

# Meet Joan Rowe this week at Linlithgow's own independent bookshop



This evening Edinburgh-based author **Joan Rowe** will be at **Far From The Madding Crowd** bookshop in Linlithgow to talk about her book, *Duty*.



*Duty* is a work of fiction based on the diary kept by **Albert Anderson**, who enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1912. Although Albert was lost at sea on the eve of his 21st birthday, the diary survived: Joan unearthed it when she was helping to clear out her former husband's aunt's house – for Albert's best friend was Joan's daughter's great uncle, **Alfred Rowe** .

Fascinated, Joan has been researching Albert's life ever since; she wrote *Duty* to tell the story of the 'lost boys' – some of them as young as 14 – who perished in the First World War. In April, Joan talked about the book at Morningside Library; you can read about that afternoon in The Edinburgh Reporter's article [here](#). Now Joan has made new discoveries about Albert and Alfred, and may even have found some of Albert's surviving relatives – so she will have lots to talk about on Friday.

[Far From The Madding Crowd](#) bookshop is at 20 High Street, Linlithgow, opposite Linlithgow railway station and only 15 minutes ride from Edinburgh: support a local author *and* a local bookshop! The event will begin at 6pm: for more information contact the shop on 01506 845509.

