

# Programme overview

The curtain-raiser for this year's Festival will be **David Greig** of the Lyceum Theatre. *Columba's Bones* is "rooted in the...history of Iona...a witty meditation on philosophy...transcendence and reality".

More philosophy comes in the *Moiras Monologues*, but these meditations are more violent than transcendent. **Alan Bissett** drags Moira's dirty mouth back for her views on lockdown.

Strong Scottish women also appear in **Kate Foster's** *The Maiden*, based on the real-life murder of the local laird. Kate is the winner of Bloody Scotland's Pitch Perfect award and Crime Debut of the Year.

A kenspeckle chiel o lockdown is **Billy Kay**, from the Pentlands Book Festival in 2020 (online). Now back in person to talk about being *Born in Kyle* and his linguistic and cultural roots.

**Linda Cracknell** wins awards for her environmental writing. "Getting mud on her boots or being slapped by salt water can all be part of her process". Don't test this in her talk!

**Nicholas Kinloch's** grandfather walked from the gulags to Iraq, then to Great Britain. Joining the Polish Parachute Brigade, he

dropped at Arnhem to find himself behind enemy lines.

Another hardened walker, **Graeme Johncock**, will tell us *Scotland's Stories*, "unlocking legends and seeing incredible places in a new light".

If you like music when walking, come and listen to **Derek Forbes**, Simple Minds bassist, discussing *A Very Simple Mind: On Tour*.

Now for the gore. **Lin Anderson** will not disappoint: creator of the forensic scientist Rhona Macleod novels, and co-founder of *Bloody Scotland*.

More evidence that Shetland is dangerous, **Marsali Taylor** will discuss her *Shetland Sailing Mysteries*, and maybe also about the women's suffrage movement there.

Someone who worked in many dangerous places is **Allan Little**, ex-BBC correspondent, who is now chair of the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

Inspired to write? Talk to **David Ford** about his creative writing course. This day will also feature local authors **Maria Chamberlain, Stef Lyons, Neil Price, and Lewine Mair**.

# Welcome

Thank you for picking up our Pentlands Book Festival 2024 flyer! This is an annual festival with talks by authors held in Currie and Colinton Libraries and various other venues locally. It runs each autumn, coinciding with Book Week Scotland, and is organised by local volunteers in conjunction with Currie and Colinton Libraries. The PBF has been going since 2015—this is our tenth year!

Events last about an hour and give an opportunity to meet and chat with the authors. Featured books will be on sale, perhaps at a discount, and may be signed. Check the website for full details of all events. Tickets are essential and are available via the website or Currie or Colinton Library: 0131 529 5609 or 0131 529 5603 respectively.

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# Venue locations



23 OCT–28 NOV 2024

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JUNIPER GREEN • CURRIE



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# Events at a glance

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Wed 23 Oct

David Greig  
Vikings, Monks and Mead—Comic Thriller, *Columba's Bones*  
Colinton Library, 6pm



Tue 29 Oct

Derek Forbes  
A Very Simple Mind On Tour  
Juniper Green Bowling Club, 7.30pm



Wed 30 Oct

Nicholas Kinloch  
From the Soviet Gulag to Arnhem  
Currie Library, 6pm



Mon 4 Nov

Billy Kay  
Born in Kyle: Guid Sowels an Braw Lassies  
tae Sleekit Nyaffs an Heidbangers  
Colinton Library, 6pm



Wed 6 Nov

Allan Little  
The State of Play—a Dangerous Game  
Currie Rugby Club Breakout Room,  
7.30pm



Wed 13 Nov

Marsali Taylor  
Words and Hard Work: How a Book  
Comes Together  
Porteous, Juniper Green, 6.30pm



Thu 14 Nov

Linda Cracknell  
Doubling Back...and Walking On  
Porteous, Juniper Green, 6.30pm



Sat 16 Nov

Local Authors:  
David Ford, Maria Chamberlain, Stef Lyons,  
Neil Price, Lewine Mair.  
Currie Library, 1.30pm



Mon 18 Nov

Lin Anderson  
Forensic Fact meets Crime Fiction  
Currie Library, 6pm



Tue 19 Nov

Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh  
Doctoring: the books. Visit the Royal  
College's library  
RCPE, 2pm



Wed 20 Nov

Graeme Johncock  
Scotland's Stories - through Legs and  
Legends  
Currie Library, 6pm



Fri 22 Nov

Kate Foster  
A Bewitching Historical Evening  
Currie Rugby Club Main Hall, 7.30pm



Thu 28 Nov

Alan Bissett  
Moira in Lockdown  
Tanners, Juniper Green, 7.30 pm

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If you'd like books you purchase at our events to be tagged with the Pentlands Book Festival ink stamp, just let us know at the point of purchase.

Commemorative celebratory tenth year bookmarks will be available. We suggest a small donation in exchange.

