



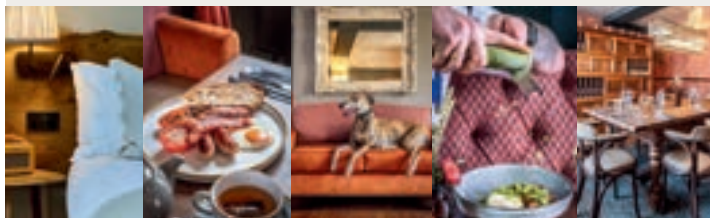
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Introduction

**The Holt Bookshop
is proud to present
a weekend of events
to celebrate our fifth
anniversary – and what
a five years it has been!**

From taking over the shop during
the pandemic and surviving the
second lockdown, we have gone
on to be shortlisted twice as a
Regional & Country Finalist for
East of England for the 2024 &
2025 Independent Bookshop of
the Year Award.

This could not have happened
without the support of all our lovely
customers, many of whom have
become new friends as well! We are
delighted to bring you a weekend
of varied events, from A-list

authors and historians to children's
authors and musicians, ending in
a party night celebration with an
eight-piece band.

We hope you can find something
to interest you and look forward to
seeing you all over the weekend.
Refreshments will be available
all-day Friday & Saturday at the
church, with proceeds going to
St Andrew's. On Sunday the
bar will be open all afternoon &
evening at the Community Centre,
with the proceeds supporting their
50th Anniversary Appeal.

We would also like to take this
opportunity to thank all the local
businesses who have advertised
in this brochure.

Pam & Keith

Art Trail

In Holt we are lucky to have a wonderful array of commercial art galleries.
As part of our celebration, we wished to include an Art Trail in the brochure,
as the galleries in Holt are fundamental to the retail mix and culture of our
town. As literature and art go hand in hand, we are delighted to feature some
of the leading galleries in the town who help foster a sense of local identity
and creativity, and who are showcasing the work they are featuring this
summer. The back-cover map of the town identifies the galleries so you
can spend a day soaking up some of the best art in Norfolk.

THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE, HOLT

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MUSIC

A daily programme of music in the church
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ART EXHIBITION

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Box Office details



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What's On At A Glance

Friday 1st August

11am	Ian Collins <i>at St Andrew's</i>	£8
1.30pm	Simon Finch <i>at St Andrew's</i>	£8
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea with Erica James <i>at Number 10 Café, Bakers & Larners</i>	£22
7pm	Dowland & Donne <i>at St Andrew's</i>	£20

Saturday 2nd August

11am	Nick Trend <i>at St Andrew's</i>	£8
1.30pm	Pen Vogler <i>at St Andrew's</i>	£8
4pm	Lucy Mangan <i>at St Andrew's</i>	£8
7pm	Marian Keyes <i>at St Andrew's</i>	£8

Sunday 3rd August

11am	Ben Garrod <i>at Holt Community Centre</i>	FREE
1pm	Nature At Its Best <i>at Holt Community Centre</i>	£8
3pm	Andrew Martin <i>at Holt Community Centre</i>	£8
7pm	NightTrain <i>at Holt Community Centre</i>	£12



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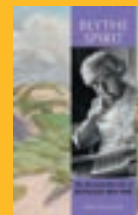
Ian Collins

In conversation with Nick Acheson

Ian Collins is a writer and curator.

He has written numerous biographies and monographs, including the Runciman Award-winning *John Craxton: A Life of Gifts*. Drawing on unparalleled access to letters, notebooks, published works, drafts, and conversations from decades of friendship, Ian tells the full story of Ronald Blythe for the first time. The result, *Blythe Spirit*, is a sensitive, revelatory portrait which celebrates a fascinating, complex man and casts new light on one of our greatest writers.

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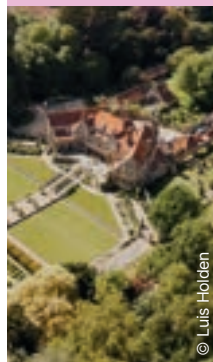


Simon Finch *In conversation with Andrew Taylor*



Simon Finch is an Antiquarian Bookseller,
a passion that began when he was 12.

He has owned shops in Mayfair, Notting Hill and Holt. The firm is known for the eclectic nature of material handled from the First Folio of Shakespeare to the wilder shores of the counterculture. In 1998 he bought Voewood, one of the finest Arts and Crafts houses in England, just outside Holt. Previously used as an institution the restoration took many years, and in the Arts and Crafts tradition Simon used local artists and craftsmen. The house has a unique literary history which Simon will be talking about, alongside his fascinating career.





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at Number 10 Café, Bakers & Larners, £22
(Price includes Afternoon Tea)

Afternoon Tea with Erica James



Erica James is the author of twenty-five internationally bestselling novels.

Her books are loved by readers looking for beautifully drawn relationships, emotionally powerful storylines and evocative settings. A keen gardener, Erica lives in Suffolk and has a growing obsession for doll's houses. She is also a keen follower of F1 motor racing and, when possible, loves travelling to Japan and the US to see her sons. Join Erica for traditional afternoon tea to find out more about her life and work and what inspires her writing.





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Event

Friday 1st August, 7pm
at St. Andrew's Church £20

An Evening with Dowland & Donne

Music and Poetry from the English Renaissance

Enjoy a special evening celebrating the enduring legacy of two towering figures of the English Renaissance: composer and lutenist John Dowland, and poet and Anglican cleric John Donne.

Though they worked in different artistic spheres, they shared a profound sense of spirituality that shaped their work. Dowland's hauntingly beautiful songs and lute music remain some of the most expressive compositions of the period, while Donne's metaphysical poetry continues to captivate with its intensity, wit, and intellectual depth.

This unique event will feature live performances of Dowland's music by acclaimed lutenist Matthew Wadsworth, interwoven with dramatic readings of Donne's poetry by leading actor Alex Jennings.



Matthew Wadsworth,
Lutenist

Working as a soloist and chamber musician, Matthew Wadsworth has appeared at most major concert halls and festivals across the UK and Europe, and can often be heard on radio, both in live performances and recordings.

Matthew has worked as a soloist with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Northern Chamber Orchestra, and as a continuo player with The Academy of Ancient Music, English Touring Opera and the Birmingham Opera Company, to name but a few.

His many recordings for Channel Classics, Linn Records, Deux-Elles and Wigmore Live have all received international critical acclaim and have been featured as Gramophone Editor's Choice on four occasions.



Alex Jennings CBE,
Actor

Alex Jennings is an actor of the stage and screen, who has worked extensively with the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre. He has received three Olivier Awards, for *Too Clever by Half*, *Peer Gynt*, and *My Fair Lady*, the only performer to have won awards in the drama, musical, and comedy categories.

His film work includes, most recently, Wes Anderson's *The Phoenixian Scheme* and the forthcoming *A Ballad of a Small Player*. Other film work includes playing Prince Charles in Stephen Frears's film *The Queen*, and as Alan Bennett in *The Lady in the Van*.

His extensive work on television includes playing the Duke of Windsor in *The Crown*. Other recent appearances include *MobLand*, *Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light*, *A Very Royal Scandal*, *A Very English Scandal*, and *Small Axe: Mangrove*. Jennings was appointed CBE for services to drama in 2024.

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Event

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Nick Trend Talking about art, and JMW Turner

Nick Trend is a senior writer at *The Daily Telegraph*, where he has spent three decades writing about the world's art treasures and producing guides to museums and art collections.

His latest book, *What Art Can Tell Us About Love*, explores the passionate affairs that inspired some of the world's greatest masterpieces. Nick's previous books include *Art Firsts: The Story of Art in 30 Pioneering Works*. His next book *The Art of Travel: Italy in the Footsteps of the Great Artists* is out in September. Nick will be giving an illustrated talk about his work and also helping us celebrate JMW Turner's 250th anniversary.





THE MALTINGS

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To book a stay, view the grain store menu or see our events visit: themaltingsweybourne.com

Event

Saturday 2nd August, 1.30pm
at St Andrew's Church, £8



Pen Vogler *In conversation with Simon Kinder*

Pen Vogler is a food historian and will be helping us celebrate Jane Austen's 250th Anniversary.

Her books include *Dinner with Mr Darcy: Recipes inspired by the novels and letters of Jane Austen*, Sunday Times bestseller *Scoff: A History of Food and Class in Britain*; and *Stuffed: A Political History of What We Eat and Why It Matters*. She co-curated the exhibition *Food Glorious Food* at the Charles Dickens Museum based on her book, *Dinner with Dickens*. She has a column on the history and contemporary issues around food in the *New Statesman* and gives regular media interviews on the subject.





Event

Saturday 2nd August, 4pm
at St Andrew's Church, £8



Lucy Mangan *In conversation with Keith Britten*

Lucy Mangan is the TV critic for *The Guardian*, and a columnist, features writer and reviewer for *Stylist magazine*, *The Telegraph* and many other publications.



She broadcasts frequently on radio and occasionally on television, and is the author of *Bookworm*, *My Family and Other Disasters*, *The Reluctant Bride*, *Hopscotch and Handbags* and *Inside Charlie's Chocolate Factory*. She will be talking with Keith, the co-owner of the bookshop, about her latest publication *Bookish*, and her lifelong passion for books.

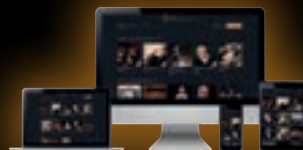


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Event

Saturday 2nd August, 7pm
at St Andrew's, £8



Marian Keyes *In conversation with Holly Ainley*

Marian Keyes is a phenomenon.

The internationally bestselling author of some of the most widely loved novels of the past thirty years – including *Rachel's Holiday*, *Anybody Out There* and *Grown Ups* – has millions of devoted readers around the world. In addition to fifteen previous novels, Marian has also written three collections of journalism, upon which hit BBC Radio 4 show *Between Ourselves* was based. Marian co-hosts *Now You're Asking* with actress Tara Flynn for BBC Radio 4. In 2022, she was named the British Book Awards Author of the Year. *My Favourite Mistake* is her sixteenth novel.



Event

Sunday 3rd August, 11am
at The Holt Community Centre, FREE

Ben Garrod *Free Children's Event*

**Come and meet biologist, broadcaster,
and author Ben Garrod who has lived
around the world, working with animals
from whales to gorillas.**

The Adventures of a Dog Called Jack-Jack is a four-part popular children's book series, told from Jack's hilarious own perspective, retelling his early life surrounded by wild animals in rural Africa, his travels to the UK, and why he suspects there's now a conspiracy regarding walkies and poo-bags...

Ben is also the author of two children's non-fiction series, *Extinct: The Story of Life on Earth*, and *Ultimate Dinosaurs*. He is a natural storyteller with an engaging, witty voice and he lives in Norwich with Jack, who will be hosting the event with Ben.



Event

Sunday 3rd August, 1pm
at The Holt Community Centre, £8

Nick Acheson Simon Barnes Ben Garrod *Nature At Its Best*

**Three of our favourite East Anglian nature writers will
be in conversation discussing the growth in popularity
of nature writing over the last decade.**

Nick Acheson is a Norfolk naturalist and conservationist. He is an ambassador for Norfolk Wildlife Trust, a patron of Felbeck Trust, and chair of Deepdale Conservation Trust, which headstarts curlews and breeds corncrakes for reintroduction. His first book *The Meaning of Geese* was named East Anglian Book of the Year 2023. He has two books out in 2026: one in partnership with Norfolk Wildlife Trust, honouring its centenary, and another with the Society of Wildlife Artists, documenting the artists' year-long exploration of Massingham Heath.

Simon Barnes is the author of many wild volumes including the *Bad Birdwatcher* trilogy. At one stage

he worked as chief sportswriter of *The Times* while writing two weekly wildlife columns for the same newspaper. He is co-founder and trustee of the wildlife charity Conservation South Luangwa UK. He lives with this family on a marsh in the Broads. The red-footed falcon he claims as a garden tick was probably a kestrel.

Ben Garrod is Professor of Evolutionary Biology and Science Engagement at UEA. He is an award-winning TV and radio presenter of numerous BBC documentaries including *Secrets of Bones*, *Attenborough and the Giant Dinosaur* and *Baby Chimp Rescue*.



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Event

Sunday 3rd August, 3pm
at The Holt Community Centre, £8



Andrew Martin

*Talking about his new book **To the Sea by Train***

Andrew Martin is a leading railway historian and novelist.



To the Sea by Train: The Golden Age of Railway Travel is a charming tour through Britain's most beloved pastime. With his signature warmth, wit and style, Andrew invites us into the heyday of holidaymaking by rail, charting its glee-filled rise and gradual decline, and exploring recent signs of revival in Britain's seaside towns. His previous non-fiction titles include *Night Trains*, *Underground*, *Overground* and *Metropolitan: An Ode to the Paris Metro*.

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Art Trail Location 4



Event

Sunday 3rd August, 7pm – 10pm
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£12 Adults, £6 Under 16



Sunday night is party night at the Community Centre with covers band **NightTrain**, an eight-piece party band playing classics from the 60's right through to modern day chart toppers. Come and celebrate our birthday with us.

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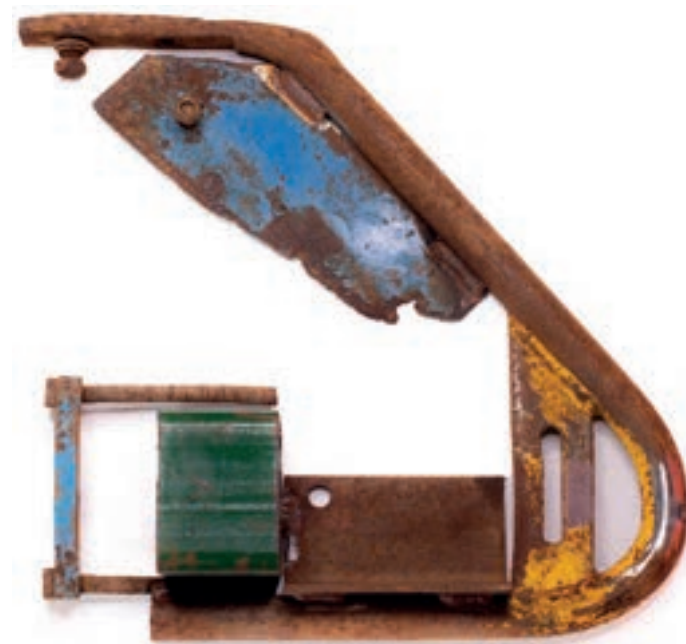
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Art Trail Location 1

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- 28 August 2025

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Private View Thursday 31 July 6pm-9pm

■ Art Trail Locations

■ Literary Weekend Locations

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Anthony Fell
Antiques

**The Holt
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Kerridge Way
NR25 6DN

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Bircham
Gallery

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Utopia: The
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Adrian Hill
Fine Art

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The Red
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