## flamstead book festival 2014 books in the belfry

## Saturday 7th June Programme

EVENTS IN THE CHURCH	EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL	FOOD & DRINK
0900-0915  Grand Opening PETE JOHNSON Free entry		
0930-1015  How to Train Your Parents PETE JOHNSON	0915-0945 Story-time  Start the Day with a Story  GUEST READER(S)	
Louis moves house but his new school is Swotsville and the pressure is on to succeed from mum and dad. Until that is he meets Maddy, who gives him the low-down on how to turn the tables and train his parents. Author PETE JOHNSON reads from <i>How to Train Your Parents</i> and its sequel <i>My Parents are Out of Control</i> , which was shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. Over-10s but parents willing to be trained welcome too.	A surprise guest or guests will read from some of our best-known children's books; some are classics and some are more recent. Aimed at the under-7s but parents and carers welcome.  This session is free but you still need to book a ticket for each child. Up to four free tickets per order.	
age: 7 and over; venue: Church; tickets: £3.00	age: up to 7; venue: Village Hall; tickets: FREE	Coffee Dog and Village Hall
	1000-1045 Workshop Make Your Own Book LAURA TRINDER	
	Children's illustrator LAURA TRINDER, who specialises in comic and graphic novels, hosts a workshop on how to make a book.	
	age: 7 & over; venue: Village Hall; tickets: £3.00	
1045-1130 Brotherhood In the Belfry DAWN FINCH	1100-1145 Workshop Poetry Please JOHN MOLE	
Children's fantasy novelist DAWN FINCH will tell us about Brotherhood of Shades, the story of Adam, a streetwise homeless boy in modern London who finds himself involved with a secret monastic order whose members are	Award-winning children's poet JOHN MOLE will lead a poetry-writing workshop. Rhyming allowed. Just turn up with your imagination for what promises to be a fun session.	
all ghosts. This thrilling and macabre tale takes us on an adventure that spans the living and the dead, traversing time as Adam battles to solve a prophetic riddle and save the world. What better setting than a medieval church?		
age: 11 and over; venue: Church; tickets: £3.00	age: 8-12s; venue: Village Hall; tickets: £3.00	
1145-1230 <b>Ghostbusters</b> JONATHAN STROUD	1200-1245 Workshop Writers' Workshop SUE HAMPTON	
Books in the Belfry will be free of ghouls thanks to top children's author JONATHAN STROUD who will bring along his own ghost-hunting kit to talk about his thrilling new series <i>Lockwood and Co</i> . There is an epidemic of ghosts in Britain and only children have the power to fight them! Lucy Carlyle, a young psychic investigator joins London's smallest agency, run by charismatic Anthony Lockwood. But their case involves spending a night in the most haunted house in England and trying to stay alive.	Children's author SUE HAMPTON hosts a creative writing workshop for teenagers. Enjoy the freedom to be creative in an interactive and engaging session. You never know. You could go on to be the next JK Rowling.	
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EVENTS IN THE CHURCH	EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL	FOOD
1300-1400 So You Want to Publish Your Own Book? LIONEL BIRNIE, AMANDA SMITH & IAN RIDLEY		
With the advent of the Internet, e-books and the Kindle, it's never been easier to get your own work out there. But how best to do it? LIONEL BIRNIE, AMANDA SMITH and IAN RIDLEY - three authors who successfully branched out into self-publishing - explain what prompted their decision to go it alone as well as the pitfalls and advice on how to market the end-product.		Local pubs
venue: Church; tickets: £5.00		
	1400-1500 <b>Gardeners' Tea Time</b> MATT BIGGS	
	Come and take tea and talk tubers with MATT BIGGS, otherwise known as The People's Gardener. Well known for his appearances on the long-running BBC Radio Four Gardeners' Question Time this is GQT with a difference.	with the session
	venue: Village Hall; tickets: £5.00 with tea/coffee & scone	
1500-1600 This Sporting Life IAN RIDLEY, MARK HALSEY & STEVE CLARIDGE	1530-1700 Afternoon Tea Refreshments in the Village Hall	
Award-winning author IAN RIDLEY discusses the art of sports writing and autobiographies with two leading football figures whose lives he has brought to the page. MARK HALSEY, who until he retired last summer, was the Premier League's longest serving referee, will talk about Added Time, recently short-listed for Sports Biography of the Year. Then ex-Premier League footballer turned BBC pundit STEVE CLARIDGE recalls Tales from the Boot Camps and its sequel Beyond the Boot Camps.		Village Hall
venue: Church tickets: £5.00		
1700-1800 The Spy Who Loved CLARE MULLEY		
CLARE MULLEY's extraordinary story of Christine Granville, Britain's first female agent in the Second World War, was published to critical acclaim last year. <i>The Spy Who Loved</i> uncovers the secrets, loves and life of a wartime heroine whose contribution to the Allied effort earned her the George Medal. Clare will discuss code-breaking, honey-traps and our enduring fascination with spies.		
venue: Church tickets: £5.00		
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1900-2000 In Conversation TONY PARSONS		
TONY PARSONS is known for his best-selling novels on the trials and tribulations of modern life, notably <i>Man and Boy</i> , which won the Book of the Year prize in 2001. Now he is moving in a new direction with the publication of his first crime thriller <i>The Murder Bag</i> , already listed in the top 10 must-read books this year. Be among the first to hear Tony explain why he created Max Wolfe, a coffee-loving, dog-walking, insomniac detective with a hunger for justice.		with the session
venue: Church; tickets: £8.00 with glass of wine		

