

## FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

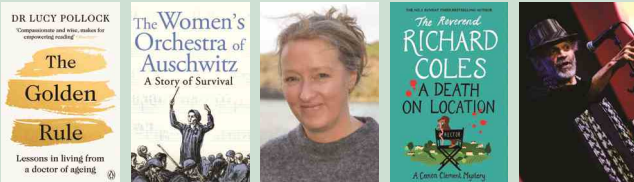
**DR LUCY POLLOCK** – *The Golden Rule* – Lessons in Living – Expert advice on how to mature happily.

**ANNE SEBBA** – *The Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz* – Story of survival and the orchestra that played for inmates and Nazi officers.

**RAYNOR WINN** – Bestselling author of *The Salt Path* discusses her latest much-awaited book.

**REV RICHARD COLES** – *A Death on Location* – Clever cosy crime from bestselling writer and broadcaster.

**JOHN AGARD** and **PHILIP NANTON** – *Caribbean Sensations* – Poetry by acclaimed poets showcasing Caribbean culture. Presented by Renaissance One.



## SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

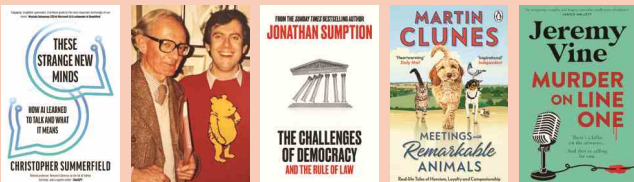
**CHRISTOPHER SUMMERFIELD** – *These Strange New Minds* – How AI learned to talk and what it means – Guide to the key technology of our times.

**GYLES BRANDRETH** – *Somewhere a Boy and a Bear* – The story of AA Milne, Christopher Robin and Winnie-the-Pooh – By popular broadcaster and author.

**JONATHAN SUMPTION** – *The Challenges of Democracy* – Provocative essays by former supreme court judge and best-selling author.

**MARTIN CLUNES** – *Meetings with Remarkable Animals* – Much-loved TV personality's celebration of the intelligence, loyalty and bravery of animals.

**JEREMY VINE** – *Murder On Line One* – Talented journalist and broadcaster turns his hand to cosy crime-writing.



# DLF DORCHESTER LITERARY FESTIVAL

18th–25th October 2025

Here are some of the exciting events we've scheduled for this year's DLF. Early bird tickets will be available on our website to Friends of the Festival from 18th August–28th August with a 10% discount. Tickets will be on general sale on our website and in Waterstones, Dorchester from 29th August. For more information on how to become a Festival Friend and events yet to be confirmed keep in touch via our website [www.dorchesterliteraryfestival.com](http://www.dorchesterliteraryfestival.com)

We look forward to seeing you in October.

**Janet Gleeson and the DLF team**

Events last approximately one hour but may be subject to change – check the website for the latest news, timings, venues and information about our Children's and Schools' programmes.

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## THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Local Writers' Forum hosted by **DON NORDBERG**

Poetry Slam hosted by **ANGIE PORTER**

## SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER

**TIM SPECTOR** – *Fermented* – Pioneering scientist's introduction to the life-changing benefits of fermentation.

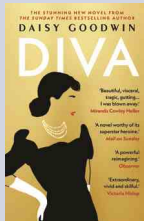
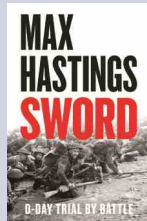
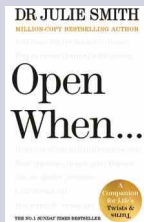
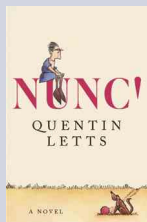
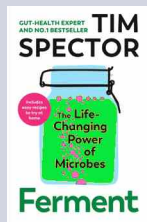
**QUENTIN LETTS** – *Nunc* – 1st century Jerusalem and the prophet Simeon brought to quirky life.

**DR JULIE SMITH** – *Open When* – How to re-frame life's complex problems when you feel overwhelmed.

**MAX HASTINGS** – *Sword* – Gripping military history of D Day and Sword Beach.

**GORDON CORERA** – *The Spy in the Archive* – How one man tried to kill the KGB.

**DAISY GOODWIN** – *Diva* – Maria Callas and her love affair with Aristotle Onassis.



## SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

**MARK CHUTTER** – *A Guided Literary Walk* – Explore Dorchester to discover stories of Law and Literature.

## MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER

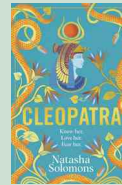
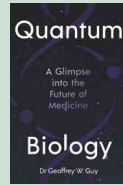
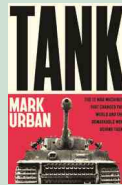
**MARK URBAN** – *Tank* – War Machines that changed the world and the men behind them.

**BARNABY ROGERSON** – *The House Divided, Sunni, Shia and the Making of the Middle East* – Accessible exploration of the roots of Middle Eastern conflict.

**GEOFFREY GUY** – *Quantam Biology* – Glimpse the future of medicine and how quantum phenomena affect processes in the body.

**MEG CLOTHIER** – *The Shipping Forecast* – Sail away to the world of the 100-year-old forecast and explore its maritime history.

**NATASHA SOLOMONS** – *Cleopatra* – Unmissable retelling of the story of the legendary Egyptian Queen.



## TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

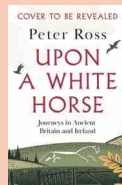
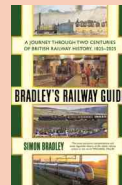
**TERRI APTER** – *Grandparenting* – Wise guide by leading psychiatrist.

**SIMON BRADLEY** – *Bradley's Railway Guide* – Two centuries of British railway history.

**MINETTE WALTERS** – *The Players* – Page-turning tale set against the Bloody Assizes.

**PETER ROSS** – *Upon a White Horse* – Journeys in Britain and Ireland uncovering ancient sites.

**DAMIEN LEWIS** – *SAS The Great Train Raid* – Daring operation to liberate prisoners from a concentration camp.



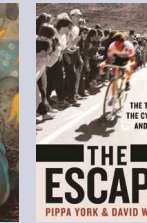
## WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

**MONICA MACIAS** – *Black Girl from Pyongyang* – Astounding memoir of a West African girl's upbringing in North Korea under the guardianship of President Kim II Sung.

**SONIA PURNELL** – *The Kingmaker* – Pamela Harriman's astonishing life of power, seduction and intrigue.

**ADAM NICOLSON** – *Bird School* – Prize-winning author's philosophical exploration of the birds all around us.

**DAVID WALSH AND PIPPA YORK** – *The Escape - The Tour, the Cyclist and Me* – Travelogue memoir from acclaimed journalist and enigmatic British cyclist.



## THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

**HELEN CARR** – *Sceptred Isle* – A New History of the 14th Century – a thrilling look at an era of upheaval, panic and change.

*Oldie Event* – Oldie editor **HARRY MOUNT** explores acclaimed author **A N WILSON'S** career in writing.

**SIR GRAHAM BRADY** – *Kingmaker* – MP & Chairman of the 1922 Committee reveals the inside story of some of Westminster's bloodiest recent power battles.

**CHRISTOPHER SOMERVILLE** – *Britain's Best Walks* – Celebration of the best UK walks by popular The Times' columnist.

