



## A Rock Festival for Words

Sat 8th & Sun 9th June 2013, various Leeds venues

Fun with Words for Big Kids and Small Kids

PROGRAMME 2013

### The Leeds Big Bookend

*“Why has there never been a Leeds book festival?”* Was the question asked by Leeds author Anthony Clavane at one of his events in 2011, and echoed by many others.

Several of the now Big Bookend team were at that event and were inspired to take up the challenge and try to bring such a festival to Leeds. In 2012 we did just that. Over 400 people came to see 15 authors talk about their lives, experiences and passion for the written and spoken word. The Leeds Big Bookend Festival is a reality!

Here we are again in 2013, ready to have another go at our Rock Festival for Words.

Our aim is to **celebrate Leeds’ rich literary heritage and to inspire the next generation.** We want to make words fun and accessible for all. Whether you are a small kid or a big kid, we’d love you to come and join us on our adventure again.

We are all volunteers. The Big Bookend is a non profit making company limited by guarantee with charitable objectives. Any extra money generated from the Big Bookend will be used for the next Big Bookend festival. If you think you can help us in any way, then please get in contact. We’d love to hear from you.

### Festival Sponsors



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## Come & meet the Bookcrossers

when: Tuesday 14th May, 6.00pm  
venue: Leeds City Centre, various  
tickets: £free



Have you ever wondered what Bookcrossing is all about? The Big Bookend is delighted to be teaming up with the Leeds Bookcrossers who regularly release books “into the wild” and then follow their journeys and the lives they touch.

There will a special “*mass release*” event in the centre of Leeds on 14th May to celebrate not only the Big Bookend but that Leeds will be hosting the Bookcrossing UK Unconvention, 27-29th September 2013.

Look out for the “*Book Buffet*” table at the Big Bookend where you can meet the Bookcrossers, pick up some travelling books, and help them on their journey.

## In Regio Leodis: Sacred space?

### A writing workshop

when: Tuesday 21st May, 6.00pm-8.00pm  
venue: Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, Leeds LS1 6DG  
tickets: £3 [click here to buy tickets](#)

Last year, LCI commissioned the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, to write a new poem for Leeds Minster, the city’s oldest sacred site. The poem stands in stark contrast to Tony Harrison’s V, but both touch upon the notion of sacred space. This workshop, led by author and community theatre producer, Daniel Ingram-Brown and LCI’s Director, Margaret Halsey will use both poems to ask, ‘*Where are Leeds’ sacred spaces today?*’



## AVAST! Festival Opening

Our friends at Fictions of Every Kind have organised this sea faring opener to the Big Bookend festival.

when: Tuesday 4th June, 7.45pm  
venue: Santiagos ,The Grand Arcade, Leeds  
tickets: £3 **on the door**  
age: Over 18s



Avast! Join us as we plash a creaking boat through a miscellany of stories, songs and poems of the sea. Featuring performances by Matt Bellwood, SJ Bradley, Becky Cherriman, Ian Pepper, and Mason Henry Summers, with sea shanties courtesy of The Leeds Loiners and We Died at Sea.

## The Big Bookend Beer Tasting with Simon Jenkins

when: Thursday 6th June, 7.00pm  
venue: Waterstones, Albion St, Leeds  
tickets: £6.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)  
age: Over 18s



Join us for an evening of interesting beers – many on a literary theme – led by author and journalist Simon Jenkins, a former British Beer Writer of the Year. Simon writes a weekly column on beer and pubs for the Yorkshire Evening Post, and was the author of The Great Leeds Pub Crawl, a 200-page guide to Leeds’s best pubs and to the social history of drinking in the city.



## Calling all Young Super Sleuths . . .

with Kate Pankhurst

when: Saturday 8th June, 11.00am-12.00  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £3.00 incl 1child, 1adult.  
[click here to buy tickets](#)  
age: Suitable for children aged 7-11 / Parental supervision required



Do you have what it takes to solve the Case of the Ghostly Guinea Pig? Meet inspirational Young Super Sleuth Mariella Mystery. A chance for children to take part in a totally mysterious workshop with author and illustrator Kate Pankhurst. Uncover an array of shocking evidence about the Ghostly Guinea Pigs of Puddleford, make your own Ghostly Guinea Pig photo-fit images and evidence boards to help you solve the case. **(Not for the faint hearted or easily scared!)**

## Rise of the Shadow Stealers with Daniel Ingram-Brown

when: Saturday 8th June, 11.00am-12.30pm  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £3.00 incl 1child, 1adult  
[click here to buy tickets](#)  
age: Suitable for children aged 9-12 / Parental supervision required



Daniel Ingram-Brown is an author, playwright and community theatre producer. Join him for a workshop using ideas from his new book, *Rise of the Shadow Stealers*. Children will create their own scrap-map story island, populate it with characters and challenge them with death defying quests and adventures.

## Tell Me Another storytellers

when: Saturday 8th June, 12.00-1.00pm  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £free but booking is essential as limited spaces.  
Parental supervision required  
[click here for tickets](#)  
age: Family event

Bring the family to this fun, FREE storytelling event. Join the TMA storytellers for a mixture of stories and songs, to imaginary worlds both near and far, through time and space. Whether you are 5 years old or 105, come and join us for some fun and adventure.

## Anne O'Brien - The Forbidden Queen

when: Saturday 8th June, 1.00pm-2.00pm  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)



For lovers of historical fiction, we are delighted to welcome back the wonderful Anne O'Brien who introduces her most recent heroine, Katherine de Valois. Anne's new book, *The Forbidden Queen*, is a tale of the emotional and ultimately tragic life of Katherine de Valois whose grandson was to become the first Tudor monarch, Henry VII.

## Tell Me Another storytellers

when: Saturday 8th June, 1.30pm-2.30pm  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)  
age: Over 18s

For the Big Kids, aged 18+, TMA will be telling stories from near and far. There may be Maori tales or tales from the Far East, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and the Americas; there may be legends and myths, completely imaginary tales and Yorkshire dialect tales told by a real Yorkshireman! Come along and be amazed, inspired and entertained.

## Made In Leeds.

How Leeds writers changed the world, with Anthony Clavane and Wes Brown

when: Saturday 8th June, 2.00pm-4.00pm  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)



Award winning writer and sports journalist, Anthony Clavane will be in conversation with Wes Brown as they discuss Leeds writers past and present from Keith Waterhouse through Tony Harrison and Caryl Phillips to David Peace and Bernard Hare.



There will be a Q&A session where Wes Brown will talk about his first novel, Shark, followed by audience questions.

## An audience with Boff Whalley

Chumbawamba founder member and guitarist

when: Saturday 8th June, 3.00pm-4.00pm  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)



We are delighted to be joined by Boff Whalley who played in Chumbawamba for over 25 years, coupling songwriting, recording and touring with writing for journals, magazines and newspapers. Musician, dramatist, cartographer, anarchist, fell runner and author, as well as being a lifelong fan of Burnley FC, Boff will be talking about his fascinating life, playing some of his music and reading from his book, *Run Wild*.

## Journey Home

Fun and games with author Jennifer Kavanagh. Author talk and Q&A

when: Saturday 8th June, 2.30pm-3.30pm  
venue: Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, Leeds LS1 6DG  
tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)



As well as being the author of six books, former literary agent Jennifer Kavanagh has run a community centre in East London, worked with street homeless people and refugees, set up microcredit programmes and facilitated conflict resolution workshops...and, as if that wasn't enough, she's just launched a board game, Journey Home, which leads the players on an adventure of self-discovery. Having studied at the University of Leeds, Jennifer is looking forward to returning to her student hometown to help us reflect on what makes home and what can separate us from that sense of home.

## Play the game!

when: Saturday 8th June, 3.30pm-4.30pm  
venue: Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, Leeds LS1 6DG  
tickets: £free but booking is essential as limited spaces.  
[click here for tickets](#)

After Jennifer's Q&A there will be the opportunity to make yourself at home, grab a cuppa and play the game itself!



## Storytelling from the traditions

### Performance and panel discussion

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when: Saturday 8th June, 7.30pm-9.00pm  
venue: Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, Leeds LS1 6DG  
tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)

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Stories make us who we are. They are loved by young and old and in every culture they are spoken and heard. They shape our identity and define communities, both making us distinct and uniting us. Storytelling from the Traditions will be a unique opportunity to gather with Leeds' writers, storytellers and performers from different communities, all united by their Leeds postcode. Women and men, old and young, people from different faith communities and political backgrounds will share the stories that are important to them. The storytellers will then take part in a panel discussion about the role stories play in building and defining the communities of Leeds.

## Everything you've ever wanted to know about SF publishing, but nobody would ever tell you with Guy Haley

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when: Sunday 9th June, 1.30pm-2.30pm  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)

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For all you Science Fiction fans out there, the Big Bookend welcomes Guy Haley. Originally a journalist working on magazines *SFX*, *Death Ray* and *White Dwarf*, he is now a freelance editor and writer. He is the author of numerous short stories and seven books, including *Reality 36*, *The Crash* and *Baneblade*.

Guy will be telling you "everything you've ever wanted to know about SF publishing, but nobody would ever tell you." How do you break into SF publishing? How do you get all those cool ideas out of your head and onto the page? When you've got them there, how do you get past the gatekeepers of the genre and into the glorious halls of print? And, once you're in the clubhouse, is it actually all that glorious? Come and listen to his tips, secrets and ideas for getting into SF publishing.

## The Foresight Series, paranormal fiction for young adults

### with Amy Keen

when: Sunday 9th June, 1.30 pm-2.30pm  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)  
age: Suitable for young adults in particular but for all lovers of paranormal fiction.

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You can Ask Amy Anything at this fun event which will feature Amy talking about her Foresight Series Trilogy: *Embers*, the recently published *Ashes* and *Phoenix* which features Scarlet Roth. Have you ever wanted to find out why an author chooses a genre, how they create a

character or what made them write in the first place? Well, come along and Ask Amy Anything. Book chat is the order of the day and there maybe prizes too if you pick a good question out of the hat!

## Turning to Crime with Frances Brody

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when: Sunday 9th June, 3.00pm-4.00pm  
venue: Leeds Central Library  
tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)

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It's Crime Month in June and the Big Bookend is delighted to welcome Leeds crime author, Frances Brody where she will be *Turning to Crime: Settings, Sleuths, Suspects and Stories*. An investigation of detective fiction.

Frances Brody is the author of four highly-praised novels featuring Kate Shackleton, Yorkshire-based First World War widow turned sleuth. Her fifth novel in the Kate Shackleton series, *Murder on a Summer's Day*, set around Bolton Abbey, will be published in October 2013. Frances was nominated for the 2012 Dagger in the Library award.

## Wrong 'Un. A Suffragette's Story

WORLD PREMIERE from Red Ladder Theatre.

when: Sunday 9th June, 3.00pm-4.30pm

venue: Leeds Central Library.

tickets: £5.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)

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*Wrong 'Un* tells of the adventures of Annie Wilde, a Lancashire mill-girl galvanised by a rousing mixture of injustice, conviction, self-doubt and fear

on her journey from schoolroom to prison cell and beyond, in a musical drama that draws on class, privilege, hope and disappointment in wartime England.

Followed by a Q&A with director Justin Audibert, actor Ella Harris, and writer and composer Boff Whalley.

## Stories with no voice Storytelling and discussion

when: Sunday 9th June, 3.30pm-5.00pm

venue: Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, Leeds LS1 6DG

tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)

And then there are the stories that can't be told; voices silenced by fear or force, lack of education or resource, censorship or disempowerment. In this session, space will be made to hear and reflect upon stories from the margins of our society.

## An evening with Derek Landy

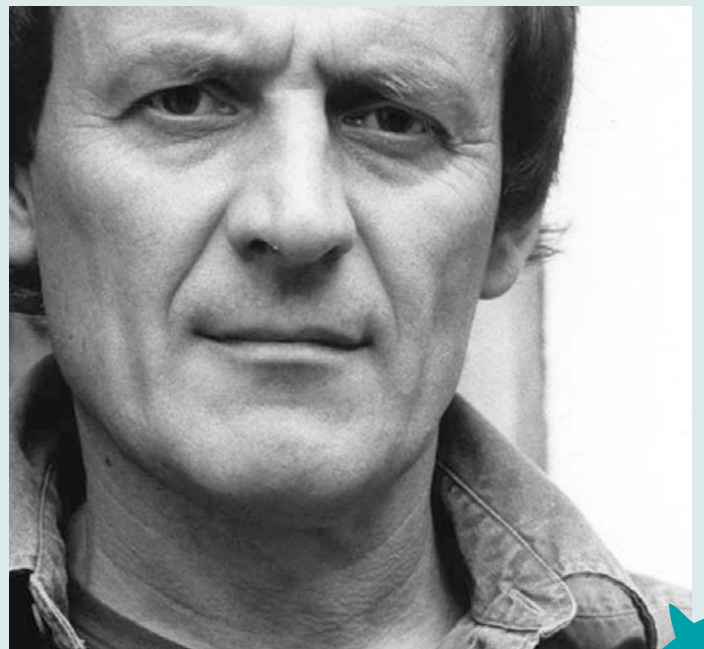
when: Friday 14th June, 6.30pm

venue: Waterstones, Albion Street, Leeds.

tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)



Join us for an evening with the number one bestselling author of the Skulduggery Pleasant series, Derek Landy. Derek will be talking about his work, including his new Skulduggery spin-off, Tanith Low in The Maleficent Seven.



## An audience with Tony Harrison

when: Sunday 9th June, 7.30pm

venue: West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds

tickets: £8.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)

Tony Harrison is the country's greatest living poet. In June he returns to the city of his birth as the star attraction of the Big Bookend festival. This will be a rare appearance by the man whose first collection of poems, published in 1970, was called *The Loiners*, a traditional name for the people of Leeds. 43 years later he is back to recite his poems at the West Yorkshire Playhouse. He will be introduced by fellow Leeds writer Anthony Clavane. There will be an opportunity to purchase Tony Harrison's books on the night and have them signed.

## The Last Champions: Leeds United and the Year that Football Changed Forever Book launch with Dave Simpson

when: Thursday 20th June, 7pm

venue: Waterstones, Albion Street, Leeds.

tickets: £3.00 [click here to buy tickets](#)

Join us for the paperback book launch of *The Last Champions: Leeds United and the Year That Football Changed Forever*. Author and journalist Dave Simpson will be discussing his book which looks at the 1992 League-winning team, and how football has since changed.



# LS13

## the best new writing anthology launch event

### discovering Leeds' winning new voices

when: Friday 7th June, 7.00pm  
venue: Customer Service Lounge, Trinity Leeds  
tickets: £free

The Big Bookend has been searching for 20 of the best writers under the age of 40 in Leeds. LS13 is about uncovering a new generation of Leeds Writers. We wanted a snapshot of the writers at work in the city.

- Where is Leeds 25 years after Tony Harrison's V?
- Who are its new voices?
- Who is telling the stories and speaking the poetry of Leeds today?

Find out at our anthology launch event where the winners will be invited to perform as part of the Big Bookend 2013.

A print version of the anthology will be published by Valley Press and an E-Book version will be published by the Arts Council supported Dead Ink Publications based in Leeds.

LS13 is a project in conjunction with The National Association of Writers In Education.

## Support The Big Bookend

We truly believe that we have the makings of a wonderful annual festival, and we'd like your support. Please help us to create and maintain a great new event on the cultural calendar for Leeds.

You can do this by donating on our [Crowdfunding page](#) on PleaseFund.Us. This way you get rewards too depending on how much you donate to us. You can Sponsor an event or the whole festival! You can simply Donate and allow us to claim back Gift Aid. Full details are on our Sponsor or Donate page at [www.bigbookend.co.uk](http://www.bigbookend.co.uk).

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