BURY ST EDMUNDS LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2026 - SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER

11:00 LIBRARY *FREE KIDS EVENT*
Follow The Leader A1
Harriet Howe
Picture Books for **Toddlers & Pre-Schoolers**

14:00 ATHENAEUM
Uncovering The Athenaeum A2
Adrian Tindall

16:30 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
A Time of Witches A3
Madeline Martin

17:00 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
WORKSHOP: Writing In Images W1
Monique Roffey
in partnership with **Gold Dust Writer Mentoring**

17:30 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
The Cuckoo's Lea A4
Michael J Warren
part of **Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Festival of Nature**

18:00 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
An Evening With Rachel Joyce A5
Best-Selling author of **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**

19:15 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
The Waterlands A6
Stephen Rutt
part of **Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Festival of Nature**

19:30 ABBEYGATE CINEMA
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
film screening partnership with **Abbeygate Cinema** - book direct

19:30 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
An evening with Monique Roffey A7
Award-winning author of **The Mermaid of Black Conch**

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

11:30 & 13:30 LIBRARY ***FREE KIDS EVENT***
That's Not My... B1 & B2
George Hoyle
Sensory Storytelling for **Babies & Toddlers**

12:00 MEET ON ANGEL HILL
Literary Bury St Edmunds WK1
Bury Tour Guides
Guided walking tour

16:00 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Snack Hacker X Fired Up B3
George Egg & Melissa Thompson
Bury St Edmunds - **Suffolk's Foodie Capital**

16:30 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
Constable's Year B4
Susan Owens

17:00 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Down To Earth B5
Robert Ashton
part of **Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Festival of Nature**

17:45 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
A Year of Creative Thinking B6
Jessica Swale

18:00 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
Smelling of Rooks B7
Louis De Berniéres
Best-selling author of **Captain Correlli's Mandolin**

18:30 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Flying Pianos: The Eccentric Birth of British Aviation B8
Charles Spicer

19:30 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
Artists, Lovers, Outsiders B9
Damian Barr & Andrew Durbin

19:30 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
George Szirtes - Poetry B10
Followed by ***Open Mic***
in partnership with ***Poetry Aloud***

20:00 ABBEYGATE CINEMA
Captain Corelli's Mandolin
film screening partnership - book direct with cinema

20:00 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Ouida: A Little Scandal is an Excellent Thing B11
Lynn Whitehead
A one woman performance

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER

10:30 THE HUNTER ARTS CLUB
Book Taster Coffee Morning C1
Book & Pudding Clubs UK

11:00 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
What the Wild Sea Can Be C2
Helen Scales
part of **Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Festival of Nature**

11:00 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Gold from Newton's Apple Tree C3
Nabil Ali
part of **Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Festival of Nature**

11:00 LIBRARY ***FREE KIDS EVENT***
Dad Bot C4
Jack Noel
Hilarious Graphic Novels for **Kids 5+**

11:00 QUAKERS MEETING HOUSE
WORKSHOP: Writing Beyond What You Know W2
Guinevere Glasfurd
in partnership with **Gold Dust Writer Mentoring**

11:15 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Magic, Myths & Lovers - Romantasy & New Adult Fiction C5
Annaliese Avery, Lex Croucher, Melinda Salisbury

12:30 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
And So I Roar - Find Your Louding Voice C6
Abi Daré

12:45 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
The Beautiful Game C7
Anna Trench, George Harrison, Ashley Hickson-Lovence

13:00 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
East Anglian Voices: Midlife Debuts C8
Jenny Knight, Camilla Balshaw, Elspeth Latimer

13:30 QUAKER MEETING HOUSE
WORKSHOP: Writing Crime W3
Andrew Wilson
in partnership with **Gold Dust Writer Mentoring**

14:00 QUAKER MEETING HOUSE
WORKSHOP: Writing Poetry W4
George Szirtes
in partnership with **Poetry Aloud**

14:00 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
Booktaster Book Club Fiction Showcase C9
Sarah Turner, Matson Taylor, Philippa Malicka
in partnership with **Book & Pudding Clubs UK**

14:30 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Litwitchure C10
Jen Cowie and Fiona Lensvelt

14:30 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Who Are We Writing For? C11
MiMi Aye & Tim Anderson
Bury St Edmunds: ***Suffolk's Foodie Capital***

15:00 LIBRARY ***FREE KIDS EVENT***
Myths, Legends & Folk Tales C12
Kevin Crossley-Holland
Storytelling for **Kids 9+**

15:30 QUAKER MEETING HOUSE
WORKSHOP: Goal Setting for Writers W5
Annaliese Avery

16:00 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Ever Land C13
Amy Abdelnoor

16:15 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Pixie C14
Jill Dawson

16:30 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
From Thriller to Killer TV C15
Lesley Kara & TM Logan

17:30 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Lebnani: A journey through family, food & the flavour of Lebanon C16
Jad Youssef

18:00 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
An Evening with Sarah Winman C17
Best-selling author of Still Life

18:00 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Men On The Page: Masculinity in Literary Fiction C18
Cecile Pin, Nicolas Padamsee Ashley Hickson-Lovence

19:00 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Kevin Crossley Holland - Poetry C19
Followed by ***Open Mic***
in partnership with ***Poetry Aloud***

19:30 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
Fundamentally C20
Nussaibah Younis

19:45 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Dark Fairy Tales C21
Viktor Wynd
Storytelling and Live Folk Music

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

10:45 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Words From The Hedge D1
Richard Negus
part of ***Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Festival of Nature***

11:00 LIBRARY ***FREE KIDS EVENT***
The Girl Who Raced The World D2
Nat Harrison
Adventure fiction for **Children 5+**

11:00 MEET ON ANGEL HILL
Literary Bury St Edmunds WK2
Bury Tour Guides
Guided Walking Tour

12:30 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Marilyn Monroe : Fact & Fiction of a Dazzling Life D3
Andrew Wilson & Julie Owen-Moylan

13:00 LIBRARY ***FREE KIDS EVENT***
The Cruise Ship Kid D2a
Emma Swan
Mystery fiction for **Children 5+**

13:30 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
The Power of Anxiety D4
Dr Sian Williams & India Sturgis

14:00 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
This Allotment: Stories of growing, eating and nurturing D5
Sarah Rigby

14:00 MEET ON ANGEL HILL
Literary Bury St Edmunds WK3
Bury Tour Guides
Guided Walking Tour

14:00 ABBEYGATE CINEMA
The Prince and The Showgirl
film screening partnership with **Abbeygate Cinema** - book direct

14:15 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Family Matters D6
Jodie Chapman, Harriet Evans, Emily Itami, Izzy Broom

15:00 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
Baking and The Meaning Of Life D7
Dr Helen Goh & Dr Aaron Vallance
Bury St Edmunds: ***Suffolk's Foodie Capital***

15:30 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Women of a Certain Age D8
Julia Tuffs & Amy Beashel

16:00 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Despite It All: An Event for Climate Hopefuls D9
Fred Pearce

16:30 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
The Golden Years: Continuing The Cazalets D10
Louisa Young

17:00 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
The Stitch Up: Seeking Solutions to Systemic Medical Misogyny D11
Emma Szewczak

17:45 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Days of Light D12
Megan Hunter

18:00 UNITED REFORMED - CHURCH
Modern Love D13
Claire Daverley, Nicola Dinan, Bobby Palmer & Kate Young

18:30 UNITED REFORMED - HALL
Our Complex International Families - Poetry D14
Sue Wallace-Shaddad, Mary Mulholland & Alex Corrin-Tachibana
in partnership with ***Poetry Aloud***

19:30 UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Mrs Dickens D15
Emily Howes

19:30 UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
Food & Book Pairing D16
Alessandra Pino & Kate Young
Bury St Edmunds: **Suffolk's Foodie Capital**

Tickets: burylitfest.co.uk