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# Welcome East Riding Libraries' Festival of Words 2024!

This year the Festival programme is filled with fascinating bestselling authors, interesting discussions and workshops. Featuring memoirs; historical non-fiction; crime writing; gardening; romantic fiction; science fiction and fantasy, there is something for everyone!

TIME	AUTHOR	EVENT	VENUE	PRICE
Friday	11 October 2024		Barra an	
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llam	Milly Johnson	The Big Read	North Bridlington Library	FREE
Ipm	Glenda Young and Mollie Walton	Pages Ago: Families Through Time	North Bridlington Library	£7
3pm	Bridget Collins	The Silence Factory	North Bridlington Library	£7

#### Saturday, 12 October 2024

10am	Tim Sullivan	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Detective	Beverley Memorial Hall	£7
11.30am	Ruth Ware and Erin Kelly	Psychological Thrillers	Beverley Memorial Hall	£7
1.30pm	J.R Ellis	Yorkshire Murder Mystery	Beverley Memorial Hall	£7
3pm	Louise Swanson	Lights Out	Beverley Memorial Hall	£7

#### Sunday, 13 October 2024

-	2pm	David Kynaston	Richie Benaud's Blue Suede Shoes	Haltemprice Library and Customer Services	£7
	3.30pm	David Horspool	More Than a Game	Haltemprice Library and Customer Services	£7

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#### Wednesday, 16 October 2024 7.30pm Robin Ince An Evening with Robin Ince

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7pm	Marc Burrows	The Magic of Terry Pratchett	Pocklington Arts Centre	£10

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Friday,	18 October 2024			
1.30pm	Greg Loades	Hull Urban Gardener	Withernsea Library and Customer Services	£7
2pm	Botany Boutique	Kokedama Workshop	Hornsea Hub	£10

10am	Sarah Brooks and Frances White	Fantastic New Journeys	Beverley Memorial Hall	£7
11.30am	Joanne Harris	The Moonlight Market	Beverley Memorial Hall	£7
2pm	Jasper Fforde	Red Side Story	Beverley Memorial Hall	£7
3.15pm	Libraries Team	Fantasy Quiz	Beverley Memorial Hall	FREE with a fantas day ticket
4pm	Natasha Pulley	The Mars House	Beverley Memorial Hall	£7

### Sunday, 20 October 2024

10.30am	Leigh Johnstone	The Beardy Gardener	Burton Constable Hall and Gardens	£7
11.45am	Botany Boutique	Terrarium Workshop	Burton Constable Hall and Gardens	£10
l2 noon	Burton Constable Rangers	Parkland Tour	Burton Constable Hall and Gardens	FREE with any Sunday author event ticket or day ticket
Ipm	Joe Bagley	UK Houseplant Doctor	Burton Constable Hall and Gardens	£7
2pm	Burton Constable Rangers	Parkland Tour	Burton Constable Hall and Gardens	FREE with any Sunday author event ticket or day ticket
2.15pm	Botany Boutique	Terrarium Workshop	Burton Constable Hall and Gardens	£10
3.30pm	Philippa Forrester	Wild Woman	Burton Constable Hall and Gardens	£7

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# **ABOUT THE FACILITATORS:**

#### ALEXANDRA WESTON

Alexandra Weston writes historical fiction under her own name and fantasy as Alys West. Her debut historical novel 'The Hollywood Governess' was published by Boldwood Books in June 2024. She has a MA in Creative Writing from York

St John University and is an experienced creative writing tutor. Alex lives with her partner and a ginger cat called Wilf in East Yorkshire. She sings with her local community choir and loves live music, bookshops and cake.

#### JESSICA REDLAND



sprocker spaniel. Scarborough provides the main inspiration for the fictional seaside town of Whitsborough Bay where thirteen of Jessica's twenty-four books (so far) are set. The Hedgehog Hollow series takes readers to the rolling countryside of the Yorkshire Wolds, and her Escape to the Lakes series is set by Derwent Water in the

lessica is a million copy bestseller of emotional but uplifting stories of love, friendship, family and community. She lives in Scarborough with her husband, daughter and an energetic

NICK QUANTRILL

Nick Quantrill was born and raised in Hull. an isolated industrial city in East Yorkshire. His Private Investigator novels featuring Joe Geraghty are published



by Fahrenheit Press. The fourth in the series, 'Sound of the Sinners' represents a new direction for both loe and Nick and kick-starts a series of new cases. A prolific short story writer, Nick's work has appeared in various volumes of 'The Mammoth Book of Best British Crime' alongside the genre's most respected names. Nick is also the co-founder of the Hull Noir festival.

#### VAL WOOD

Val Wood was born in Castleford but now lives in Beverley. She has written 27 novels, all set in and around Hull and the East Riding. Her first novel, The Hungry Tide, published in 1993 won



the Catherine Cookson Prize for Romantic Fiction.

Val's books were named amongst the top loaned titles in UK libraries on BBC Radio 4s Open Book show. Her work was featured on BBC Radio 4's Front Row and the BBC documentary Books That Made Britain. In 2017 Val was awarded an honorary doctorate from The University of Hull.

### TAN CLAYTON



stunning Lake District.

lan Clayton has been a jobbing writer, storyteller and workshop leader since the 1980's. His book 'Bringing it all Back Home' was a music book best seller. He has written on a wide variety of subjects including the environment, homelessness, grief and Rugby League. He won 'Best Writer' award for 'It's the Beer Talking' his book about public houses. He has worked as a broadcaster on radio and television for many years and was a twice visiting scholar in creative writing at the prestigious North East University in Changchun, China. He still lives in the former coal mining village in West Yorkshire where he was born. He likes traditional pubs, jazz music, folklore and music hall songs.

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#### ABT WHTTAKER.

Abi Whitaker is the longest standing member of The Debut Digest, a platform dedicated to supporting new writers. The Debut Digest publishes book reviews in a free monthly newsletter to over 700 subscribers and hosts regular online events where Abi and the team interview debut authors. Living in Yorkshire, Abi is dedicated to demystifying the publishing industry and championing new voices and independent presses, especially those based

in the North of England. She is an avid reader, mostly of literary fiction. and you can often find her scrolling booktok or scouring the shelves of her local bookshops.

#### DR. MAGGIE SUMNER



Dr. Maggie Sumner is a historian and librarian whose lifelong love of cricket was sparked by the 1961 Ashes Tests. She is also Secretary of East **Riding Cricket Society** (2011 - present).

#### LOUTSE BEECH

Louise Beech is the author of ten novels and a memoir, Eighteen Seconds. Her books have been a Guardian Readers' Pick, and have been shortlisted for



the Romantic Novel Award, the Polari Prize, and the Audies23. Call Me Star Girl was Best magazine's Book of the Year. Two thrillers, End of Story and Lights Out are written as Louise Swanson. Louise's play, How to be Brave, comes to the East Riding of Yorkshire in October.

#### OLIVER K. LANGMEAD



Oliver K. Langmead writes speculative fiction. His new verse-novel, Calvoso, is available from Titan Books now. His previous book, Glitterati was shortlisted for a British Fantasy Award, and named

one of New Scientist's best Science Fiction books of 2022. He is a Lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of Lancaster, and in late 2018 he was the writer in residence at the European Space Agency's Astronaut Centre in Cologne.



WE START OUR FESTIVAL SEASON WITH A SERIES OF EVENTS AT NORTH BRIDLINGTON LIBRARY, FEATURING SOME NATIONAL

AND LOCAL BESTSELLING AUTHORS.

# THE BIG READ

#### MILLY JOHNSON IN CONVERSATION WITH JESSICA REDLAND

North Bridlington Library Friday, 11 October 2024 | 11am

TICKETS: Free

This year's Big Read features the fabulous novels of bestselling author Milly Johnson. 2024 sees the publication of Milly's 21<sup>st</sup> novel, The Happiest Ever After and her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. A story of second chances, resilience and the importance of community, kindness and friendship. Milly's life, like her writing, shows that with drive and an indomitable spirit, life really can be magical.

### PAGES AGO: FAMILIES THROUGH TIME

## GLENDA YOUNG AND MOLLIE WALTON IN CONVERSATION WITH VAL WOOD

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North Bridlington Library | Friday, 11 October 2024 | 1pm

A wonderful panel event hosted by Val Wood who will be chatting to bestselling romantic historical fiction authors Mollie Walton and Glenda Young. Mollie Walton's first family saga, The Ironbridge Saga, was set in Victorian Shropshire amid the iron, brick and coal industries. Her latest series, The Raven Hall Saga, is set in WW2 Yorkshire. The series follows the Calvert-Lazenby family of a mother and five daughters living through wartime at home in Ravenscar, Scarborough and further afield.

Glenda Young lives in the northeast where her saga novels are set in the coal mining village of Ryhope, where she was born and bred. You don't need to know Ryhope to enjoy the books, which have a feisty, young heroine at their core. The novels are gritty sagas, inspired by her love of soap opera, really dramatic with lots of action and some wonderful female characters! There's a lot of warmth and humour too.



### THE DARKEST CRIME, THE DARKEST SHADOWS A Saturday of murder and mystery

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BEVERLEY MEMORIAL HALL | SATURDAY, 12 OCTOBER | 10AM - 4PM

ERIN KELLY

11.30am | £7

### 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY DETECTIVE *TIM SULLIVAN*

#### 10am | £7

Our celebration of crime writing begins with Tim Sullivan. Tim is a crime writer, screenwriter and director whose film credits include A Handful of Dust, Jack and Sarah, and Cold Feet. Early in his career he directed Jeremy Brett's iconic portrayal of Sherlock Holmes in ITV's The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes, cementing his lifelong passion for crime fiction.

Tim Sullivan's critically acclaimed crime series features the socially awkward but brilliantly persistent DS George Cross, it has won an army of fans and topped the book charts. *The Teacher* is the sixth in the series.



# PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLERS





Erin Kelly is one of the most well respected and critically acclaimed voices in the crime writing community. She is the Sunday Times bestselling author of The Poison Tree, The Sick Rose, The Burning Air, The Ties That Bind, He Said She Said, Stone Mothers / We Know You Know, Watch Her Fall, The Skeleton Key and Broadchurch: The Novel, inspired by the mega-hit TV series.

Ruth Ware is an international number one bestseller. Her thrillers In a Dark, Dark Wood, The Woman in Cabin 10, The Lying Game, The Death of Mrs Westaway, The Turn of the Key, One by One, The It Girl and Zero Days have appeared on bestseller lists around the world, including the Sunday Times and New York Times, and have sold more than nine million copies. Her books have been optioned for both film and TV, and she is published in more than 40 languages.



## THE SILENCE FACTORY

#### BRIDGET COLLINS

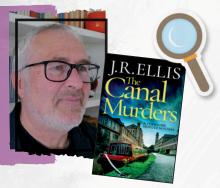
North Bridlington Library Friday, 11 October 2024 | 3pm TICKETS: £7

From Bridget Collins, author of breakout sensation, #1 bestseller and bookseller favourite THE BINDING, comes an inventive, spellbinding blend of speculative and historical fiction. THE SILENCE FACTORY is a story of complicity, desire and corruption - a novel to lose yourself in.

### YORKSHIRE MURDER MYSTERY J.R ELLIS

#### 1.30pm | £7

Meet J.R Ellis, the Author of *The Yorkshire Murder Mystery Series*. Set in the landscapes of Yorkshire and highlighting the astonishingly varied beauty of God's Own Country, in these exciting crime stories, the mystery is as much about how the crime was done as who did it. This makes the construction of the plot that bit more challenging but even more entertaining to read.





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### LIGHT'S OUT LOUISE SWANSON

#### 3pm | £7

#### LOOKING FOR A DAY OF EVENTS TO BOWL YOU OVER? LOOK NO FURTHER WITH OUR DAY DEDICATED TO SPORTS, FEATURING ACCLAIMED SPORTS AUTHORS AND HISTORIANS.

HALTEMPRICE LIBRARY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES | SUNDAY, 13 OCTOBER

#### **RICHIE BENAUD'S BLUE SUEDE SHOES**

#### DAVID KYNASTON 2pm | £7

August 1961. Old Trafford, Manchester. The three previous Tests of the series: a draw, a win for Australia, a win for England. A wonderful snapshot of a game on cusp, with everything to play for. Watching on, an entire nation sits on tenterhooks as England,

led by Peter May, seem on the verge of victory. Yet, somehow, they manage to throw it all away. Australia, led by their charismatic skipper Richie



The difference between May and Benaud is highlighted the evening before when Benaud, dashing and free-thinking, strolled out to inspect the wicket wearing a pair of blue suede shoes. Such sartorial boldness would have been unthinkable from his

Benaud, storm to victory.

opposite number known for sporting a sharp blazer and cravat. This book marks a vivid recreation of five days of sharply fluctuating fortunes and weaves the narrative of the match into a broader tapestry of social change in the 60s.







### DAVID HORSPOOL

MORE THAN

3.30pm | £7

David Horspool is an editor on the Times Literary between our passion for sport and various forms of

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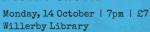


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# A WEEK OF EVENTS FOR EVERY KIND OF READER!

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### THE BACKBONE **OF BRITAIN ROBERT GILDEA**

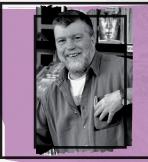


his book 'The Backbone of Britain.'

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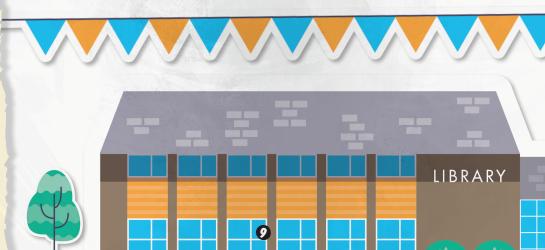
from South Wales to the Midlands, Yorkshire, County



#### WRITING AS STORYTELLING IAN CLAYTON

Monday, 14 October | 1pm | £10 | Willerby Library

lan Clayton has made a living as a writer/storyteller for forty years. In this workshop he will look at the components of telling a good story, from observing and making notes, to using the five senses, listening out for good dialogue, describing people and places and the creation of good imagery through metaphor and simile. The workshop will also look at style and language, structure and making sense of notes made on the wing.





#### AN AUDIENCE WITH ROBIN INCE **ROBIN INCE**

#### Wednesday, 16 October | 7.30pm | £7 | Goole Library

Robin Ince is many things. A multi-award-winning comedian, author, broadcaster, bibliomaniac and a populariser of scientific ideas. He is perhaps best known as the co-host and co-creator of the Sony Gold Award winning BBC Radio 4 series The Infinite Monkey Cage with Professor Brian Cox.

As a stand up Robin has toured the world and as an author he has written four acclaimed books, the latest of which, Bibliomaniac, earned him the prestigious Booksellers Association Author of the Year award.

He co-created the Cosmic Shambles Network and created the groundbreaking science variety night Nine Lessons and Carols for Curious People which has been adapted worldwide.

He has received an Honorary Fellowship of UCL, an honorary doctorate from Royal Holloway College (University of London), and is a fellow of the British Science Association.

### THE MAGIC OF TERRY PRATCHETT MARC BURROWS

Thursday, 17 October | 7.30pm | £10 Pocklington Arts Centre

Ioin author and comedian Marc Burrows on a

biography and officially endorsed by the a trainee journalist to his untimely death from Alzheimers in 2015. Celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Discworld and discover the joy, anger, and delicious cock'n' bull stories



#### HULL URBAN GARDENER **GREG LOADES**

Friday, 18 October | 1.30pm | £7 Withernsea Library and Customer Services

Greg Loades is the author of The Modern Cottage Garden. The 30-Minute Gardener and the National Trust Gardener's Almanac 2024 and 2025 and contributes to a wide range of gardening publications including BBC Gardeners' World magazine and RHS The Garden. He lives in Hull with his wife and three boys.

### **KOKEDAMA WORKSHOP BOTANY BOUTIQUE**

Friday, 18 October | 2pm | £10 | Hornsea Hub

Creating a Kokedama is a fun and unique way to add a Japanese touch to your home or office environment. after the kokedama is also provided.

### OUT OF THIS WORLD A Day of Science Fiction and Fantasy



BEVERLEY MEMORIAL HALL / SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER / 10AM - 5PM

#### FANTASTIC **NEW JOURNEYS** SARAH BROOKS AND FRANCES WHITE

#### 10am | £7



#### THE MOONLIGHT MARKET JOANNE HARRIS

#### 11.30am | £7

Joanne Harris talks fairytales, myths, magic, peril and true love in The Moonlight Market.

Joanne Harris (OBE, FRSL) was born in Barnsley in 1964, of a French mother and an English father. She studied Modern and Mediaeval Languages at Cambridge and was a teacher for fifteen years, during which time she published three novels. including Chocolat (1999), which was made into an Oscar-nominated film starring Juliette Binoche.



### **RED SIDE STORY** JASPER FFORDE

novel, Red Side Story, the much anticipated follow up to Shades of

2pm | £7

genre since 2001 when his novel 'The Eyre Affair' debuted on the New York Times Bestseller list.



'Red Side Story' 2024, is his 17th novel and he counts his sales

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### FANTASY QUIZ LIBRARIES TEAM

3.15pm I FREE for day ticket holders "The librarians were mysterious. It was said they could tell what book you needed just by looking at you, and they could take your voice away with a word." We're also quite good at fantasy quizzes and if you recognise this quote (or are good at quickly googling such things) then join us in the café to test your fantasy knowledge. Solo players and small groups all welcome!

#### WHERE THE WILD THINGS GROW The perfect day of events for anyone who has green fingers!



BURTON CONSTABLE HALL AND GARDENS / SUNDAY, 20 OCTOBER 10.30AM - 4.30PM / ALL TICKETS FOR THE WHERE THE WILD THINGS GROW EVENTS INCLUDE FREE ADMISSION TO BURTON CONSTABLE GROUNDS.

### THE BEARDY GARDENER LEIGH JOHNSTONE

#### 10.30am | £7

Leigh Johnstone aka 'The Beardy Gardener' is a theatre director turned award winning garden designer and broadcaster who rediscovered his passion for plants during the COVID-19 pandemic. He is popular on social media and an active mental health campaigner, using his past struggles to advocate for the power of gardening to improve wellbeing.

Leigh has appeared on BBC Gardeners' World, BBC News, Radio 5 Live and LBC. He has featured in The New York Times, The Mirror, writes for various newspapers and magazines and is a contributor to several horticultural and wellbeing podcasts.





### UK HOUSEPLANT DOCTOR JOE BAGLEY

1pm | £7

Joe Bagley tells us about his journey to becoming *THE* HOUSEPLANT DOCTOR<sup>™</sup> How his love of plants developed, his plant journey so far and the process of writing his first book. Plus, of course, answering all your houseplant questions.

Joe Bagley has been a feature on the TV show, BBC Gardeners' World, where he showcased his home that has amassed around 1,400 houseplants. He's passionate about encouraging others to bring nature indoors to both improve one's health, along with boosting their interior look. His Q&A-based *Houseplant Book* will be released at the start of 2025, comprising over 40 of the most-asked plant questions in the horticultural world.

### THE MARS HOUSE NATASHA PULLEY

#### 4pm | £7

HE MARS HOUSE is a beautiful queer romance set in a future where climate change is riving refugees to Mars. Exploring issues of gender, immigration, xenophobia and climate hange, this exceptional novel is powerful, thoughtful and absolutely compelling.

A #I Sunday Times bestselling author, Natasha Pulley has won the Betty Trask Award, been shortlisted for the Locus Award, WALTER SCOTT PRIZE, THE RSL'S ENCORE AWARD, and her books have been a Sunday Times. The Times and The Observer book of the month, and a Sunday Times book of the year. She has studied around the world, teaching in China, Japan and Peru before returning to the UK to lecture at Bath Spa University. She also works as a panel tutor at the Institute of Continuing Education in Cambridge, and volunteers at the local shipyard, doing maintenance on tall ships. She lives in Bristol.

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### WILD WOMAN PHILIPPA FORRESTER

#### 3.30pm | £7

Philippa Forrester's career as a presenter began with Children's BBC and spans three decades of primetime TV, including much-loved series like Robot Wars and Tomorrow's World, as well as producing natural history programming including Halcyon River Diaries. As an author Philippa has published six books to date, including Wild Woman, Amazing Animal Journeys and On the Trail of Wolves. She currently presents the sustainability podcast Conscious and a mini-documentary series on electric cars.

## WORKSHOPS AND TOURS ON GARDENING DAY

#### TERRARIUM WORKSHOP BOTANY BOUTIQUE

#### 11.45am and 2.15pm £10 per person per workshop

A closed terrarium works when the water cycle, oxygen cycle and nutrient cycle are in harmony. These cycles repeat over and over again, creating steady conditions in your closed terrarium, resulting in it needing very little maintenance.

Attendees will make a small, closed terrarium, using the equipment provided at the workshop. They will be given a small plant selection to choose from to make their terrarium, which they will take away at the end. Advice on how to look after your terrarium is also accurided



#### BURTON CONSTABLE PARKLAND TOUR BURTON CONSTABLE RANGERS

#### 12 noon and 2pm

FREE for anyone with an event ticket

Fancy exploring the grounds of Burton Constable with an experienced parklands ranger? Burton Constable Hall is surrounded by 330 acres of stunning historic grade II listed parkland - the best documented example of a landscape worked by Capability Brown! These free tours will show you the ins and outs of the grounds of this iconic Elizabethan country house.



# EXTRA INFORMATION

## ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

We want everyone who attends our events to feel as comfortable and supported as possible.

You can read about our accessibility features at all our libraries on our *Find a Library* page: simply search for the library you'd like to visit. This can be found by scanning the QR code.





### WHAT ELSE IS ON IN OUR LIBRARIES?

Libraries are a friend for life and we're proud of the events we run day in, day out, for our residents. We know you're probably really looking forward to our Festival of Words events, but if you want more, look at our What's On and see what you can do throughout the year! With events ranging from book clubs to live music, there is something for everyone. You can find more events by scanning the QR code.

### WORKING WITH HIGH SCHOOLS ACROSS THE EAST RIDING

Every year the Festival hosts events in high schools across the county. Working with school librarians, these sessions are fun, creative and interesting. The students have the opportunity to meet authors, explore different genres of books and develop a love for reading.

#### Our Authors for October 2024 are:

**MALCOLM DUFFY:** Who writes books for teenagers addressing issues faced by young people every day. "Seven Million Sunflowers" tells the story of Kat, a fifteen-year old Ukrainian girl who, with her mother Yulia, and brother Marko, leave Kharkiv and come to England to live with their host family, the Hawkins. A quiet street in Kingston-upon-Thames seems the perfect place for Kat and her family to recover from their experiences. But life in England isn't as straightforward as it seems. Escaping a war doesn't mean you've escaped trouble.

**JEFFREY BOAKYE:** With a particular interest in issues surrounding race, masculinity, education and popular culture, Jeffrey uses his charisma, energy and talent for the spoken and written word to write and educate. The critically acclaimed author and broadcaster brings a new soundtrack to

and educate. The critically acclaimed author and broadcaster brings a new soundtrack to pivotal historical moments with his latest book *"Musical World"*. From Billie Holliday to Aretha Franklin, Fela Kuti to Donna Summer, Elton John to Michael Jackson - it turns out that 38 classic tunes reflect and encapsulate the key historical moments of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This year we are delighted to be teaming up with High Schools in Cottingham, Driffield, Withernsea and Beverley. If you would like your school to be involved in our programme for 2025, please contact: *tracey.booth@eastriding.gov.uk* 

Please note that these events are not open to the public.



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# POETRY COMPETITION MY WISH

# EAST RIDING FESTIVAL OF WORDS

Entries will be judged by a panel of published Yorkshire poets

Poems are submitted anonymously, so each entry is judged on its own merits. Winners will be invited to read their poems at a special event.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM EAST RIDING LIBRARIES OR FROM:

WWW.FESTIVALOFWORDS.CO.UK

# HERE ARE SOME PICTURES OF OUR 2023 POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS!









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