in the good way. MC Growls, wannabe rapper is the star of the show in this hilarious and heartwarming book for teens

Nathanael Lessore was born in Camberwell, South East London one of eight children to French and Madagascan parents. Nathanael can run 100 metres in under 10 minutes and he likes that Taylor Swift writes catchy songs that get stuck in his head all day. STEADY FOR THIS gave him the opportunity

to show his South East London childhood as the funny, warm adventurous world that isn't always represented as such. Nathanael will also be talking about his latest book King of Nothing, a heartwarming comedy touching on toxic masculinity and



# POKKO & THE DRUM PARADE

"The biggest mistake Pokko's parents ever made was giving her

Here's how to get involved:

# POKKO & THE DRUM WORKSHOP

11.30am-4:30pm

All facilitators are DBS checked

Throughout this one day workshop we will work together to create a performance based on the book **Pokko & The Drum** by **Matthew Forsythe**, this performance will then be the centre piece to the **Pokko** & The Drum parade on Sunday 21st April. The day will be divided into 3 sections of storytelling, music and costume creation, it will be delivered by Sarah Hamilton Baker, Ben Sadler & Jenny Moore. Children can be dropped off for the day and will need a packed lunch.

#### POKKO & THE DRUM DROP IN WORKSHOP SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

11:00am-4:00pm

Location: How Brave Is The Wren bookshop

If you would rather be part of the support cast then there's a chance for everyone to join in through taking part in our drop in workshop to create a shaker to help us make a noise at the parade on Sunday.

#### POKKO & THE DRUM PARADE **SUNDAY 21ST APRIL**

2:00pm-2:30pm Location: How Brave Is The Wren bookshop Free CLICK HERE



Join us as we perform our version of Pokko & The Drum and make a right racket in and around York Road. If you create a shaker at our drop in workshop make sure to bring it along. The performance will be led by our **Pokko & The Drum** troop of young creatives and will last approx 20-30 mins.

No need to book just turn up on the day!

Pokko & The Drum Parade is presented in association with "Supersonic Kids Gigs" created by the UK's premiere experimental music festival. Supersonic Kids Gigs are designed for families as a way of introducing children to experimental music – BIG sounds for little people! Some Chide



#### SPOON IN A JAR TRIO, PERFORMANCE **SUNDAY 21ST APRIL**

10:15am-11:00am Location: How Brave Is The Wren Bookshop Free / booking required CLICK HERE

Join us for a family concert with the **Spoon In A Jar Trio**. Meet the jazz cat, Oscar the Ocelot, and his friends, Gideon Gazelle and Ella Fitzfeathers in the grooviest book trilogy ever to hit the shelves!

Hear all about the real musicians that inspired the music and the loveable characters, and don't forget your dancing feet, 'cause there's a rumble in the jungle and you're in for a treat!'

Written by local composer/author Jo Walter and illustrated by Ning-Ning Li, the stories; Jazz in the Jungle, Oscar at the Opera, and Ella Fitzfeathers and the Stormy Weather all feature in this fantastic free



















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# SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

Location: Kings Heath Library, B14 7SW. Cost: £30 per child for a full day of workshops CLICK HERE Suitable for children aged 8+



