

**10-18 MAY 2024**  
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## BOOK SALE IN HONOUR OF COLLIN LANGLEY

MAY 10-18 2024

The du Maurier-related archive of the late Collin Langley is being sold to raise funds for the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature.

The book sale will take place at the Royal Fowey Yacht Club during the festival. The catalogue of books will also be available on the Festival website from the beginning of May to view and purchase.

**For full details please visit:**  
**[foweyfestival.com/book-sale](http://foweyfestival.com/book-sale)**

Friends of the Festival can enjoy priority viewing and will be able to purchase books from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

We thank the Langley family for their generosity.

# HELLO & WELCOME



A very warm welcome to the 2024 Festival. We have a varied programme of events for you to enjoy. As with previous years, we

continue to attract world-class writers and speakers and amongst those joining us this year are: Lemn Sissay, Jenny Eclair, Louis de Bernières, Caroline Quentin, Robert Hardman, Iain Dale, Bryony Gordon and John O'Farrell.

We are pleased to welcome back to the Festival, BBC Radio Cornwall's Daphne Skinnard, who will be interviewing a range of inspiring authors from different walks of life. Dr Helen Doe helps us mark the RLNI's 200th celebratory anniversary, and Dr Serena Trowbridge and Dr Ella Westland have helped curate an interesting programme of du Maurier focussed events.

Remaining close to our hearts, is providing a platform for debut authors. Please join us in supporting these very talented writers, heading for stardom, and pick up a few tips along the way on how to get published.

We have a range of talks, music a comedy evening, workshops, panel discussions and of course, the Festival wouldn't be the same without our ever popular Art Trail and Secret Gardens programmes for you to enjoy.

Our Schools Programme continues to develop. The children's writing and art competition, and the adult writing competition received more entries than any other year. The calibre of entries was tremendous, giving our judges a very hard time in selecting the winners!

Many of you will remember Collin Langley, a major supporter of the Festival and a knowledgeable Daphne du Maurier enthusiast, who amassed an impressive collection of du Maurier-related books. Sadly, in 2023, Collin passed away. His family have very generously donated his book collection to us, to sell and raise funds for the Festival. Details of the book sale can be found on the website.

We are always grateful for your support, and taking out an annual Friends Membership is a great way to do that. In addition, it will give you access to priority event booking, along with other benefits. Full details can be found on the Festival website.

Finally, the Festival wouldn't be possible without the generous support of so many people. From our wonderful event volunteers and audiences to our loyal sponsors and advertisers, the Trustees, and the Festival team. I look forward to seeing you in May to make more wonderful memories.

With very warm wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brenda". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brenda Daly, Festival Director

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## THE OVERTONES

8PM FOWEY PARISH CHURCH  
8pm-10pm, £23

We are thrilled to welcome highly acclaimed The Overtones to the Festival. During the last fourteen years, The Overtones have released seven studio albums, enjoyed many sold out tours, appeared on major TV shows and headlined in world renowned venues including the London Palladium and the Royal Albert Hall. They also performed at Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee at Buckingham Palace. Consisting of Mark Franks, Darren Everest, Jay James and Mike Crawshaw, this four-piece group is best known for their exquisite vocals, flawless harmonies, effortless and synchronised dance moves and their charming, distinctive style.

Tonight promises to be a non-stop party from start to finish, featuring songs from original hits such as *Gambling Man*, through to classic songs by artists such as The Drifters, Stevie Wonder, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons and many more. With a perfect mix of originality and classic nostalgia, their feel good, showstopping performances have made The Overtones one of the UK's most in demand live acts.



## HELEN DOE

6PM FOWEY TOWN HALL



## Rupert Tower

**BETWEEN TWO WORLDS:  
INSIDE DAPHNE DU MAURIER'S  
HOUSE ON THE STRAND**

11am-12pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Daphne du Maurier's grandson, Jungian analyst and author, Rupert Tower, will explore du Maurier's *House on the Strand*, in the context of her inner life preoccupations, including dreaming in time, identity, and loss, together with her continued fascination with the past, ancestry, and power of place. He will also examine her narrative from the psychological perspective of Jungian analytical thinking.



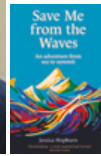
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## Bryony Gordon

**MAD WOMAN**

2pm-3pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Telegraph journalist, pioneering author, podcaster and activist, Bryony Gordon has long been open about her mental health, lifting the lid on a subject that was taboo for many years. *Mad Woman* is her phenomenal follow-up – a decade later – to the brilliant number-one bestseller *Mad Girl*. Join her as she talks to BBC Radio Cornwall's, Daphne Skinnard, about how our attitudes and understanding of mental illness is changing.



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## Jessica Hepburn

**SAVE ME FROM THE WAVES**

4pm-5pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

*Save Me From The Waves* is an inspirational story of physical and mental endurance which starts on the streets of London and culminates on top of the world, fuelled by song. This remarkable and alternative adventure story, charts Jessica Hepburn journey to becoming the first and only woman, currently, to have completed the 'Sea, Street, Summit Challenge' by swimming the English Channel, running the London Marathon and climbing Mount Everest.

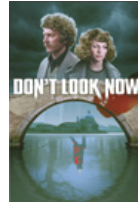


## Dr Helen Doe

**ONE CREW: 200 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES AT SEA**

6pm-7pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

In the 200 years since it was founded, the highly respected RNLI has saved more than 144,000 lives. Dr Helen Doe, an internationally recognised maritime historian and author, looks at how the RNLI has responded to the inevitable stresses and external pressures from its initial foundation to the present day. The RNLI story features many unsung heroes and heroines, high-profile names, lesser-known rescues, and well-known events.



## Movie Night

**DON'T LOOK NOW**

8pm-10pm, Fowey Town Hall, £7

Nicolas Roeg's classic thriller, based on a short story by Daphne du Maurier, follows a married couple, John Baxter (Donald Sutherland) and his wife Laura (Julie Christie), as they attempt to recover from the death of their daughter Christine (Sharon Williams), who drowned in a tragic accident. However, it appears that Christine has been trying to contact John, to warn him that something terrible is about to happen...

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## LOUIS DE BERNIÈRES

6PM FOWEY PARISH CHURCH



## Tiffany Murray

**WRITING WORKSHOP**  
— FROM LIFE TO FICTION

10am-1pm, Fowey Parish Hall, £20

Drawing on lived experiences, this writing workshop will delve into the toolbox a new writer needs: character, story, structure, and setting, to create fiction and memoir. Tiffany is a bestselling novelist, screenwriter and Senior Lecturer. Please bring paper and pens, rather than a laptop. NB: Max participants 20.



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## Sarah Harkness

**LITERATURE FOR THE PEOPLE**

11am-12pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

From an impoverished childhood in the Scottish Highlands to Victorian London, this is the inspiring story of Daniel and Alexander Macmillan, who created a publishing empire. In *Literature for the People*, Sarah brings to life fascinating insights about the great, the good and the sometimes-wayward writers of the Victorian era.



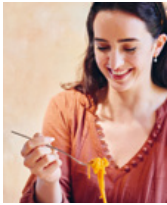
## Meet the Team

**A FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL EVENT**

12.30pm-1.30pm, Fowey Town Hall

Join the Festival Trustees for a drink and cocktail Cornish pasty. The work we do makes it all worthwhile when we meet our audience. This event is by invitation only, for Friends of the Festival. If you wish to bring a partner and they aren't a friend, we ask that a £5 donation to the Festival be made at the event. If you wish to become a friend, please visit the Festival website.





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## Madeline Olivia

**MAKE IT VEGAN: SIMPLE PLANT-BASED RECIPES FOR EVERYONE**

**2pm-3pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12**

Join Hayle based YouTuber, Madeleine Olivia, to celebrate the release of her debut cookbook, *Make It Vegan*. Madeleine, a self-taught home cook, has spent the last eight years sharing her life online, charting her journey to live a sustainable and eco-conscious lifestyle through her wildly popular YouTube videos. *Make It Vegan* aims to make vegan food accessible to everyone – whatever your budget.



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## Tiffany Murray

**MY FAMILY AND OTHER ROCK STARS**

**4pm-5pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12**

Join novelist and screenwriter, Tiffany Murray, to hear about her recently published memoir, *My Family and Other Rock Stars*. It is about food, family and what happens when Freddie Mercury comes to stay! Her novels *Diamond Star Halo*, *Happy Accidents* and *Sugar Hall*, have variously been shortlisted for the Wodehouse Bollinger Prize and received the Roger Deakin Award for nature writing. Tiffany will be in conversation with bestselling author, Patrick Gale.



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## Louis de Bernières

**LIGHT OVER LISKEARD**

**6pm-7pm, Fowey Parish Church, £12**

Louis de Bernières is one of the UK's leading novelists. His fourth novel, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*, a love story set in World War II, has now sold over 4 million copies worldwide, and been made into a Hollywood film starring Nicolas Cage and Penélope Cruz. In his latest book, *Light over Liskeard*, a quantum cryptographer convinced of civilisation's fall embarks on a self-sufficient life in the Cornish countryside. In this entertaining and heart-warming novel, Louis makes us reconsider what is really precious in our short and precarious lives.



## Richard Trethewey Trio

**8pm-10pm, Fowey Town Hall, £15**

Richard Trethewey is a singer, fiddle and cittern player, delivering his distinct take on Cornish music. Passionate about unearthing near-forgotten gems of Cornish history, Richard breathes life into what might otherwise be overlooked. Expect material from his new album *Two Halves*, as well as films to accompany these songs, including the single *Frenchman's Creek* inspired by Daphne du Maurier's world-renowned novel. Joining Richard on stage is Steve Hawker and Neal Jolly.



## CAROLINE QUENTIN

12.30PM FOWEY PARISH CHURCH



### Dr Ella Westland

**READING GROUP: DON'T LOOK NOW AND NOT AFTER MIDNIGHT**

**9am-10.30pm, Fowey Parish Hall, £10**

Join Dr Ella Westland for an informal reading group discussion of two stories by Daphne du Maurier, *Don't Look Now* and *Not After Midnight*. The reading group will be a relaxed and informal opportunity for sharing ideas. Participants should have read both books, no further preparation is necessary. Just bring yourself, your copy of the stories, and your enthusiasm for du Maurier!



### Helen Hanson

**'DO' LOOK NOW: VIEWPOINTS ON THE ADAPTABLE DAPHNE DU MAURIER**

**11am-12pm, Fowey Town Hall, £10**

Daphne du Maurier's control of suspense and vivid creation of character viewpoint, make her stories eminently adaptable into film and television. Taking *Don't Look Now* and its 1973 film adaptation as a case study, Helen Hanson, Associate Professor of Film History at the University of Exeter, explores how du Maurier's literary viewpoints have been powerfully translated into gripping visual storytelling, from some of cinema's most renowned directors.



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### Caroline Quentin

**DRAWN TO THE GARDEN**

**12.30pm-1.30pm, Fowey Parish Church, £15**

Renowned figure in British comedy, Caroline Quentin, has been a passionate gardener for many years. Illustrated by Caroline herself, this gorgeous book mixes personal stories of her life and experiences in the garden, with practical tips, recipes for food and drink, and the occasional favourite poem. Over the years, she has come to realise that gardening, just like life, is a series of happy accidents, unplanned successes, and baffling and frustrating failures!



## Guided Walk

**DAPHNE DU MAURIER'S FOWEY**

**2pm-4pm, £12**

**Main Car Park, Hanson Drive, PL23 1ET**

Learn about Daphne, her life, her novels and Fowey. You will be led by Dawn, who has been guiding walks linked to Daphne du Maurier for more than 20 years. Be inspired by the landscape and the way it is intricately involved in Daphne's works. Discover some of the inspiration and scenes from novels written with Fowey, Polruan and the river in mind. A linear walk of 1.5 miles, mostly downhill. Limited to 20 walkers.



## Annie Price

**'THE PAST IS STILL CLOSE TO US':  
AN EXPLORATION OF THE DAPHNE DU  
MAURIER ARCHIVES AT THE UNIVERSITY  
OF EXETER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**2pm-3pm, Fowey Town Hall, £10**

The University of Exeter looks after more than 50 boxes of archival materials relating to Daphne du Maurier, including several recent acquisitions. In this illustrative presentation, archivist Annie Price will introduce the archives, and discuss the fascinating insight they provide into the novelist's writing process, daily life, and love for Cornwall.



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## David Gibbins

**A HISTORY OF THE WORLD  
IN TWELVE SHIPWRECKS**

**4pm-5pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12**

Drawing on decades of experience excavating shipwrecks around the world, renowned maritime archaeologist, David Gibbins, reveals the riches beneath the waves and shows us how the treasures found there can be a porthole to the past, to tell a new story about the world and its underwater secrets. From a Viking warship made for King Cnut himself, to Henry VIII's spectacular Mary Rose and the golden age of the Tudor court, these are the stories of some of the greatest underwater discoveries of all time.

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## Alan Johnson

**DEATH ON THE THAMES**

6pm-7pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Following his series of successful memoirs: *This Boy*, *In My Life*, *The Long and Winding Road* and *Please, Mr Postman*, we are delighted to welcome to the Festival, former Labour MP and Cabinet Minister, Alan Johnson. In conversation with BBC Radio Cornwall's Daphne Skinnard, he will be discussing his latest novel in the bestselling *Mangan* thriller series, *Death on the Thames*, along with his passion for writing, politics and, no doubt, views on the impending General Election.



## Festival Jazz Evening

**AN OSCAR FOR ELLA WITH JOANNA EDEN AND CRAIG MILVERTON**

8pm-10pm, Fowey Parish Church, £18

Tonight, we celebrate the musical pairing of two of jazz's most iconic artists, Ella Fitzgerald and Oscar Peterson. With six solo albums to her credit, and over 20 years performing regularly at venues such as Ronnie Scott's Club, Joanna Eden is considered one of the finest singer-pianists in the UK. Performing with her tonight, is multi-time British Jazz award-winning pianist Craig Milverton, Ashley John Long on bass and Gary Evans on drums.



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# Secret Gardens

Friday 17 & Saturday 18 May 2024

**D**iscover some of the Fowey Estuary's hidden gems - from gardens with spectacular views to secluded havens, walled gardens, hidden terraces and much more. Follow the trail to uncover a glorious mix of vibrant gardens with a diverse variety of planting.

## *Introducing Opera in the Garden*

**T**his year, we are delighted to welcome Thomas Martyn, an impressive tenor and graduate of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London. Thomas will be performing two 20-minute operatic interludes at Porphyry Hall Garden and Broadstairs garden on Friday and Saturday. No tickets are necessary but access will be capacity controlled.

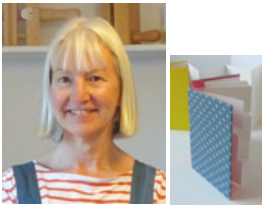
For more information, pick up a Secret Gardens map from the Festival Box Office during Fowey Festival week or scan the QR code.





## JOHNNY COWLING

8PM FOWEY PARISH CHURCH



## Megan Stallworthy

**HANDMADE BOOK WORKSHOP**

10am-4pm, Fowey Parish Hall, £65

With Megan Stallworthy of Celandine Books, learn how to make two contemporary book structures, Flag Books and Fold-out Books. Each with beautiful sculptural forms, perfect to use as sketchbooks, displaying artwork or photographs, or as the basis for artists' books. Suitable for beginners or those with some bookbinding experience. Tools and materials provided. NB: numbers are limited to 10.



## Galen Bartholomew

**THE SS SUEVIC AND THE NIGHT  
THE RNLI SAVED 611 LIVES**

11am-12pm, Fowey Town Hall, £10

Join family historian Galen Bartholomew, for a remarkable account of shipwreck and survival. In 1907, the SS Suevic ran aground in a storm off the Lizard Point, Cornwall and during the same night, the SS Jebba ran aground off the South Devon coast. Despite the conditions, the RNLI saved a total of 611 lives, losing none. Using fascinating contemporary photographs, this talk is a celebration of the RNLI and its brave crews, in its bicentenary year.



## Truro Senior School Musicians

**LUNCHTIME RECITAL**

12.15pm-1pm, Fowey Parish Church  
Free event. Donations to the Festival welcome.

We are delighted to welcome back to the Festival, Truro School's talented senior chamber musicians for a lunchtime music recital. The School's busy and active Music Department puts on nearly sixty concerts each year, both at the school and around the county. In addition, Truro School is home to the girl and boy choristers of the renowned Truro Cathedral Choir.



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## Nicola Upson

### SHOT WITH CRIMSON

2pm-3pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Join bestselling crime novelist Nicola Upson for the latest instalment in the Josephine Tey mystery series, *Shot with Crimson*. September 1939, and the worries of war follow Josephine Tey to Hollywood, where a different sort of battle is raging on the set of Hitchcock's *Rebecca*.



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## Dr Helen Doe

### FROM THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN TO THE GREAT ESCAPE

4pm-5pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

*Stanford Tuck: Hero of the Battle of Britain* is the first full reappraisal of one of Britain's great fighter aces. This bestselling book, by renowned author and historian Dr Helen Doe, examines the truth behind Stanford Tuck's 1956 biography, to reveal the real person, rather than a mythical hero. In January 1942, Bob Tuck was the top-scoring British fighter ace. He was later taken prisoner in the notorious Stalag Luft III, eventually escaping, and ending up with the advancing Russian Army.



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## Lesley-Ann Jones

### FLY AWAY PAUL

6pm-7pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

In this definitive account of Paul McCartney's time in Wings, published on the 50th anniversary of the bestselling album, *Band on the Run*, music biographer, Lesley-Ann Jones, tells the extraordinary story of how Paul survived the Beatles and found his Wings. Drawing on extensive interviews and her trademark meticulous research, she will talk about how this period in Paul McCartney's career was to become crucial, not only to his development as an artist, but to his very survival.



## Comedy Evening with Johnny Cowling

8pm-10pm, Fowey Parish Church, £16

Back by popular demand, the wonderfully talented Johnny Cowling returns to the Festival for another hilarious evening of entertainment. Famous for his Cornish charm and quick wit, Johnny has performed across the UK during his impressive career spanning over 20 years. Known for his jokes about the ever-changing face of Cornwall, Cornish family life and the relationship between locals and tourists, you won't want to miss this wonderfully entertaining evening.



## JENNY ECLAIR

8PM FOWEY PARISH CHURCH



## Creative Writing Workshop

**CREATING MEMORABLE CHARACTERS**

9am-10.30am, Fowey Parish Hall, £15

How do you create characters who are interesting and authentic? What makes a character compelling? Join playwrights Kate Aspengren and Kyle John Schmidt for a lively exploration of character. This interactive workshop will include tips, tricks, and the opportunity to create some rich, unique characters of your own. Writers of any age, experience level, or genre are welcome.



## Guided Walk

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## Amanda Prowse

**SWIMMING TO LUNDY**

11am-12pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

We are delighted to welcome international bestselling author, radio and TV personality Amanda Prowse to the Festival. Amanda is the most prolific writer of bestselling contemporary fiction in the UK today. Today, Amanda will be in conversation about her career, her bestselling books and her forthcoming novel, *Swimming to Lundy* (available August 2024).





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## Jennie Godfrey

### THE LIST OF SUSPICIOUS THINGS

2pm-3pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

*The List of Suspicious Things*, became a *Sunday Times* top ten bestseller soon after publication. From her dad's realisation that he knew the Yorkshire Ripper, to a passion for true crime podcasts, author Jennie Godfrey shares the inspiration behind her bestselling novel, coming to fiction after the age of 50, and the real-life inspiration behind her story of Miv, the twelve-year-old determined to track down the Yorkshire Ripper.



## Dr Serena Trowbridge

### STORIES OF THE STONES

4pm-5pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Britain's landscape contains many stone circles, especially in Cornwall, Wales and Scotland. Their original purpose remains mysterious despite extensive archaeological investigation, and perhaps it is their obscurity which makes them so fascinating. The stories told of the stones tell us more about our culture than they do about the sites themselves. Dr Serena Trowbridge will explore some of these stories and consider the significance of mythmaking and storytelling.



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## Harriet Evans and Veronica Henry

### THE STARGAZERS AND THE SECRET BEACH

6pm-7pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Between them, Harriet Evans and Veronica Henry have written over forty bestselling novels. Their writing careers began when they were editors, Harriet in publishing and Veronica in television. When Harriet was working at Penguin, she gave Veronica her first book deal. Today, they discuss their writing processes, what makes a bestseller and, their latest books, *The Stargazers* and *The Secret Beach*.



## Jenny Eclair

### IN CONVERSATION

8pm-9pm, Fowey Parish Church, £16

Stand-up comedian Jenny Eclair was the first woman to win the coveted Perrier Award, the UK's top comedy award, in 1995. Since then, she has taken multiple shows on tour around the country. She is also a critically acclaimed author, and tonight will be in conversation with BBC Radio Cornwall's, Daphne Skinnard, talking about life and her forthcoming book, *Jokes, Jokes, Jokes – My Very Funny Memoir*, published this autumn.

# FESTIVAL PLANNER 2024

## FRI 10 MAY

8pm-10pm	The Overtones	Fowey Parish Church
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## SAT 11 MAY

11am-12noon	Rupert Tower	Fowey Town Hall
2pm-3pm	Bryony Gordon	Fowey Town Hall
4pm-5pm	Jessica Hepburn	Fowey Town Hall
6pm-7pm	Dr Helen Doe	Fowey Town Hall
8pm-10pm	Movie Night – Don't Look Now	Fowey Town Hall

## SUN 12 MAY

10am-1pm	Tiffany Murray – Writing Workshop	Fowey Parish Hall
11am-12noon	Sarah Harkness	Fowey Town Hall
12.30pm-1.30pm	Meet The Festival Team	Fowey Town Hall
2pm-3pm	Madeline Olivia	Fowey Town Hall
4pm-5pm	Tiffany Murray	Fowey Town Hall
6pm-7pm	Louis de Bernières	Fowey Parish Church
8pm-10pm	Richard Trethewey Trio	Fowey Town Hall

## MON 13 MAY

9am-10.30am	Dr Ella Westland – Reading Group	Fowey Parish Hall
11am-12noon	Helen Hanson	Fowey Town Hall
12.30pm-1.30pm	Caroline Quentin	Fowey Parish Church
2pm-4pm	Guided Walk	Main Car Park, PL23 1ET
2pm-3pm	Annie Price	Fowey Town Hall
4pm-5pm	David Gibbins	Fowey Town Hall
6pm-7pm	Alan Johnson	Fowey Town Hall
8pm-10pm	Festival Jazz Evening	Fowey Parish Church

## TUES 14 MAY

10am-4pm	Megan Stallworthy – Workshop	Fowey Parish Hall
11am-12noon	Galen Bartholomew	Fowey Town Hall
12.15am-1pm	Truro Senior School Musicians – Lunchtime Recital	Fowey Parish Church
2pm-3pm	Nicola Upson	Fowey Town Hall
4pm-5pm	Dr Helen Doe	Fowey Town Hall
6pm-7pm	Lesley-Ann Jones	Fowey Town Hall
8pm-10pm	Comedy Evening with Johnny Cowling	Fowey Parish Church

## WED 15 MAY

9am-10.30am	Creative Writing Workshop	Fowey Parish Hall
10.30am-12.30pm	Guided Walk	Main Car Park, PL23 1ET
11am-12pm	Amanda Prowse	Fowey Town Hall
2pm-3pm	Jennie Godfrey	Fowey Town Hall
4pm-5pm	Dr Serena Trowbridge	Fowey Town Hall
6pm-7pm	Harriet Evans and Veronica Henry	Fowey Town Hall
8pm-9pm	Jenny Eclair	Fowey Parish Church

## THURS 16 MAY

9am-10.30am	Dr Serena Trowbridge – Reading Group	Fowey Parish Hall
11am-12noon	Georgina Moore and Becky Hunter	Fowey Town Hall
2pm-3pm	Dr Serena Trowbridge	Fowey Town Hall
4pm-5pm	Lemn Sissay	Fowey Parish Church
6pm-7pm	Kate Strasdin	Fowey Town Hall
8pm-10pm	Loveny Male Voice Choir	Fowey Parish Church

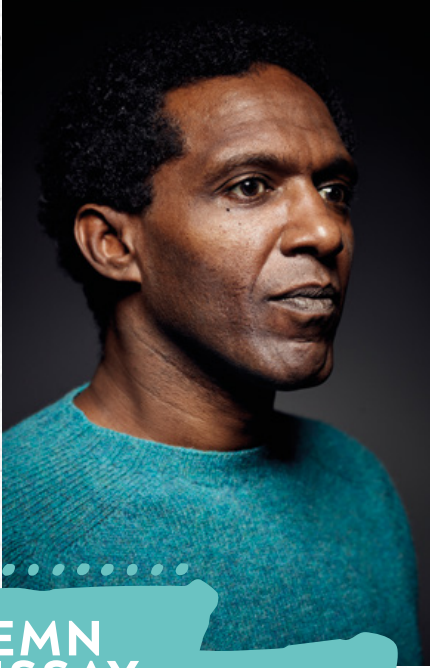
## FRI 17 MAY

9am-10.30am	Dr Serena Trowbridge – Reading Group	Fowey Parish Hall
11am-12noon	David Parker	Fowey Town Hall
12.30pm-1.30pm	ARKangel – Lunchtime Recital	Fowey Parish Church
2pm-3pm	Susan Smillie	Fowey Town Hall
4pm-5pm	Adam Sisman	Fowey Town Hall
6pm-7pm	Iain Dale and Friends	Fowey Town Hall
8pm-9pm	John O'Farrell	Fowey Parish Church

## SAT 18 MAY

10.30am-12.30pm	Guided Walk	Par Beach Car Park, PL24 2AS
11am-12noon	Wyl Menmuir	Fowey Town Hall
2pm-3pm	Christie Watson	Fowey Town Hall
4pm-5pm	Vernon Bogdanor	Fowey Town Hall
6pm-7pm	Robert Hardman	Fowey Parish Church
8pm-10pm	For The Many Live	Fowey Parish Church

We look forward to seeing you next year.  
The Festival dates are May 9-17 2025.



# LEMN SISSAY

4PM FOWEY PARISH CHURCH



## Dr Serena Trowbridge

**READING GROUP  
FRENCHMAN'S CREEK**

9am-10.30am, Fowey Parish Hall, £10

Join Dr Serena Trowbridge for an informal reading group discussion on du Maurier's *Frenchman's Creek*. This classic novel is one which is often described as 'romantic', and yet is perplexingly both romantic and pragmatic, dreamy yet realistic. Come along and discuss whether this is a 'pirate romance' or a clear-sighted approach to women's lot.



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## Georgina Moore and Becky Hunter

**IN CONVERSATION**

11am-12pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Join Georgina Moore, to celebrate the paperback publication of her captivating debut novel, and highly reviewed *Sunday Times* bestseller, *The Garnett Girls*. Georgina will be in conversation with fellow author Becky Hunter, whose latest novel, *Meet Me When My Heart Stops*, comes after her own acclaimed debut, *One Moment*. Together, they will talk about their latest novels, their careers in the publishing industry and their respective writing journeys.

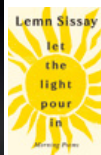


## Dr Serena Trowbridge

**VILLAINESSES, FEMMES FATALES,  
MATRIARCHS AND MUSES:  
DU MAURIER'S HEROINES**

2pm-3pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Du Maurier's novels are filled with strong women, difficult women, interesting and dangerous women. None of the author's heroines are boring, but they are all very different, as though she is experimenting with a variety of approaches to womanhood. Dr Serena Trowbridge will discuss as many of du Maurier's heroines as can be reasonably covered in the time!



## Lemn Sissay OBE

**LET THE LIGHT POUR IN**

**4pm-5pm, Fowey Parish Church, £16**

For the past decade, BAFTA-nominated, award-winning writer, and broadcaster, Lemn Sissay, has composed a short poem, as dawn breaks each morning. Life-affirming, witty and full of wonder, these poems chronicle his own battle with the dark and are fuelled by resilience and defiant joy. *Let the Light Pour In* is a collection of the best of these poems, and a book celebrating this morning practice.



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## Kate Strasdin

**THE DRESS DIARY OF MRS ANNE SYKES**

**6pm-7pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12**

The hidden fabric of a Victorian woman's life, told through her unique scrapbook. In 1838, Anne Sykes was given a diary on her wedding day. Using it to collect snippets of fabric, she created a record of her life and times. Nearly two hundred years later, the diary fell into the hands of fashion historian, Kate Strasdin, who spent the next six years unravelling the secrets contained within its pages.



## Loveny Male Voice Choir

**8pm-10pm, Fowey Parish Church, £15**

Since its inception over 50 years ago, Loveny Male Voice Choir has performed to international audiences to high acclaim. Tonight, they will be singing a variety of music genres, including traditional, contemporary, and Cornwall-based songs. In 2022 they won the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival, and were judged the Best UK Choir, Best Cornish Choir and gave the Best Festival piece.



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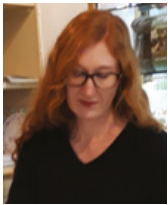


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## JOHN O'FARRELL

8PM FOWEY PARISH CHURCH



## Dr Serena Trowbridge

READING GROUP  
*THE KING'S GENERAL*

9am-10.30pm, Fowey Parish Hall, £10

Join Dr Serena Trowbridge for an informal reading group discussion on du Maurier's *The King's General*. Written at Menabilly and deeply rooted in Cornish history, this novel in the Gothic genre is set during the English Civil War and contains some of du Maurier's most striking characters. This session is an opportunity to explore the historical, literary, and imaginary roots of a compelling novel.



## David Parker

FOR THOSE IN PERIL

11am-12pm, Fowey Town Hall, £10

*'And that's when things got a bit rough because I knew I was the one who was going to have to go into that hold to rescue the two men trapped'*. These are the words of RAF winchman Eric Smith, who won the George Medal for his bravery at sea. Eric is just one of the many voices in this award-winning film made by David Parker, telling the story of the lifesaving work of the rescue services including, in its bicentenary year, the RNLI. This gripping and life-affirming film is about the people who put their own lives at risk, to come to the aid of those in peril from the sea.



## ARKangel

LUNCHTIME RECITAL – *CIDER WITH ROSIE*

12.30pm-1.30pm, Fowey Parish Church, Entry Free. Donations to the Festival Welcome.

Capturing Laurie Lee's richly descriptive language, coloured with a feast of music, ARKangel's *Cider with Rosie* explores Laurie's much-loved memoir of childhood in an age of social change and his never to be forgotten encounter with Rosie Burdock. This recital is interwoven with traditional song and the music of Vaughan Williams, John Ireland, Elgar, Debussy and Holst.



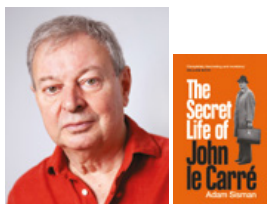
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## Susan Smillie

### THE HALF BIRD

2pm-3pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

*The Half Bird* is a beautifully written piece of nonfiction. Former Guardian Journalist and author, Susan Smillie will be talking about her incredible story of one woman's solo journey, from Land's End to the shores of Greece, exploring the unexpected joy of solitude, self-discovery, and resilience. Setting sail from the southwest coast of England, she was unaware this spontaneous departure would lead to a journey spanning several years and countries across the continent.



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## Adam Sisman

### THE SECRET LIFE OF JOHN LE CARRÉ

4pm-5pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

John le Carré's biographer, Adam Sisman, reveals the tale of an extraordinary secret life of the great novelist, which he was unable to publish while le Carré was alive. *The Secret Life of John le Carré* is the story of what was left out. It offers reflections on the difficult relationship between biographer and subject and reveals a hitherto hidden perspective on the life and work of the famous spy-turned-author.



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## Iain Dale and Friends

### KINGS AND QUEENS: 1200 YEARS OF BRITISH AND ENGLISH MONARCHS

6pm-7pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Award-winning broadcaster and presenter, Iain Dale, has compiled and edited *Kings and Queens*, a book charting the long history of the British monarchy. It features 64 essays by journalists, historians and politicians, on every individual to have sat on the throne – as well as some who didn't. *Kings and Queens* provides valuable insight into British history and how Britain is ruled today.



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## John O'Farrell

### FAMILY POLITICS

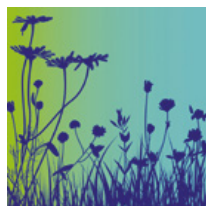
8pm-9pm, Fowey Parish Church, £16

Bestselling author and scriptwriter, John O'Farrell joins us to talk about his latest novel *Family Politics*. Full of warm-hearted wit and razor-sharp political satire, *Family Politics* is an insightful antidote to our divided times. Formerly a comedy scriptwriter for shows such as *Spitting Image* and *Have I Got News For You*, he more recently co-wrote the movie *Chicken Run 2*, the Broadway musicals *Something Rotten!* and *Mrs Doubtfire* and the forthcoming *Just For One Day – The Story of Live Aid*, which opened at the Old Vic in early 2024.

SATURDAY 18 MAY



**IAIN DALE, JACQUI SMITH  
& JOHNNY MERCER 8PM FOWEY PARISH CHURCH**



## Guided Walk

### **STRANDS OF TIME**

10.30am-12.30pm, Par Beach Car Park,  
Par, PL24 2AS, £12

Daphne du Maurier wrote two of her later novels based solely on the area around Par and Tywardreath. Blue Badge Guide, Dawn, will lead you on this walk, taking you to these villages to look at them both historically and with a view to seeing how they were treated in du Maurier's books. This circular walk is approximately 2 miles and a little steep in places. Max 20 walkers. Strictly no dogs.



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## Wyl Menmuir

### **THE HEART OF THE WOODS**

11am-12pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Join award-winning writer, Wyl Menmuir, for a fascinating talk about his latest book, *The Heart of The Woods*. He travelled the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland to meet the people who plant trees, the ecologists who study them, those who shape beautiful objects and tools from wood, and those who use them to help others. It will delight anyone who enjoys walking among the trees, and anyone who, when lost, has found themselves in the woods.





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## Christie Watson

### **MORAL INJURIES**

2pm-3pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Christie Watson, former nurse turned award-winning writer and researcher, discusses her highly anticipated new thriller, *Moral Injuries*. This gripping page-turner follows the lives of three female medics whose unbreakable bond is tested to its limits. Expect an event of intrigue and suspense as Watson delves into the moral ambiguity that arises when lives hang in the balance.



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## Vernon Bogdanor

### **THE STRANGE SURVIVAL OF LIBERAL BRITAIN: POLITICS AND POWER BEFORE THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

4pm-5pm, Fowey Town Hall, £12

Britain's best-known constitutional historian, Professor Vernon Bogdanor, says the 20 turbulent years before the outbreak of the First World War, heralded a new agenda that still dominates today. Vernon claims that we are still grappling with the same complex and difficult issues that the Edwardians were, but that Britain's institutions and liberal political culture were strong enough to guarantee the survival of liberal Britain today.



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## Robert Hardman

### **CHARLES III: NEW KING. NEW COURT. THE INSIDE STORY**

6pm-7pm, Fowey Parish Church, £16

During this talk, acclaimed royal biographer, Robert Hardman will discuss the story of transition at the very top – and of a sovereign resolute in making his mark. With unrivalled access to the Royal Family, their close friends, staff past and present, plus previously unseen papers in the Royal Archives, Robert, who is also the writer and co-producer of the BBC documentary, *Charles III: The Coronation Year*, reveals Charles the man, as well as the monarch.



## For The Many Live with Iain Dale, Jacquie Smith and Johnny Mercer

8pm-10pm, Fowey Parish Church, £20

Join us for a hilarious evening of politics as you have never heard it before! We are thrilled to welcome acclaimed political broadcaster, Iain Dale, and former Labour Home Secretary, Jacquie Smith, for a live edition of their award winning *For The Many* podcast. Expect political insight and analysis, gossip and humour, as they review the latest political news with their special guest, West Country Conservative MP and Veterans Minister, Johnny Mercer.



# FOWEY FESTIVAL 2024 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

## Authors and Artist in Schools

The children's programme continues to grow, with schools throughout the region taking part. Authors and an artist will be visiting schools in the region, to run interactive talks and workshop, reaching over 800 children.

### This Year's Writers and Artists



#### SARAH TAGHOLM

Sarah Tagholm is a children's author who loves writing about confused animals, mischievous children and all things bizarre. She is passionate about encouraging a love of reading, libraries and availability of books for all children. She is currently celebrating her most recently published children's book *We Are The Wibbly* (Bloomsbury Children's Books). Sarah lives with her husband and son in Cornwall, where they spend so much time in the sea she thinks it's a wonder they haven't grown gills!



#### CLARE OWEN

After completing an English degree at Oxford University and working for ten years as an actor and arts administrator, Clare married a boat builder and moved to Cornwall. In 2008 she founded a theatre company specialising in improvising the real-life stories of audiences around the county, before going on to write and perform her own material with the all-women ensemble, Riot of the Freelance Mind. Her short stories have been published in anthologies and literary magazines, and her YA novel *Zed and the Cormorants* (Arachne Press), won the Hoyer an Gof Young Adult Award in 2022.



#### SEAN HEWITT

Sean is an Academician with the South West Academy of Fine and Applied Arts; a Network Artist with the Royal West of England Academy and associate member of Penwith Society. He exhibits widely in the southwest and London. His work is in private collections in England, Wales and the USA.



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## Competition for Young Writers and Artists

The Competition for Young Writers and Artists, is an established annual competition for all children and young people living in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, age 4-16. The theme for 2024 was 'Beaches'. We invited children and young people, to create their own original story, poem, piece of factual writing or piece of artwork, and enter our competition to become the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature, Young Writer or Young Artist of the Year, 2024.

This year we received an incredible 872 entries from children and young people across Cornwall. The standard of entry was extremely high, making the judges job very difficult! The Trustees of the Festival are very grateful to the group of local artists, poets, writers and teachers who judged each entry with care and consideration. There was a tremendous range of stories, poems, factual writing and artwork demonstrating the wonderful and vivid imaginations of the children and young people.

On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the work of our wonderful budding artists, poets and writers and at this celebratory event we awarded the prestigious Young Writer of the Year 2024 and Young Artist of the Year 2024.

Our sincere thanks go to our sponsors: Waterstones, The Arts Society Mid Cornwall, Fowey River Gallery and Atishoo Gallery, for providing the prizes, display space and framing of artwork. Thanks also go to the Fowey Hall Hotel for hosting the award ceremony.

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Also, many thanks to all those who opened their gardens and supplied refreshments for the Secret Gardens.

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## YOUNG WRITERS' AND ARTISTS' COMPETITION 2024

**Competition Coordinator:** Angela Palin

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**Guest Judge:** Veronica Henry

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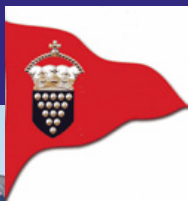
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Access to the lifeboat will be subject to weather and operational requirements.



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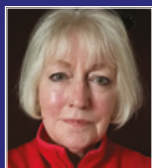
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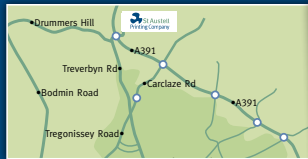




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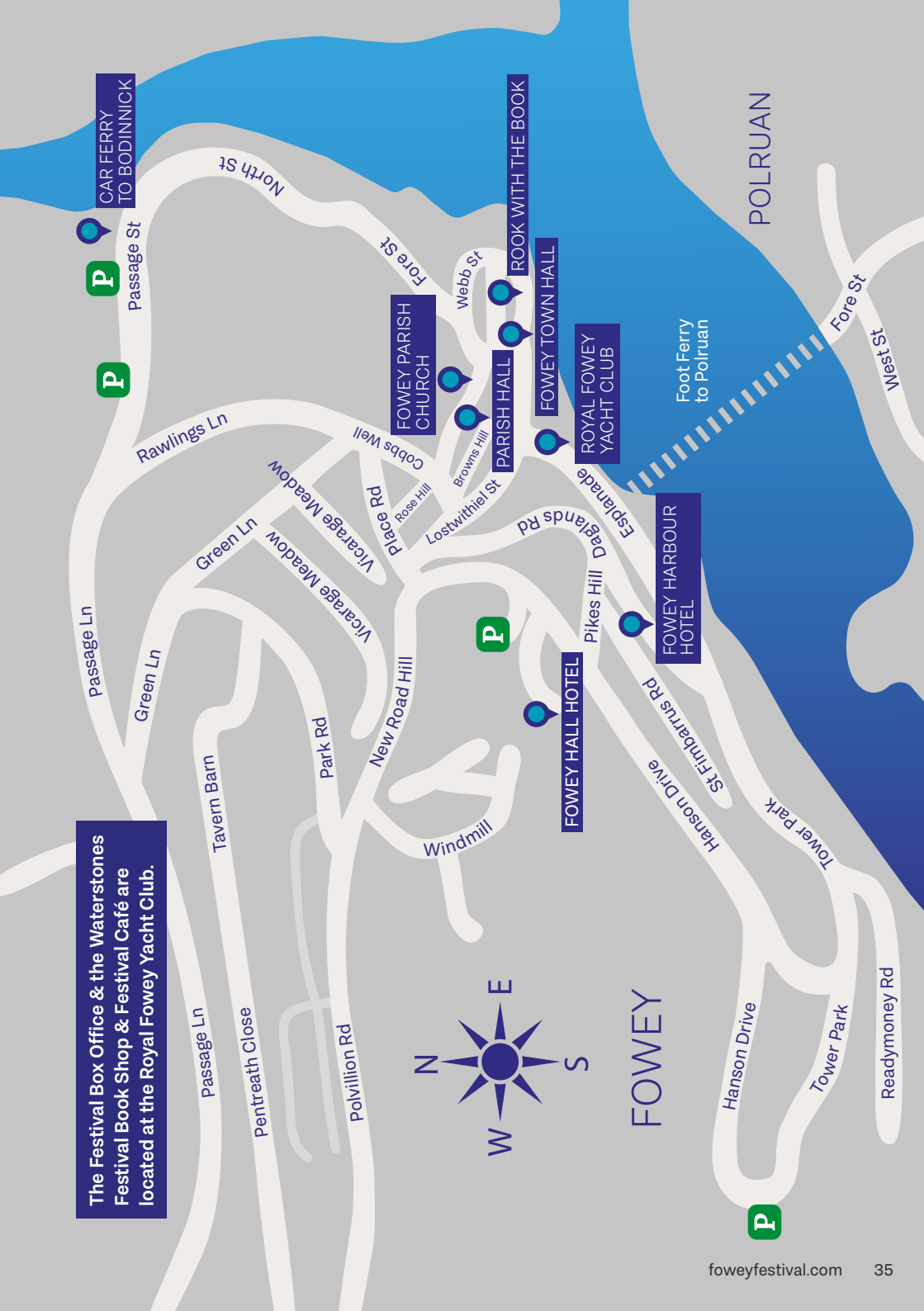
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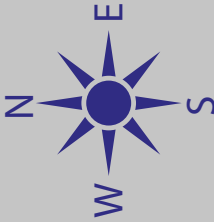
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