

24 - 26 April 2020

Where everybody has a tale



Big DOG

Dumfries Children's
Book Festival



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Dumfries
& Galloway

How to book tickets

Box office

Open 10am-4pm Monday to Saturday and 1pm-4pm Sunday. Tickets can be bought from the box office by calling **01988 403222**. You can also buy in person at **11 North Main Street, Wigtown, DG8 9HN** and at **Moat Brae House, George Street, Dumfries, DG1 1EA**.

During the festival

Tickets can still be purchased on the door if an event is not sold out. Please contact the box office on **01988 403222** to check availability.



Online booking

24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.wigtownbookfestival.com

Ticketing policy

Children must be accompanied by an adult. One accompanying adult attends free but must also have a ticket. Under-2s who do not need a seat are free. Ages in listings are for guidance only. Seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis at each event. Big DoG does not exchange or refund tickets. If an event proceeds but not as advertised, we will exchange your ticket(s) for another event. If an event is cancelled outright, we will offer a full refund. Events last one hour unless otherwise stated.

Photography

Official photographs may be taken throughout the festival and used in future publicity. No unofficial photography is permitted at events.

Day Tickets

Big DoG family tickets are available for £20 a day. A day ticket permits entry for up to five family members, including a maximum of two adults. To guarantee availability for specific events, day ticket holders must also book places for their chosen events.

FESTIVAL TEAM

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Volunteers

Heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, too numerous to list individually. Without them, this festival would not happen.

2020 brochure

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BigDogBookFestival




BigDoG_Fest

Big DoG is Dumfries's exciting annual family book festival, named after Nana, the big dog who looks after the Darling children in Peter Pan. This year we are delighted to move our festival HQ to Peter Pan Moat Brae. Come and experience Scotland's new National Centre for Children's Literature on your doorstep.



Who Is Big DoG?

 Big DoG lives in Dogfries, home of the poet Robert Bones. He loves reading, especially JK Rowling, Terrier Pratchett and Pat Barker. Big DoG is drawn by Claudia Boldt. Claudia dreams of being a planet-hunter but has had to make do with a career as an award-winning children's author and illustrator.



Friday 24 APRIL

4.30PM

PUPPETS Goldilocks and the Three Bears

£4 | FAMILY

Goldilocks throws a tantrum and storms off into the woods where she barges into a stranger's house and breaks things as she thumps around. Goldilocks has never tried this delicious porridge dish, until she meets the Three Bears. Whisked up in the kitchen with lots of joining in, this delightful show is not too cheery, and not too syrupy: it's just right. *Theatre Royal 66-68 Shakespeare St*



Caniformia family

The bear dog shared features of bears and dogs. These extinct animals evolved to be massive predators.



7PM

FILM The Call of the Wild

ADULTS £7 / CHILDREN £3.50 | PG

Buck is a big-hearted dog whose blissful domestic life gets turned upside down when he is suddenly stolen from his California home and sold to freight haulers in the exotic wilds of the Alaskan Yukon. Crossing paths with a man named John Thornton (Harrison Ford), Buck becomes the newest rookie on a mail-delivery dog sled team and experiences the adventure of a lifetime. Also Sunday, 1pm. *Robert Burns Centre, Mill Rd*



ALL WEEKEND 10AM-4PM

Find Nana's Favourite Books

Nana has a wonderful collection of books, but which is her favourite? The house and enchanted garden are full of clues and it's up to you to find them all. **FREE** with entry to Moat Brae. *Moat Brae House, George St*



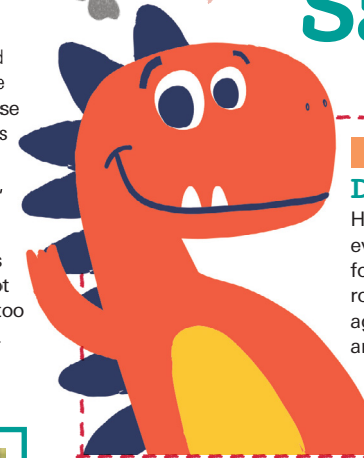
Saturday 25 APRIL

10AM-5PM

Dinosaurs

How do dinosaurs fit into the evolution of life on Earth? What can fossils tell us about creatures that roamed the Earth 65 million years ago? Dress up, make fossil rubbings, and play with our dinosaur games. Also Sun 25 April, 2-5pm. *Dumfries Museum, The Observatory, Rotchell Rd*

Dumfries & Galloway



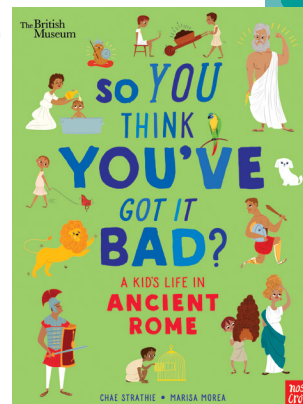
10AM

So You Think You've Got It Bad?

Chae Strathie

£4 | AGES 5-8

Step back in time and explore what life was like in ancient Rome. Life for kids was pretty tough, washing clothes in wee, snacking on dormice and fighting in gladiatorial combat! This eye-wateringly funny and yukky series puts a whole new perspective on how good we've got it. *Moat Brae House, George St*



10AM

STORYTELLING That's Not My...

George Hoyle

£4 | AGES 0-3

Hunt for the magical rainbow party and meet lots of friends along the way in this sensory adventure with storyteller George Hoyle. Expect bubbles, hail, snow and songs. *Moat Brae House, George St*

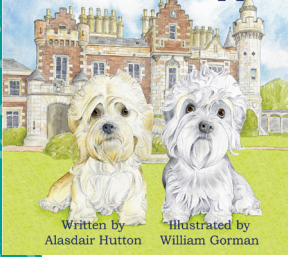


MORE INSIDE

Saturday 25 APRIL



Mustard & Pepper



11.30AM

Mustard and Pepper Alasdair Hutton & Will Gorman

FREE | AGES 4+
Anna loses her necklace in the gardens of Abbotsford. Her brothers and sister take it in turns to try and find it with the help of their dogs. But will it ever be the turn of the two little Dandie Dinmont's Mustard and Pepper?
Moat Brae House, George St



Hold on to your horse

The design of Sir Walter Scott's greenhouse at Abbotsford is based on a medieval jousting tent. Watch out for the horsemen wielding lances.



11.30AM

Animals, Beasties and Monsters of Scotland Lea Taylor

FREE | AGES 7-11
Sparkling with magic and exploding with adventure, these folk tales have been passed down from our ancestors. Join storyteller Lea Taylor as she sets free these fast, cunning and scary animals, beasties and monsters.
Moat Brae House, George St



1PM Generation Hope Kimberlie Hamilton

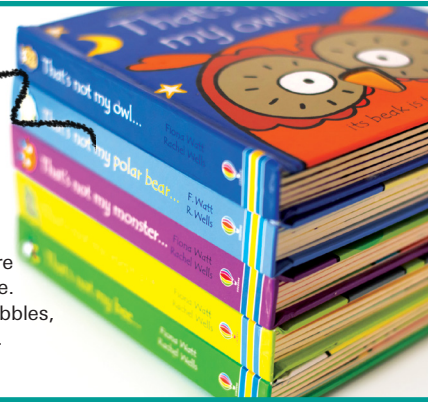
£4 | AGES 8-12
Young activists around the globe are working to bring about positive change to our troubled planet. Join author and activist Kimberlie Hamilton for a fun take on local and global issues being tackled by forward-thinking change-makers. Get ready to start your own revolution.
Moat Brae House, George St



1PM

STORYTELLING That's Not My... George Hoyle

£4 | AGES 0-3
Hunt for the magical rainbow party and meet lots of friends along the way in this sensory adventure with storyteller George Hoyle. Explore your senses with bubbles, hail, snow and lots of songs.
Moat Brae House, George St



Peter Pan melody

The melody for *Second Star to the Right* was actually written for Alice in Wonderland.



2.30PM

Lottie Luna and the Twilight Party Vivian French

£4 | AGES 7+
Come to a Twilight Party with Lottie Luna, the friendliest little werewolf in the forest! Games, stories, pictures, fun... and howling!
Moat Brae House, George St

2.30PM

Molly's Circus Esther Kent

£4 | AGES 3-6
Mum has lots of jobs to do today. But it doesn't matter because there's a circus in Molly's garden. While Mum is busy, Molly's imagination brings to life a joyful riot of trapeze from the trees, clowns, animal acrobats and performers on tricycles. But when disaster strikes, Mum is there to help and a picnic brings everyone together.
Moat Brae House, George St



The entertainer

Enrico Rastelli is considered the greatest juggler of all time, being able to juggle ten balls at once.

Dinosaur dig

In 2014, dinosaur remains from around 140 million years ago were uncovered in a school playground in Sussex.



4PM

Wigglesbottom Primary Pamela Butchart

£4 | AGES 5-8
Life at Wigglesbottom Primary School is lived on the edge. Whether the boys' toilets become haunted, dinosaur bones are found buried in the playground or the school is invaded by bunnies. Join *Blue Peter Best Story Award*-winner Pamela Butchart for more entertaining antics.
Moat Brae House, George St



4PM

STORYTELLING That's Not My... George Hoyle

£4 | AGES 0-3
A sensory adventure through bubbles, hail and snow to hunt for the magical rainbow party and meet lots of characters along the way. Explore these multi-award winning, touchy-feely stories, written by Fiona Watt and told by George Hoyle.
Moat Brae House, George St



6PM

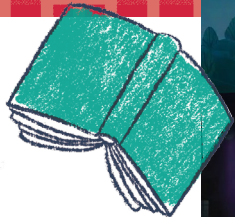
The Royal Burgh of Dumfries Tattoo

**£12 (INDIVIDUAL)
£30 (FAMILY - 2A/2C)**
Now in its 8th year, the Tattoo welcomes high quality pipe bands and performers from far and wide. This year's programme promises a night to remember with performances from BBC Radio Traditional Young Musician of the Year 2014, Robyn Stapleton, and the Police Scotland Pipe Band.
The Crichton Grounds, Bankend Road



Nose identification

A dog's nose print is as unique in identifying them as our fingerprint is to us.



Sunday

26 APRIL



9.20 AM

Junior Parkrun

FREE | FAMILIES

Dress as your favourite literary character and join us for the weekly 2km walk, jog or run around Dock Park. Bring a book to swap if you wish. Wear sensible footwear. All abilities welcome.

Meet at The Bandstand, Dock Park

1 PM

Evernight

Ross MacKenzie

£4 | AGES 11+

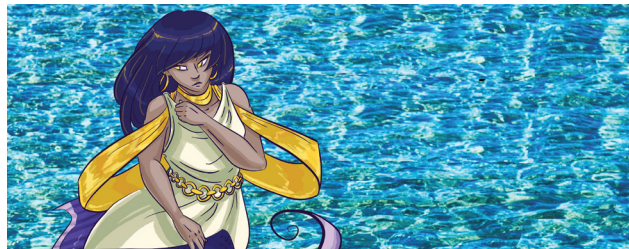
Thousands of years ago, the Evernight came to the Silver Kingdom and turned everything to darkness and chaos. It was only defeated by the bravery of the Witches. But now it returns and the only spell that might stop it is lost deep below the great city of King's Haven. The latest fantasy adventure from the winner of the *Scottish Children's Book Award 2012*.

Moat Brae House, George St



Cast a spell

Early witches were thought to be pagans doing the Devil's work, but many were simply misunderstood natural healers.



2.30 PM

ACCESSIBLE The Arts End of Somewhere

FREE | FAMILY

The Arts End of Somewhere are exploring local folk tales through the use of multi-sensory storytelling. Join them as they explore the tragic local love story of the Kippford Mermaid.

Moat Brae House, George St



A mermaid's tail

In Greek mythology, mermaids were once half-birdlike, but became pictured as half-fishlike in the Christian era.

10 AM

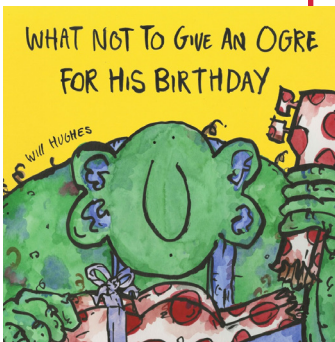
What Not to Give an Ogre for His Birthday

Will Hughes

£4 | AGES 3-6

What should you get an ogre for his birthday? Stanley and Martha set off in search of the perfect gift after an ogre moves in next door. But it turns out there are lots of things you shouldn't buy an ogre. Will they ever be able to find a good present?

Moat Brae House, George St



1 PM

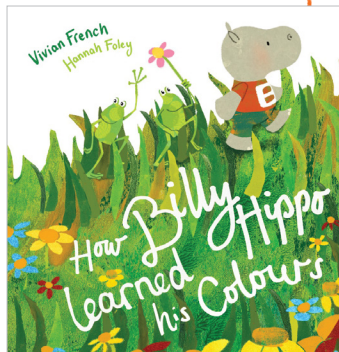
How Billy Hippo Learned His Colours

Vivian French

£4 | AGES 2-5

Billy is worried about what to get dad for his birthday. His sister suggests getting him something pink but Billy isn't sure what colour pink is. With the help of a parrot and his two cheeky frog friends, Billy learns his colours and finds a special gift.

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4 PM

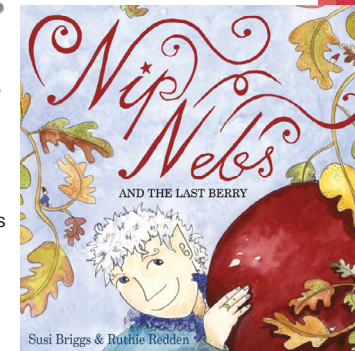
Nip Nebs and the Last Berry

Susi Briggs

FREE | FAMILY

Explore this enchanting tale in Scots from the creators of shortlisted Bairns' Book of the Year - Nip Nebs. Will Nip Nebs convince the noisy birds to share the last berry?

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The lunch of legends

Ogres are monster-like creatures with human-like features. These mythological beings are known for eating small children.



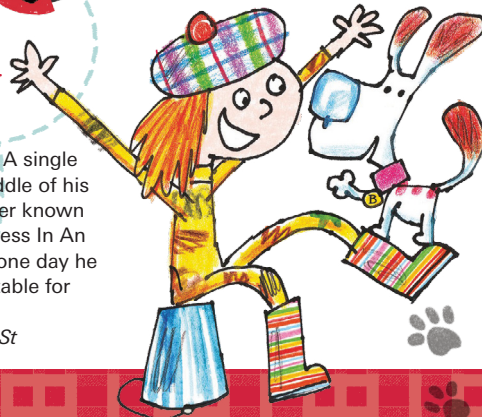
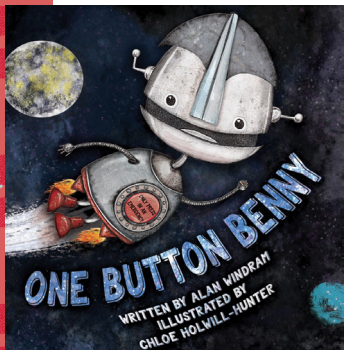
11.30 AM

TRANSLATION EVENT One Button Benny In English & Arabic

£4 | FAMILY

Benny is a special robot. A single red button sits in the middle of his stomach. Benny has never known what the words "Only Press In An Emergency" mean until one day he is forced to find out. Suitable for non-English speakers.

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2.30 PM

Mac and Bob

Alan Windram

FREE | AGES 2-6

It's busy down on the farm where Mac and Bob pull carrots and plough the fields. But there's also lots of excitement with parties, unexpected visitors and excited animals. The winner of the *Bookbug Picture Book Prize 2018* invites you for stories and songs.

Moat Brae House, George St



£2 OFF

Present your Big DoG tickets and quote 'NANA' when you get to Moat Brae for £2 off your entry to explore the house and garden

Map & Venues



1 Moat Brae House & Café
George Street

2 Theatre Royal
66-68 Shakespeare St

3 Robert Burns Centre
Mill Rd

4 Dumfries Museum
The Observatory,
Rotchell Rd

5 The Usual Place
Academy Street

6 Mrs Green's Tea Lounge
16 Queensberry Street

7 Kings Coffee & Books
12 Queensberry Street

8 The Pancake Place
20 English Street

9 The Stove Cafe
100 High Street

10 Ewart Library
Catherine St

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P Parking



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