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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 23 SEPT	10am to 11.30am	12noon to 1.30pm	2pm to 3.30pm	4pm to 5.30pm	5pm to 6.30pm	7.30pm to 9pm
St Mary's Barnes					Jonathon Porritt	Ben Macintyre
SATURDAY 24 SEPT	10am to 11.30am	12noon to 1.30pm	2pm to 3.30pm	4pm to 5.30pm	6pm to 7.30pm	8pm to 9.30pm
Olympic Studios	Dan Keel & Andrew Wilson					
St Mary's Barnes		Eileen Atkins & Gyles Brandreth	Theo Fennell & Richard E. Grant	Peter Snow & Ann MacMillan	Hilary & Michael Whitehall	Anthony Horowitz & Libby Spurrier
Barnes Green Centre		Tim Marshall	Leslie Thomas & Thomas Grant	Hugo Vickers & Simon Heffer		
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EVENTS



Jonathon Porritt

Friday 23 September, 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

Jonathon Porritt is an eminent writer, broadcaster and commentator, who has campaigned ceaselessly for sustainable development and social justice for more than fifty years.

His latest book *Hope in Hell* addresses the vital question of climate change – have we left everything too late? In the face of overwhelming environmental crises, Porritt still points to hope but argues unequivocally that we must confront the climate emergency now, it won't stay 'not too late' for much longer.



Ben Macintyre

Friday 23 September, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

Ben Macintyre is a bestselling author, historian and newspaper columnist. His books include number one bestsellers - *A Spy Among Friends*, *Operation Mincemeat* (also an acclaimed new film starring Colin Firth), *Double Cross* and *SAS: Rogue Heroes*.

His latest book, *Colditz*, is a superb analysis of the Second World War's most notorious prison camp and the remarkable stories of the prisoners determined first and foremost to survive and then to escape.



Dan Keel talks with Andrew Wilson

Saturday 24 September, 10.00am – 11.30am

Venue: Olympic Studios

Dan Keel is a nature author, freelance journalist and wildlife photographer. In *Swan: Portrait of a Majestic Bird*, he explores the beauty and the mythological power of the mute swan, one of Britain's most iconic birds. *Swan* looks beyond the natural world of these regal birds and discusses how they have been portrayed in myth, art and culture for millennia.

Andrew Wilson is a nature and wildlife photographer, well-known for his beautiful books of the local area.



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Dame Eileen Atkins talks with Gyles Brandreth

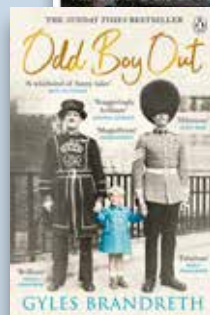
Saturday 24 September, 12noon – 1.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

Dame Eileen Atkins talks with **Gyles Brandreth** about her witty and finely observed memoir, *Will She Do?* - the story of a girl from a London council estate who was determined to be an actress. Atkins is one of the most loved and admired actors of our times.

She is a three-time Olivier Award winner as well as a BAFTA and Emmy award winner. Her stage work ranges from Shakespeare to Pinter, and she has starred in countless films and TV series, including *Cranford*, *Doc Martin* and *The Crown*.

Gyles Brandreth is a writer, broadcaster and actor. He is loved for his contributions in *Just a Minute*, *Gogglebox* and *Have I Got News for You*. His recent autobiography, *Odd Boy Out*, became an immediate top ten bestseller.



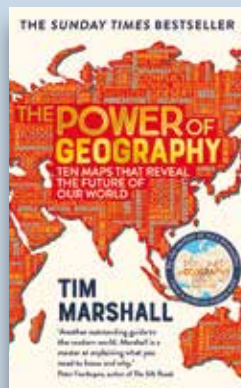
Tim Marshall

Saturday 24 September, 12noon – 1.30pm

Venue: Barnes Green Centre

Tim Marshall is a leading authority on foreign affairs with more than thirty years of reporting experience, who has covered conflicts in Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Israel.

His book, *The Power of Geography*, looks at ten regions set to shape global politics. Marshall puts geography at the centre of human affairs and asks searching questions about the shifting patterns of power and what they mean for the future.



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Theo Fennell talks with Richard E. Grant

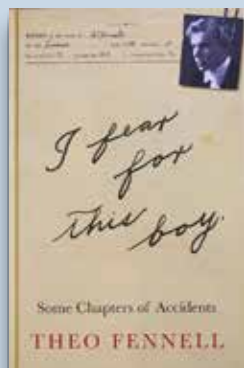
Saturday 24 September, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

International jewellery designer **Theo Fennell**, has designed beautiful and original pieces for some of the world's most glittering customers. In conversation with actor and friend **Richard E. Grant**, Fennell talks about his anecdotal memoir *I fear for this boy*.

Written with humour and self-deprecating honesty, the book is full of laugh-out-loud tales, from Fennell's vain attempts to become a songwriter to the etiquette of dealing with some of London's most hardened criminals (they have no fashion sense).

Richard E. Grant is famous for his starring roles in a wide variety of films, including the iconic *Withnail and I* (1987). His memoir *A Pocketful of Happiness* will be published this autumn.



Leslie Thomas KC talks with Thomas Grant KC

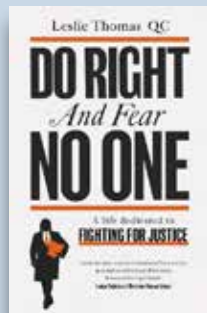
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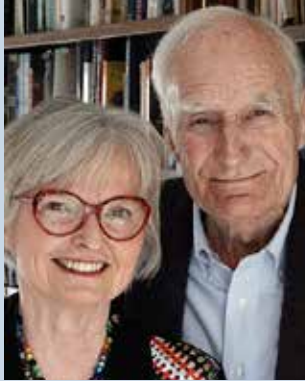
Called to the bar in 1988, **Leslie Thomas KC** has made it his mission to represent the underdog in many countries where the state or a public body has failed in its duties. His cases range from the Grenfell Tower investigation to the Birmingham pub bombings to the death of Mark Duggan.

His book *Do Right And Fear No One* is more than just another legal memoir (although it is a very good one) - it is a call to arms to fight injustice.

Thomas Grant KC practises in the Court of Chancery and is the author of *Jeremy Hutchinson's Case Histories*, *Court Number 1: The Old Bailey* and, most recently, *The Mandela Brief* about Sydney Kentridge and his anti-apartheid stance.



EVENTS



Peter Snow & Ann MacMillan

Saturday 24 September, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

Historians and broadcasters **Peter Snow** and **Ann MacMillan** introduce the most powerful men and women in English, and later British, society.

They present and discuss their new book, *Kings & Queens*, which examines the monarchs who have ruled through personal and political strife, triumph, war and peacetime; from fabled warrior-king William the Conqueror to our own Elizabeth II, admired for her diplomacy and integrity while presiding over turbulent times.



Hugo Vickers & Simon Heffer

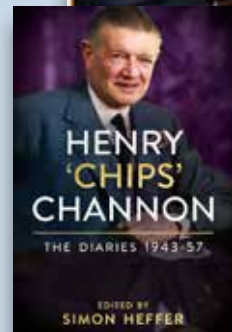
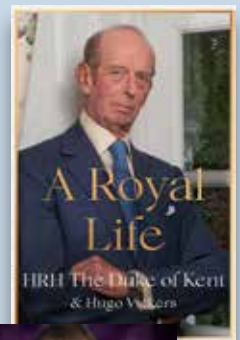
Writing and Researching History

Saturday 24 September, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Venue: Barnes Green Centre

Hugo Vickers and **Simon Heffer** are both highly regarded historians, who are experts at working within censorship guidelines while investigating what lies behind. They share their experiences of researching and writing about the historical events of the last century.

A Royal Life is a unique insight into the Royal Family, based on Hugo Vickers' conversations with HRH The Duke of Kent. While the diaries of Henry 'Chips' Channon, edited by Simon Heffer, are an unexpurgated account of the elegant, gossipy and occasionally shocking world of the infamous 'Chips' - Conservative MP from 1935–1958.



EVENTS



Hilary & Michael Whitehall

Saturday 24 September, 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

Well known in the world of entertainment and theatre **Hilary** and **Michael Whitehall** are also the parents of international comedian, Jack Whitehall.

Talking about *How to Survive Family Holidays* - written with Jack - Hilary and Michael highlight the pitfalls of family holidays with advice for fellow travellers – the essential dos and don'ts - and they reveal their best and worst memories from holidays with the family.



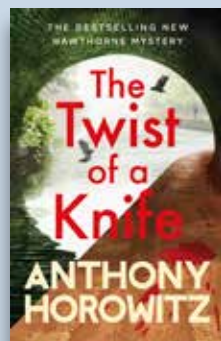
Anthony Horowitz talks with Libby Spurrier

Saturday 24 September, 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

Anthony Horowitz is one of the most prolific and successful writers in the UK. He talks with **Libby Spurrier** about his latest book, the much anticipated *The Twist of a Knife*, which continues the Hawthorne detective series.

Horowitz is a bestselling author and has published over 40 books including the highly acclaimed Sherlock Holmes novels, three James Bond novels, the teen spy series *Alex Rider* and many bestselling mystery novels. *The Twist of a Knife* pivots on a critic's crushing review, a murder and an arrest but will ex-detective Hawthorne help?



Libby Spurrier is greatly admired for her skill in adapting books for radio and her work is often featured on *Book of the Week*, BBC Radio 4.

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Patricia Hodge talks with Michael Billington

Special Screening Event – Taking the Page to the Stage

Sunday 25 September, 10.00am – 11.30am

Venue: Olympic Studios

Patricia Hodge, leading international actress of film, television and stage, introduces an exclusive screening of some of her most interesting and demanding roles.

In conversation with theatre and film critic **Michael Billington**, she talks about the challenges of taking a character, inspired and adapted from the written page, and bringing them to life on stage and screen. Screenings will include a variety of excerpts from films such as *Betrayal* (1983) based on the original play by Nobel Prize winner Harold Pinter.



Yara Rodrigues Fowler & Natasha Brown

Sunday 25 September, 10.00am – 11.30am

Venue: Barnes Green Centre

Yara Rodrigues Fowler is a Brazilian-British novelist and community organiser from South London who was named as one of the top debut writers of 2019 (*The Observer*). Her second novel *there are more things* follows the fortunes of two women - one Brazilian, one British - during the turbulent events and political upheaval of the last decade. The book weaves together themes of history, revolution and sisterhood, underscored by a passion for a better world. It was shortlisted for the Orwell Prize for Political Fiction 2022.

Natasha Brown is a British novelist, whose debut novel *Assembly* was shortlisted for the Goldsmiths Prize, the Folio Prize, the Orwell Prize for Fiction, the Betty Trask Prize, and longlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize.



Assembly is the unconventional story of one woman on her way to a garden party. Described as 'a modern *Mrs. Dalloway*,' it's a novel that questions the function of narratives and the limits of language.

EVENTS



Helen Rappaport talks with Trevor Sterling

Sunday 25 September, 12noon – 1.30pm

Venue: Barnes Green Centre

Helen Rappaport talks with **Trevor Sterling** about the myths and legends that surround Mary Seacole, her achievements and her iconic status in Black history.

Rappaport is a bestselling author and historian. In 2003 she discovered an 1869 portrait of Mary Seacole - now in the National Portrait Gallery - which sparked a long investigation into Seacole's life and writing *In Search of Mary Seacole*, a revealing biography of the most famous Black celebrity of her generation.

Trevor Sterling is a Senior Partner with Moore Barlow and Chair of the Mary Seacole Trust.



Bonnie Garmus talks with Ben Hunt-Davis

Sunday 25 September, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

Bonnie Garmus is a debut author, whose first book *Lessons in Chemistry* swept to number one on *The Sunday Times* bestseller list this year.

It's a witty story about the uncompromising Elizabeth Zott, a research chemist in the 1950s/60s. When her career is sabotaged, Zott reluctantly hosts a TV cookery show for housewives but quickly shows her audience how cooking with chemistry ... and a dash of rowing ... can challenge the status quo.

Garmus talks with former British Olympic rower and gold medallist **Ben Hunt-Davis** about her new book, and the importance of chemistry, rowing and pioneering women.



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Andrew Wilson

Sunday 25 September, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Venue: Barnes Green Centre

Andrew Wilson is known for his beautiful photographs of the local area; he describes his photography, the techniques and breathtaking moments involved in producing his most recent book *Wild About The Wetlands*.

The book captures timeless images of the WWT London Wetland Centre, the specialist nature reserve in Barnes which provides an environmental haven for wetland birds and other species.



Gill Hornby talks with Harriett Gilbert

Sunday 25 September, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Venue: Barnes Green Centre

Gill Hornby talks to **Harriett Gilbert** about returning to the world of Jane Austen in her new book *Godmersham Park*. Hornby's knowledge of the Austen family and the Regency period is remarkable. She is the author of *Miss Austen*, a *Sunday Times* bestseller which was picked as one of the best novels of the year in 2020.

Godmersham Park follows the story of Anne Sharp, a governess who becomes close to the famous novelist and catches the unexpected interest of Austen's brother, Henry.

Harriett Gilbert is a writer, academic and broadcaster. She presents *A Good Read* on BBC Radio 4 and *World Book Club* on the World Service. Gilbert is a well-known writer of both fiction and non-fiction titles.



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Peter Conradi talks with John Sweeney

Sunday 25 September, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

Peter Conradi, the foreign editor of *The Sunday Times*, discusses the new edition of his book *Who Lost Russia?* It analyses Russia's relations with Ukraine, the US and beyond. He looks at the events leading up to the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 – the bloodiest war on European soil in recent times. As a foreign correspondent in Moscow for six years, he witnessed the USSR's collapse first-hand and now he sets out what the Russian-Ukraine conflict could mean for the future of Europe and the world.



John Sweeney is an investigative journalist and writer who has worked for *The Observer* and the BBC. His book on Vladimir Putin - *Killer in the Kremlin* - draws on his own reporting in Chechnya and Crimea.



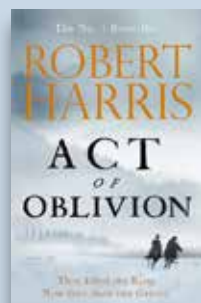
Robert Harris talks with Leanda de Lisle

Sunday 25 September, 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Barnes

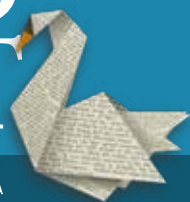
Robert Harris talks about his latest thrilling novel *Act of Oblivion* with historian and writer, **Leanda de Lisle**. Set in 1660, *Act of Oblivion* imagines one of the greatest manhunts in history. The plot centres on Colonel Edward Whalley and his son-in-law, Colonel William Goffe, who cross the Atlantic in a bid to escape England. They are on the run, wanted for the murder of Charles I.

Harris is the highly acclaimed author of 14 international bestselling titles, including *Fatherland*, *Pompeii*, *The Ghost Writer* and *Munich*. He is particularly known for his acute skill and ingenuity in writing about historical events from an alternative perspective.



Leanda de Lisle is the author of *White King*, the myth breaking biography of Charles I, and a new biography of *Henrietta Maria*, the intriguing wife of Charles I and Queen Consort of England.

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