



**FREE
GUIDE**

Reading

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What's your story, Chorley?

Chorley's Annual Festival of Words

Saturday 28 April

A fun filled family event celebrating
the wonderful world of words

Listen, learn, take part and enjoy!



11am to 4pm

at various venues across Chorley town centre

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Welcome to What's your story, Chorley?



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2018

Join us for our annual Festival of Words as over 50 storytellers, authors, poets, actors and musicians perform at venues across Chorley town centre.

We're delighted to say that this event celebrating the wonderful world of words just gets bigger and better each year, attracting even more venues, with more creative contributors getting involved and more visitors and shoppers to the town enjoying the day.

This year's event, on Saturday 28 April from 11am to 4pm, will see performances every hour, on the hour throughout the day, in 11 venues across the town centre.

The format of the family fun event, organised jointly by Chorley Council and the Creative Network, is similar to the popular Chorley Live weekend every October. This time though it's about words – listening, reading or writing - and there really is something for everyone.

Performances will start on the hour from 11am with either an 'open mic' type rolling programme or 45 minute sessions depending on the venue.

The aims of the event are:

- To establish an annual event in Chorley that helps people to discover (or rediscover) the power of reading, writing and listening
- To draw people into the town centre creating a 'feelgood' factor and support local businesses
- To help grow the creative community in the area
- To encourage people to learn how much enjoyment can be had from reading and writing – it's such a powerful tool and can open up lots of new opportunities for people of all ages

Entry will be via a wristband for a **voluntary** contribution of **£1**, that gets you into every venue so you can move between venues. We think that when you see the variety of entertainment on offer, you'll agree it's a small price to pay!

Our grateful thanks go to all the independent businesses - and Chorley Library - who volunteer to host this event and we hope that you will also support them throughout the year.

We'd love to know what you think of the event so
tweet us using **#whatsyourstory**
We hope you enjoy the event!



THE CREATIVE NETWORK



We are really looking forward to *What's Your Story, Chorley?*, which we are confident will once again be a great success!

The **Creative Network** and **Chorley Council** have worked together to deliver this annual word festival, and we are proud of what we are achieving.

We do these events to:

- 1 Give local people fantastic memories of live entertainment and educational events, so more and more people come out to support them
- 2 Encourage local venues to see live entertainment and related activities as part of their business model, thus increasing the number of places they can appear
- 3 Bring together hundreds of creative people because we believe that when you bring creative people together... great things happen!

We are building something here that can only bring good to the town – wherever I go, people have heard about these fantastic events that we put on where there are so many appearances and venues, and where the atmosphere is very special. Let's capitalise upon this opportunity by working as a team! Thank you, Nigel Stewart.

The Creative Network is a non-profit, grass-roots organisation that seeks to support creative people in the North West by:

- 1 Bringing them together so that they can get to know each other
- 2 Encouraging them to support each other
- 3 Facilitating collaboration where desirable

If you would like to receive the Creative Network's weekly email, please contact us via info@thecreativenetwork.org.uk



Join our book bench trail

We have joined forces with The Faculty of Education (Primary Education) at Edge Hill University and local schools to create the trail around the town centre aimed at encouraging creativity and a love of books.

The brightly coloured benches are designed and decorated by pupils from twelve local schools inspired by their favourite books – and there will be one bench, outside the Covered Market on Cleveland Street, that people will be able to help decorate on the day.

Edge Hill students will be dressed as book characters and will read stories on the book benches around town, throughout the day.

You can pick up a book bench quiz sheet at all the venues and also the Town Hall and Woodchats Coffee Shop.

Our thanks go to the primary schools in the book bench project:

Brinscall St John's	Gillibrand	St Mary's
Charnock Richard	Mawdesley St Peter's	St Peter's
Coppull Primary	Sacred Heart	Whittle le Woods St John's
Duke Street	St James'	Withnell St Joseph's

A thank you to Cruise118.com who have sponsored a book bench and also to The Faculty of Education (Primary Education) at Edge Hill University for co-ordinating the Project.

Local primary and high school children have taken part in a writing competition as part of the event. Work submitted by the youngsters will be displayed in the library.

Come and decorate a book bench at the Market

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Union Street, Chorley, PR7 1EB
t: 0300 123 6703

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11am **Chorley Football Club**

ALL AGES

What's Been Going On at Chorley Football Club?

The Magpies have been going through a renaissance recently and have even been featured playing live on the BBC in the FA Cup. Come and hear what's been going on.

12noon **Chorley and District Writers' Circle**

ALL AGES

Our Works from Chorley & District Writers Circle

A mixed presentation of work from our members, stories, poetry and playlets with humour, pathos and passion which will engage children of all ages!

1pm **Steve Williams**

TEENS ADULTS

What did you do in the War, Daddy?

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, historian and author, Steve Williams, presents stories of local men and women who served in the First and Second World Wars.

2pm **Lancashire Authors Association**

ALL AGES

Entertainment by Sid Calderbank & The Lancashire Authors

Lancashire Dialect Performance by Sid Calderbank with Readings by Lancashire Authors from their published or unpublished works.

3pm **Junction 8 Theatre Company**

ALL AGES

An Introduction To Writing for Performance with Junction 8 Theatre

A fun, interactive workshop exploring approaches to playwriting. Professional theatre-makers respond to your ideas through performance. From local theatre company Junction 8 Theatre who made Under the Market Roof on Chorley Market in 2017.

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11am **Rogan Mills**

CHILDREN

All Together Now

Stories, chants, rhymes and poems with an element of audience participation. Come prepared to join in and have fun!

12noon **Daniel M Warloch**

ALL AGES

Encouraging children to read

Encouraging children on the Autistic Spectrum and learning difficulties to read. My Holly KissKiss short stories have been written with these special children in mind.

1pm **Gemma Lees and Mark Perks (Mayor of Chorley)**

CHILDREN

Ethan Elephant and Friends

Local Author, Gemma Lees returns to WYSC to read her three Ethan Elephant books, featuring Leno Lion, Betsy Bear and brand new Hayden Hippo followed by a creative activity. Also, hear the Mayor of Chorley read from The Secret Garden.

2pm **Victoria Trundle**

CHILDREN

Fun with Reu and a story or two

Join us for a few short rhyming stories and meet Reu the Rainbow Gnu himself!

3pm **Alan Greenwell and Rashid Naeem**

CHILDREN

Himalayan Tales

Come and hear Alan and Rashid's latest magical stories with their talking creatures, good & evil, and happy endings.

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- 11am** **Britt Fairclough** **ALL AGES**
Rondeau's and Triolet's
Take your Poetry skills to the next level by learning how to write in classic forms. Easy steps, great results and lots of fun.
- 12noon** **Damson Poets** **ALL AGES**
Poetry for All
Based in Preston, this session by Damson Poets reflects the wide ranging poetry at their evenings at the Ham & Jam Café.
- 1pm** **Katharine Ann Angel** **ALL AGES**
How Can I Turn My Great Idea into a Good Novel?
What's your USP? Publishers and readers want passion. Ideas for adding authenticity to your story-telling, giving your characters life and gripping your readers.
- 2pm** **Diana Shaw** **CHILDREN**
My Funny Ghost Stories
Diana will talk about her ghostly characters and read extracts from their adventures. She'll answer questions about her writing and pass on ideas to help children with theirs!
- 3pm** **Russ Parry** **ALL AGES**
The Appley Bridge Meteorite – The Space Rock That Hit Lancashire!
The fascinating insight into the fall and discovery of the Appley Bridge meteorite, one of the largest meteorite strikes on the UK. Plus you can handle 4.5 billion-year-old meteorites!

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- 11am** **Junction 8 Theatre Company** **ALL AGES**
An Introduction To Writing for Performance with Junction 8 Theatre
A fun, interactive workshop exploring approaches to playwriting. Professional theatre-makers respond to your ideas through performance. From local theatre company Junction 8 Theatre who made Under the Market Roof on Chorley Market in 2017.
- 12noon** **Megan Tittle** **TEENS** **ADULTS**
Life as a Local Reporter
Megan will give an insight into life working at a regional daily. She will talk about what inspired her to become a journalist and the day to day mechanics of the role.
- 1pm** **Nicola Adam** **TEENS** **ADULTS**
More Popular Than Professional Footballers – Why Be a Journalist in the Age of Social Media? Journalism/Blogging and Writing
A wry, informative and upbeat discussion about journalism today from the perspective of a local newspaper editor, columnist, journalist, writer of 19 years – Editor, Chorley and Leyland Guardian; Deputy Editor, Lancashire Post.
- 2pm** **Dean Fraser** **TEENS** **ADULTS**
Beyond Poetry – Celebrating Nature and Life
Modern folk stories by a master poet taking in the highs and lows of life over the last three thousand years! Dean's wonderfully descriptive style makes you feel right there in the tale being told.
- 3pm** **Stephanie Portersmith** **TEENS** **ADULTS**
Word North West
Young women focus on their daily lives and the things that are stressful for them.

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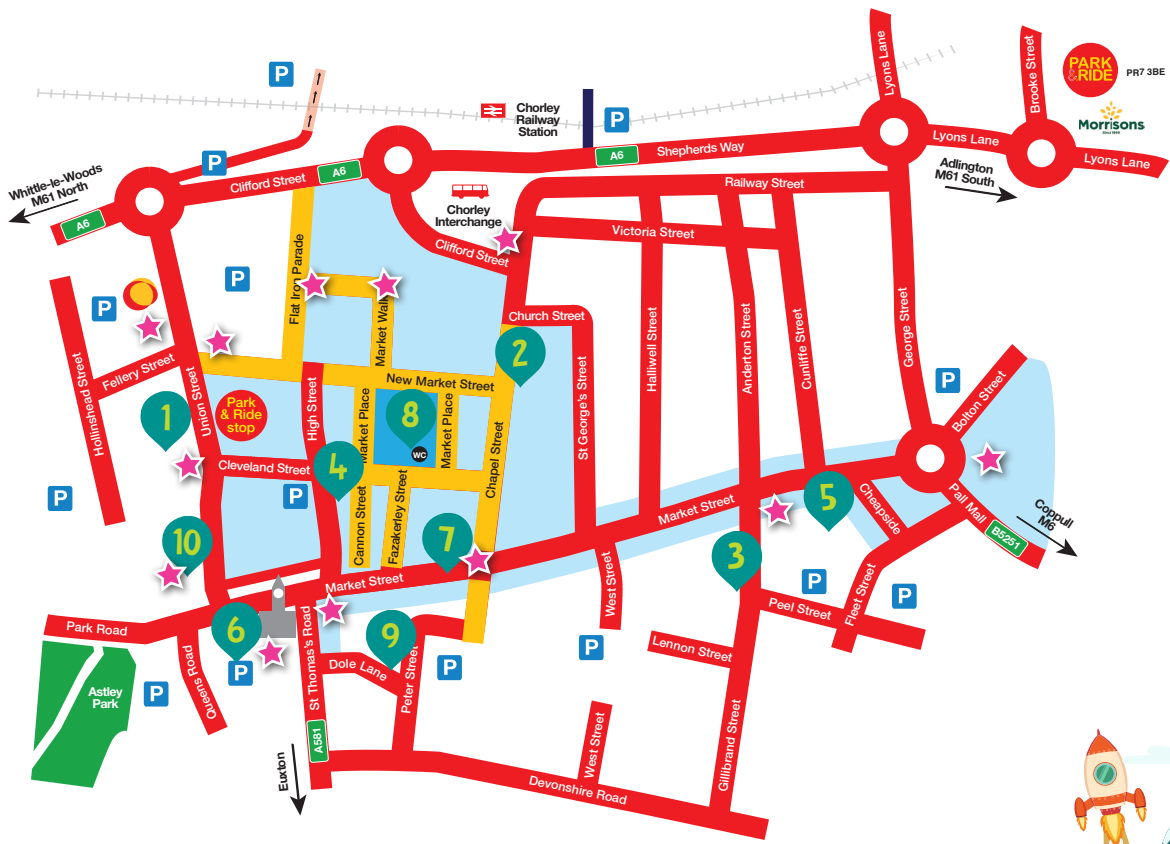


What's your story, Chorley?

VENUES

Key to symbols

- Chorley Council (One Stop Shop)
- Town Hall
- Pedestrian Area
- Town Centre Shopping
- Markets
- Car Parking
- Toilets
- One way
- Underpass



Book Bench Trail

- 1** Chorley Library
- 2** The Buttonhole
- 3** Ebb and Flo
- 4** Goodies Coffee Shop
- 5** Home-Start off Fleet Street car park
- 6** Rosie Posies
- 7** Royal Bank of Scotland
- 8** Book Bench Decorating see page 5 for more info
- 9** Chorley Little Theatre see page 18 for more info
- 10** St. Laurences Church see page 18 for more info



THE BUTTONHOLE

42 Chapel St, Chorley, PR7 1BW
t: 01257 260900

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- 11am** **Val Fraser and Bob Fraser** **ALL AGES**
Music and Memoir with Bob and Val
Creative husband and wife team, Bob and Val, share stories through their original song-writing, music, and memoir.
- 12noon** **Frank Williams** **ALL AGES**
Tales from the Sea
Come and join Frank as he shares stories of his experiences at sea!
- 1pm** **Rolling Programme** **ALL AGES**
A Bit of What Yer Fancy!
Come and experience a fast-moving range of stories and poetry from a group of our presenters.
- 2pm** **Patricia Comb** **TEENS ADULTS**
The World of Café Paradise
Brief introduction to the characters in the trilogy of 'Café Paradise' novels, followed by selected readings.
- 3pm** **Carol Fenlon** **TEENS ADULTS**
It's Not Just a Treasure Hunt
There is an element of luck in achieving publication, but following a methodical process enhances your chances. How to polish and promote your work and be taken seriously as a writer.

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EBB & FLO

12 Gillibrand St, Chorley PR7 2EJ
t: 01257 262773

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- 11am** **Jimmy O'Donnell** **ALL AGES**
Dementia and Reminiscence: Treasuring Lives and Stories
Jimmy O'Donnell of lancashirememories.com shares his sensory reminiscence work, encouraging us to listen to, value, record and enjoy the precious memories of loved ones.
- 12noon** **Michael Barrett** **TEENS ADULTS**
Making the Invincibles – An Illustrated Talk
The story behind the graphic novel: Preston North End - The Rise of the Invincibles. Looks at who the Invincibles were and working with Roy of the Rovers artist David Sque.
- 1pm** **D Garrett Nadeau** **TEENS ADULTS**
Structuring Your Novel
An explanation, with examples, of the basic elements that make up a novel: character, plot, style, theme, setting and how to balance them.
- 2pm** **Dea Parkin of Fiction Feedback** **TEENS ADULTS**
The Business of Writing and Getting Representation
Advice on getting an agent and entering writing competitions – by an editorial consultant and international competition administrator. How to get agents interested. How to improve your chances in writing competitions.
- 3pm** **Colin Denby** **ALL AGES**
The Price of Freedom
The story of Conrad Davenport, a military conscript who develops from National Serviceman to Royal Military Policeman to Special Operations Soldier in Paris during terrorist attacks against the WEST.

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GOODIES COFFEE SHOP

5 Cannon Street, Chorley, PR7 1BJ
t: 01257 274419

map ref 

11am Winter Hill Rescue

Music

Local guitar and keyboard duo, Winter Hill Rescue, write melodic songs with a folk and ballad edge.

TEENS ADULTS

12noon Tina Cryer

Tina Morris... Almost a Legend...

Tina claims over five decades of writing – poetry, prose, experimental, creative... and some rubbish!

TEENS ADULTS

1pm Glyn Shipman

Music

Glyn's songs provide insights into the human condition. You'll recognise yourself in his witty narratives.

TEENS ADULTS

2pm Chrissie Keelan

Writing with Style

A brief insight into some of the many forms of poetry, and how to write it! Includes free booklet for you to take home!

ALL AGES

3pm Steve Williams

It Won't Sell If You Don't Tell

Local historian and author Steve Williams spent all his working life in sales and marketing. He offers tips on promoting books and events - cover design, posters, marketing and PR, and social media.

TEENS ADULTS

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HOME-START

Access off Fleet Street, Chorley PR7 2EE
t: 01257 241636

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11am Women of Chorley

Stories of Women of Chorley

In this year when we commemorate 100 years since some women first got the vote, come and hear the stories of women of Chorley who hold key roles in the day-to-day life of our town.

TEENS ADULTS

12noon Chorley Hospital Supporters

Save Our Hospital

Come hear possibly the biggest Chorley story - the campaign to save our hospital and national health service. Hear stories from those keeping the campaign going for over two years and won't give up!

TEENS ADULTS

1pm Sarah Lee and Jackie Cooke

The Suffragettes. An Interactive Storytelling Workshop with Music

Using storytelling, drama activities and music, learn about The Suffragettes and our local Suffragette, Edith Rigby. Everyone can take part. We'll have a piano so we can do a bit of singing!

CHILDREN

2pm Pam Warhurst

The Incredible Edible Story

Come and hear Pam, the founder of Incredible Edible, describe how they have brought people in groups all over the world to grow food together.

ALL AGES

3pm Sarah Bryan

The Story of The Bees – The Next Chapter

Find out how our little market stall went from a disused cheese stall to being voted the North West's Café/Bistro of the Year.

ALL AGES



ROSIE POSIES

9 Farrington St, Chorley PR7 1DY
t: 07977 870978

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- 11am** **Peter Aldridge** TEENS ADULTS
Music and Poetry
Singer-songwriter shares his songs and poetry.
- 12noon** **Ian Whiteley and The Crows of Albion** ALL AGES
The Crows of Albion – A Project to Set Poetry to Music
The Crows of Albion is a project set up by performance poet Ian Whiteley in which his original poems have been set to music.
- 1pm** **Val Fraser and Bob Fraser** ALL AGES
Music and Memoir with Bob and Val
Creative husband and wife team, Bob and Val, share stories through their original song-writing, music, and memoir.
- 2pm** **Steve Gilyeard** ALL AGES
The Stories Behind the Songs
Listen to the songs of Steve Gilyeard and hear the stories that inspired them. From tales of dandelions and woodsmoke to stories of sailors and wolves.
- 3pm** **Bard2 the Bone** ALL AGES
Bard2 the Bone – Storytelling in Poetry and Music
Bard2 the Bone feature poets and musicians Ian Whiteley and Jeff Dawson telling tales through poetry and music in the tradition of the original Bards.

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ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND

56 Market St, Chorley, PR7 2SD
t: 01257 269971

map ref  7

- 11am** **Gemma Lees** CHILDREN
Ethan Elephant and Friends
Local Author, Gemma Lees returns to WYSC to read her three Ethan Elephant books, featuring Leno Lion, Betsy Bear and brand new Hayden Hippo followed by a creative activity.
- 12noon** **Sid Calderbank** ADULTS
Cracks from a Cobbler's Seat
Humorous tales of Victorian Euxton. Written in Chorley, originally published in Preston 130 years ago, and brought back to life by dialect expert Sid Calderbank.
- 1pm** **Blank Space Theatre** ALL AGES
Blank Space Theatre Presents
A collection of songs and monologues.
- 2pm** **Rogan Mills** CHILDREN
All Together Now
Stories, chants, rhymes and poems with an element of audience participation. Come prepared to join in and have fun!
- 3pm** **Chorley and District Writers' Circle** ALL AGES
Our Works from Chorley and District Writers' Circle
A mixed presentation of work from our members, stories, poetry and playlets with humour, pathos and passion which will engage children of all ages!

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Additional Venues

CHORLEY Little THEATRE

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Dole Lane, Chorley PR7 2RL
t: 01257 264362

1pm

CADOS (Chorley Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society)

TEENS

ADULTS

From Page to Stage: Performing Terry Pratchett

The production at Chorley Little Theatre from 23 to 28 April is adapted from the best-selling book by Sir Terry Pratchett and in this event the play's co-director Paul Carr will be talking about the challenges of putting a book on stage as well as going through the process of casting, staging and directing a show like this.

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH

Union Street, Chorley PR7 1EB
t: 01257 231360

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All day Students of Edge Hill University Stories

CHILDREN

All Together Now

Come and hear students reading stories for young children at any point during the day.



A huge Thank you

to all our contributors and the groups who are taking part in the event.

Thanks to our wordsmiths who plied you with stories, poems and readings in our rolling programme:

Rolling Programme Contributors:

Jeffarama - Poetry
Michael Nye - Stories

Daniel M Warloch - Stories
Tina Morris - Poetry

Continue your story?

If you've enjoyed today keep reading, writing and listening by:

Visiting your local bookshops:

ebb & flo
12 Gillibrand Street, Chorley,
Lancashire, PR7 2EJ
ebbandflobookshop.co.uk

St Catherine's Hospice Bookshop

54 Chapel Street, Chorley, PR7 1BS
stcatherines.co.uk

Visiting your local libraries:

Chorley Library
Union Street, Chorley,
Lancashire, PR7 1EB
lancashire.gov.uk

Joining writing groups:

Chorley and District Writers' Circle
chorleywriters.org.uk

The Creative Network's Writers' Group

info@thecreativenetwork.org.uk

Lancashire Authors' Association

lancashireauthorsassociation.co.uk



Check out more events in Chorley for 2018

Picnic in the Park

Sunday 3 June

A Taste of Chorley

Saturday 9 June

Chorley Flower Show

Saturday 28 July and
Sunday 29 July

Chorley Live

Friday 5 October and
Saturday 6 October

Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 17 November

Astley Illuminated

Saturday 24 November



Visit the website for more details on these events and other ideas for a great day out in Chorley

checkoutchorley.com

Dates are subject to change, check website for full details.