

South Cumbria Writers' & Readers'

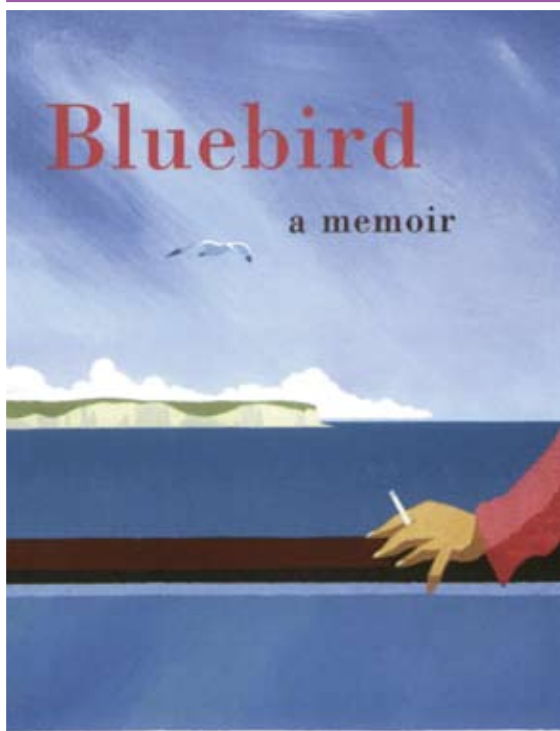
Feb 5th - 23rd



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Festival 2011

Bluebird a memoir



Vesna Marie

Word
Market

Chairman's Welcome - Loretta Blackburn

Word Market supports and promotes the local development of writing and reading in South Cumbria

Readers and writers are welcome to a literary feast from 5th - 23rd February 2011. We celebrate the festival's 8th year with a varied programme, a theme of letters and diaries which should appeal to a broad spectrum in South Cumbria and beyond.

Whatever your aspirations may be, we try to have something of interest to whet your appetite throughout the Festival. We aim to investigate the use of local archives and diaries, along with writing workshops, give a voice to the wealth of local multicultural women's creative capabilities.

By popular demand we have asked Pennington Drama Group to present a rehearsed reading of another popular play, as *The Ghost Train* went down a storm last year.

We could not possibly contemplate holding a festival without the enormously popular Poem & a Pint group, who present Don Paterson, the Scottish poet, writer and musician at the festival.

We're using three new venues, Ford Park, The Mill on Mill Street and The Roxy Cinema, along with the usual venues of Ulverston Library and Lanternhouse together with the Coronation Hall.

We have not of course forgotten to include the daily Storytime for Adults which will be held in Ulverston Library, and Oxen Film Club will present *The Third Man* at the Coronation Hall.

As usual, I ask you to come along and support the events which interest you and encourage you to try something you may not have tried before. Above all come along to make new acquaintances and enjoy the festival.

Storytime for Grown-Ups

Ulverston Writers read their morning stories of lost loves in letters, dastardly deeds in diaries and bits of blogs.

Monday 7th -
Friday 11th February

Ulverston Library
10.30am - 10.45am

Free
Coffee/tea & cake included

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Ladies of Letters with Michele Hanson



Spend an Evening with Guardian columnist Michele Hanson and novelist Anna Dean, with readings from Barrow diarist Nella Last, as they explore the world of letters, diaries and personal observation.

Michele Hanson taught English in inner city comprehensives for 25 years, with difficulty, and began writing a diary to stay sane. She started writing for the Guardian in 1984, and has been a freelance writer and columnist ever since. Michele has had four books of columns published, mainly about growing old and life in general, and now lives with her two Boxer dogs in North London.

Anna Dean is a historical novelist with a fascination for old documents, particularly letters and diaries of the eighteenth and nineteenth century. Having spent a year as Writer in Residence for Cumbria Archives and publishing one novel under the name Marian Veevers, Anna has now completed three historical crime novels featuring the Regency sleuth Miss Dido Kent and is working on the fourth. Published in both Britain and America, the books are winning praise for their authentic period style and readers particularly enjoy the parts of the story which are told through letters.

Saturday
February **5th**

Lanternhouse, Ulverston
7.00pm
£8 Supper Included

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'Indulgent Afternoon Film'

A showing of the film 'Letters to Juliet' with Cream Tea

An American girl on vacation in Italy finds an unanswered "letter to Juliet" -- one of thousands of missives left at the fictional lover's Verona courtyard, which are typically answered by the "secretaries of Juliet" -- and she goes on a quest to find the lovers referenced in the letter. Staring Amanda Seyfried, Gael Garcia Bernal and Vanessa Redgrave.



Sunday
February **6th**

Roxy Cinema, Ulverston
2.30pm
£5.00 Inc 'Cream Tea'

Creative Writing Day

with Zosia Wand

A creative day out for writers led by Zosia Wand. Suitable for beginners and more established writers. If you are looking to develop your creative writing skills, meet other writers and get feedback on your work, this one day event is for you. Writing exercises, creative stimulus and the opportunity to create a piece of writing and receive some initial feedback within a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

Zosia gained an MA with distinction in Creative Writing from Lancaster University in 1999. Since then she has had five radio plays broadcast on Radio 4 and her stage play, *Quicksand* is in production at the Dukes Theatre, Lancaster and Theatre By the Lake, Keswick in February 2011. She has also written poems for performance, a novel, runs workshops and residencies for readers and writers in schools and the wider community and mentors new writers.

Monday
February **7th**

The Mill, Mill Street, Ulverston
10am - 4pm
Restricted access via a flight of stairs
£15.00 Booking essential
email: zosia@magicwands.org



An Open Evening at Sutton's Bookshop (formally Tinnars Rabbit)

An Open Evening at Sutton's Bookshop. Come and enjoy a glass of wine, browsing and informal chat at Ulverston's independent bookshop.

Monday
February **7th**

Suttons Bookshop
7pm
FREE

Multicultural Women's Event

'Migration Stories and Diaries'

Cumbria Multicultural Women's Network brings together women from Kosovo, Albania, Turkey, Egypt, Brazil, Philippines, Poland, Thailand, Malaysia, Syria, India, Nigeria, Ethiopia, USA, Spain, Mongolia, Russia, Zambia and Slovakia. Join participants from the Network to hear stories, explore photograph albums, watch a DVD of personal perspectives and discuss their experiences of moving to Cumbria and settling in.

Tuesday
February **8th**

Library, Ulverston
7.30pm
FREE



Diary of Events 2011

Date	AM	PM	Evening
Saturday 5th Feb			Ladies of Letters with Michelle Hanson and Anna Dean Lanternhouse 7pm
Sunday 6th Feb		Letters to Juliet Roxy Cinema 2.30pm	
Monday 7th Feb	Storytime for Grown-ups Ulverston Library 10.30am 10.45am Daily	Creative Writing Workshop with Zosia The Mill 10am – 3pm	Open Evening at Sutton's Bookshop (formally Tinnors Rabbit) 7pm
Tuesday 8th Feb			Multicultural Women's Network Ulverston Library 7.30pm
Wednesday 9th Feb			Bluebird Reading Group Ulverston Library 7pm
Thursday 10th Feb		Kendal Archive Day 10.45am - 3.15pm	Dictionary Johnson - Hero of the Language - an entertaining evening with Neil Curry Ulverston Library 7.30pm
Friday 11th Feb			A rehearsed reading of 'A Murder is Announced' with Pennington Drama Group Ulverston Library 7.30pm
Saturday 12th Feb			A Poem and A Pint with Don Paterson Lanternhouse 7.30pm
Saturday 19th Feb			Oxen Park Cinema Club Presents: The Third Man Coronation Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 23rd Feb		Make & Use a Nature Diary Ford Park 2pm - 4pm	
PRE FESTIVAL EVENT			
Saturday 22nd Jan		Quicksand Workshop Ford Park 10am - 4pm	

Bluebird Reading Group



Bluebird was a Radio 4 Book Of The Week. Fleeing the Bosnian war on a cramped coach, sixteen year old Vesna arrived in Penrith, Cumbria as that half-pitied, half-feared thing, 'a refugee'. This endearing and amusing memoir tells the stories of her fellow refugees, their romantic troubles and eccentricities and their refusal to be patronised by their well-meaning British hosts.

Members of the Women's Multicultural network invite local readers to join them in a discussion of this delightful book in a session chaired by local writer Zosia Wand.

Wednesday
February **9th**

Ulverston Library
7pm
FREE

Kendal Archive Day

Stories from the Archives

Novelist Marian Veevers, who has been Writer in Residence for Cumbria Archives, will lead a day for writers exploring letters and diaries in Kendal Archives. Booking essential, contact Maggie Norton on 01229 582399.



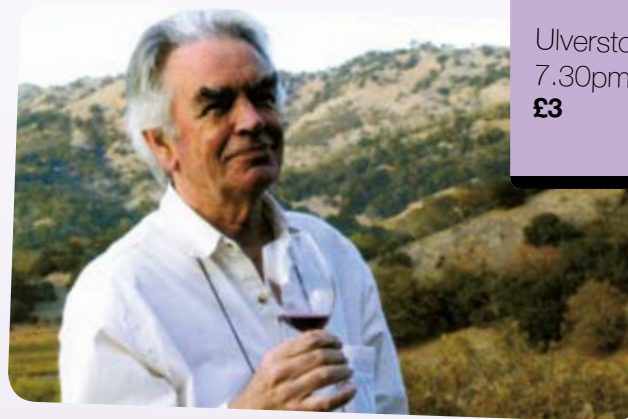
Thursday
February **10th**

Kendal Record Office
10.45am - 3.15pm
£15.00

Dictionary Johnson

Hero of the Language

An entertaining evening with Neil Curry, poet and literary critic, as he tells the stories which lie behind the writing of that famous dictionary and its amusing definitions.



Thursday
February **10th**

Ulverston Library
7.30pm
£3

Rehearsed Reading of Agatha Christie's 'A Murder is Announced'

Pennington Drama Group present another unmissable reading!

Friday
February **11th**

Ulverston Library
7.30pm
£3

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DON PATERSON

Saturday February **12th**

Lanternhouse,
The Ellers, Ulverston
Entrance **£6** Concessions **£4**
7.30pm

music: matt cove mc: ross baxter
floor slots: the committee
bring your own drinks  entrance £6
concessions £4

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Oxen Park Cinema Club Presents
The Third Man
Annual Book and Film Event

A film which needs no introduction, yet which reveals more at every viewing.

Saturday February **19th**

Oxen Park Cinema Club,
Coronation Hall, Ulverston
7.30pm

Make and Use a Nature Diary

Come and make your own nature diary to take home and put in your first observations from activities in the grounds! Family Activity Session at Ford House in Fork Park on Wednesday February 23rd from 2 to 4pm. Free. Refreshments and materials included.



Wednesday February **23rd**

Ford Park
Free
2pm - 4pm

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Quicksand Workshop

A workshop at Ford Park looking at Zosia Wand's stage play 'Quicksand', a story of forbidden love on Morecambe Bay. Opening Spring 2011. This is a brand new play, co-produced by The Dukes and Theatre by the Lake in Keswick. Telling a story of love, lost and found, Quicksand is a moving and startling look at relationships, family secrets and expectations.

Saturday **22nd**
January

Ford Park,
10am - 4pm
£15

Booking essential
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Zosia will also be running Quicksand workshops in local secondary schools.

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