LAVENHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL

13 - 15 November 2026



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Lavenham Literary Festival Dinner

Friday 13 November 2026

The historic Swan at Lavenham Hotel and Spa is delighted to host this year's Lavenham Literary Festival Dinner with guest speaker ANDREW LOWNIE. Andrew is the author of the most discussed royal biography in three decades,

In addition to his latest international bestseller *Entitled, The Rise & Fall of the House of York*, Andrew is a distinguished historian and biographer whose books include his Sunday Times bestseller *The Mountbattens: Their Lives and Loves, Traitor King: The Scandalous Exile of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor* and *Stalin's Englishman: The Lives of Guy Burgess.*

At the Literary Dinner Andrew will be talking on the theme of Adventures of a Biographer and discussing the challenges of biography in this modern 'post-truth' world.

Book your ticket

Ticket price £95

The Swan at Lavenham
Hotel and Spa

Available through
The Swan at Lavenham website:

theswanatlavenham.co.uk/events/lavenham-literary-festival-dinner/

The Ninth Lavenham Literary Festival

We are delighted to invite you to join us for the 2026 Lavenham Literary Festival weekend (13th – 15th November 2026) in the heart of the glorious Suffolk countryside.

Lavenham is one of this country's finest medieval villages and we firmly believe the exciting programme we have put together for this year's Festival lives up to our founding ambition not only to celebrate the joy of reading but also to combine our ancient buildings with modern conversations.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to a range of events across the village from author presentations and 'in-conversation' interviews and workshops to our ever-popular Festival Dinner at The Swan Hotel.

Our distinguished writers and debut authors from the worlds of history and biography, literary fiction, theatre and the environment make up a varied programme to suit all literary tastes – and we strongly encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.

With an eye to affordability we have introduced Day Tickets for events at the Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday this year which means you get five tickets for the price of four, and we have reduced our tickets for students and young people for the majority of our events to £7.50 each.

Tickets for the Festival Dinner are available through The Swan Hotel's website – all other Festival tickets can be purchased via the Festival website or directly at: www.whatsonwestsuffolk.co.uk, in person at The Apex, Bury St Edmunds, or by phone at their Box Office: 01284 758000.

Our sincere thanks go to all our corporate supporters as well as to our accommodation partner and Festival dinner host, The Swan Hotel, for their invaluable support both during the Festival itself and throughout the year.

We are hugely grateful to our wonderful volunteers without whom we could not run the Festival, to the team at Lavenham Village Hall and our other venues at the Little Hall Museum and Garden and the Lavenham Guildhall. I would also like to add my personal thanks to all our voluntary committee members and to everyone who works so hard to make the Festival such a success.

Last but certainly not least, we thank our authors and interviewers who provide such stimulating and thought-provoking sessions and of course you, our audience, for your participation. We look forward to welcoming you and wish you a happy and stimulating 2026 Festival weekend.

Christopher Garibaldi - Chair
Lavenham Literary Festival Committee
www.lavenhamliteraryfestival.co.uk

Ticket Prices and How to Book

Festival Dinner
£95 only through The Swan Hotel at Lavenham. *(See page 2)*

Vaseem Khan
- 'How to write best-selling Crime Fiction'
£45

Colin Sell with Janet Ellis – 'Clueless at the Keys'
£18 - Students and u25's £7.50 (Includes complimentary glass of wine – over 18s only)

All other sessions
£15 - Students and Under 25s £7.50

Day Tickets
(Saturday and/or Sunday) £60 per day

HOW TO BOOK
lavenhamliteraryfestival.co.uk
By **phone:** 01284 758000
In **person** at Apex Box Office, Bury St Edmunds.

Notes
Teas, coffees and light refreshments will be available at the Village Hall between sessions. Monies raised will be used to support Lavenham Library. Books by the authors appearing at the Festival will be available to purchase from the Waterstones or Byron & the Bard stalls and there will be opportunities for book-signing.

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LLF 2026 Programme AT A GLANCE

Each of the listings for the Festival weekend is covered in more detail in the following pages of this programme. Events are held in Lavenham Village Hall, Church Street CO10 9QT unless stated otherwise.

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

10.30am-4pm Crime Fiction workshop with Vaseem Khan *(Swan Hotel Lavenham)*

11am-12 noon Diane Boucher *(Swan Hotel Lavenham)*

1pm-2pm James Canton *(Swan Hotel Lavenham)*

5pm-6pm Harry Bucknall *(Lavenham Guildhall)*

6.30pm onwards Festival Dinner with Andrew Lownie
(please see page 2 for details of how to book)

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

10am-11am. Kate Mosse

11.30am-12.30pm Richard Negus *(Little Hall)*

11.45am-12.45pm Jerry Brotton

1.30pm-2.30pm Vaseem Khan

2pm-3pm Janet Suzman *(Little Hall)*

3pm-4pm Andrew Lownie

4.30pm-5.30pm Ashley Hickson-Lovence

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

10am-11am Rachel Joyce with Paul Venables

11.30am-12.30pm Stewart White *(Little Hall)*

11.45am-12.45pm Nick Wallis with Evan Davis

1.30pm-2.30pm Thomas Harding

2pm-3pm Milly Ellis *(Little Hall)*

3.15pm-4.15pm Esther Freud with Janet Ellis

5pm-6pm Colin Sell with Janet Ellis

meet the authors



Vaseem Khan



Diane Boucher



James Canton



Milly Ellis



Harry Bucknall



Andrew Lownie



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Jerry Brotton



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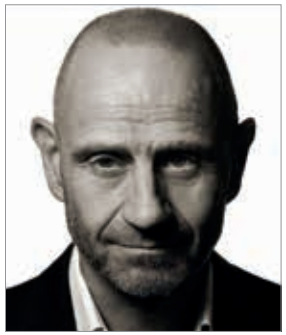


Esther Freud



Colin Sell

meet the interviewers



Evan Davis



Paul Venables



Janet Ellis

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Friday 13 November
10.30am - 4pm
Swan Hotel Lavenham



Vaseem Khan

HOW TO WRITE BEST-SELLING CRIME FICTION

Award-winning crime and thriller author Vaseem Khan guides you through the nuts and bolts of writing crime fiction.

You'll learn how to create memorable protagonists, write compelling storylines, construct an investigation, use plot and pace to keep pages turning, use research and forensic science in your plots, and how to use the five magic ingredients that distinguish best-selling crime writing. Vaseem will share everything he wishes he'd been told when he was writing his first novel, and how to apply the lessons to your own work.

Vaseem Khan is the author of two award-winning crime series set in India, and the Q Mysteries, beginning with *Quantum of Menace*. *Midnight at Malabar House*, the first in the Malabar House novels set in 1950s Bombay, won the CWA Historical Dagger. In 2023, Vaseem became the Chair of the UK Crime Writers' Association.

Note: There will be a short interval for lunch.

Tickets: £45

Friday 13 November
11am - 12pm
Swan Hotel Lavenham



Diane Boucher

REDISCOVERING MARIA COSWAY

Maria Cosway was one of the most talented and dynamic women in Regency England. Born in Florence in 1760, she was a prodigy both as a painter and a musician and was central to the artistic and musical culture of the Regency era.

In her enthralling book *Out of the Shadows* Diane Boucher brings this much forgotten but brilliant character back into prominence.

Maria's connections were extraordinary, amongst whom were Thomas Jefferson, the Prince of Wales and members of the Bonaparte family. She was also a fantastically progressive educator, founding schools for young women. In recognition of her achievements, the Emperor of Austria made her a baroness.

Diane Boucher, a Lavenham resident, was Research Director for the Commission for Looted Art in Europe. She later moved to the United States, where she worked at several prestigious institutions.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Friday 13 November
1pm - 2pm
Swan Hotel Lavenham



James Canton

RENATURING: SMALL WAYS TO WILD THE WOOD

This is for anyone with an interest in how we can all improve our environment and in his latest book *Renaturing* James Canton shows us how we can all take small but significant steps to support wildlife in everyday spaces.

Whereas rewilding concentrates on large landscapes, renaturing focuses on smaller efforts such as window boxes filled with pollinator friendly plants. James transformed a two-acre field into a thriving habitat, and he shares a range of practical ideas about how we can all contribute to ecological recovery.

James Canton is Director of Wild Writing at the University of Essex and author of several nature focused books, including work promoting accessible environmental action for everyone. His book *The Oak Papers* was recently Radio 4's Book of the Week.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Friday 13 November
5pm - 6pm
The Guildhall



Harry Bucknall

A ROAD FOR ALL SEASONS, A TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN

A tumultuous period in British politics propelled Harry Bucknall to try to understand our island nation. He decided to undertake a pilgrimage and embarked on a series of journeys across Britain totalling a distance of over 6,518 miles.

In this refreshing and upbeat overview of Britain today Harry delights in amongst other things, the peace of Mull, sweet toothed Hindus in Leicester and mushy peas and pie in Halifax.

Harry travelled the land, visiting cities, towns and vast swathes of the countryside from Iona to Sunderland and Belfast, Aberystwyth to Aldeburgh, meeting a host of diverse and charismatic characters along the way.

Harry Bucknall spent 12 years in the Coldstream Guards. He was always captivated by adventure and has written of his travels in *In the Dolphin's Wake* and *Like a Tramp, Like a Pilgrim*. He has produced theatre for the London Fringe and sat on the Olivier Awards Panel.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Saturday 14 November
10am - 11am
Lavenham Village Hall



Kate Mosse

AUTUMN, THE STORY OF A SEASON

One of our best loved authors returns to Lavenham Village Hall to discuss her latest book, *Autumn*.

Her new book *Autumn, The Story of a Season* is an atmospheric, personal memoir celebrating her favourite season. It is a love-letter to Sussex, blending nature writing with local folklore. It explores the changing landscape and the mist-filled marshlands of her childhood.

Kate Mosse has sold over 8 million books; her work has been translated into 38 languages and published in over 40 countries. She is a firm favourite with Lavenham Literary Festival goers, this being her third appearance. Perhaps best known for her Languedoc Trilogy including the best-selling *Labyrinth*, Kate has an extraordinary talent for inter-weaving narratives and evoking settings with sensory detail.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Saturday 14 November
11.30am - 12.30pm
Little Hall



Richard Negus

WORDS FROM THE HEDGE, A HEDGELAYER'S VIEW OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

Richard Negus takes us on a journey that reveals these ribbons are much more than mere decoration or boundary markers. They are essential for much needed wildlife recovery and a testament to generations of human skill and labour requiring ongoing maintenance to survive and thrive.

Words from the Hedge is a timely exploration of how we can use hedges to make the British countryside a place where nature has a home.

Richard Negus is a former soldier and professional horseman. He now lays hedges for a living and is recognised as one of the country's leading exponents and practitioners of hedgerow management. He co-hosts a weekly podcast, Countryslide, covering British rural life.

NOTE: This venue has steep stairs and is not wheelchair accessible.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Saturday 14 November
11.45am - 12.45pm
Lavenham Village Hall



Jerry Brotton

FOUR POINTS OF THE COMPASS

One thing we all take for granted is the four points of the compass. After all, "East is East"! Jerry Brotton professor of Renaissance studies at Queen Mary's University will make you see things differently.

His latest book *Four Points of the Compass* investigates how North, South, East and West are not just objective coordinates but deeply subjective with cultural and moral frameworks which have been shaped by different civilisations across history.

You'll learn how political labels drive narratives and come away with an understanding of how and why we orientate ourselves. Jerry will also talk about his book *History of the World in Twelve Maps*.

Jerry is a regular broadcaster and critic, as well as an author.

He was the presenter of the BBC4 series, *Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession*.

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Saturday 14 November
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Lavenham Village Hall



Vaseem Khan

FROM BOMBAY TO BOND, LIES, SPIES & MURDERS

Bestselling crime fiction author Vaseem Khan takes us on an exhilarating and humorous journey from the post-Independence complexities of India and his Malabar House novels to contemporary Britain's MI6 and the exploits of James Bond and Q.

His current series, the latest of which is *The Man with the Golden Compass* brings to life one of spy fiction's most iconic characters.

Vaseem Khan is the author of two award-winning crime series set in India, and the Q Mysteries, beginning with *Quantum of Menace*. His debut, *The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra*, was selected by the Sunday Times as one of the 40 best crime novels. In 2021, *Midnight at Malabar House*, the first in the Malabar House novels set in 1950s Bombay, won the CWA Historical Dagger. In 2023, Vaseem became the Chair of the UK Crime Writers' Association.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Saturday 14 November
2pm - 3pm
Little Hall



Janet Suzman

DID CLEOPATRA SQUEAK?

Janet Suzman shares her thoughts on Shakespeare's Cleopatra in Little Hall, Market Place Lavenham.

Janet Suzman, one of the country's foremost performers and an acclaimed Shakespearean actor will take you through the original text to find out if the enduring female icon could possibly have been played by a boy. Spend an hour with an actress who knows more about '*The Serpent of the Nile*' than anyone else on earth and find out how not to be scared of Shakespeare.

Dame Janet Suzman is renowned for her portrayal of Shakespearean heroines particularly her memorable Cleopatra in *Anthony and Cleopatra*.

As a director in South Africa, her birth country, she opened the famous Market Theatre and directed John Kani in *Othello* which was filmed for Channel Four.

She has numerous awards for her work as an actor, director and writing as well as the Freedom of the City of London and she is an Honorary Fellow of the British Shakespeare Association.

You are welcome to bring your own copy of the play *Anthony and Cleopatra* to this discussion.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Saturday 14 November
3pm - 4pm
Lavenham Village Hall



Andrew Lownie

ENTITLED: THE RISE & FALL OF THE HOUSE OF YORK

Andrew Lownie presents *Entitled: the Rise & Fall of the House of York* at Lavenham Village Hall, the best-selling story of Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor and Sarah Ferguson's lavish lives and subsequent downfall.

With sensational new material, Dr Lownie brings the royal story of *Entitled: the Rise & Fall of the House of York* up to date. A truly jaw-dropping account of the lives of the former Prince Andrew and his ex-wife Sarah Ferguson, Lownie spent four years researching his latest royal biography. He spoke to 300 people who had intimate knowledge of the couple and his findings are by any standards extraordinary. From the former Prince's links to foreign businessmen to his relationship with Jeffrey Epstein, the book chronicles a barely believable lifestyle and discusses the personal and institutional strain which the couple's behaviour put on their wider family and the monarchy.

Andrew Lownie is an acclaimed biographer. His other books include: *Traitor King* about the lives of Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson, *The Mountbattens, Their Lives and Loves* and *John Buchan: The Presbyterian Cavalier*. He also runs a highly successful literary agency.

Tickets: £15, Students and U25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

EST. 1881
REEMAN DANSIE
Auctioneers & Valuers

Saturday 14 November
4.30pm - 5.30pm
Lavenham Village Hall



Ashley Hickson-Lovence

ABOUT TO FALL APART

'A truly entertaining speaker'. 'Awe inspiring'. Just a couple of the plaudits for Ashley's last appearance at the Festival. He is a speaker not be missed.

Set across one weekend this is the exhilarating story of a man of mixed heritage living on the Irish Border as he tries to stay positive, reconnect with his children and, maybe, find his birth mother.

Ashley's flair for poetic rhythm and linguistic verve has produced a poignant, tender novel.

Ashley, a former English teacher has a PhD in Creative and Critical Writing from the University of East Anglia and has published a number of works including *The 392* and *Wild East*, overall winner of the East Anglian Book Awards 2024 and the Young Adult winner of the Diverse Book Awards 2025.

He grew up in London but now lives in Norwich.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Sunday 15 November
10am - 11am
Lavenham Village Hall





Rachel Joyce *with* Paul Venables

THE HOMEMADE GOD

Rachel's award winning first novel *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* was adapted into a film with Jim Broadbent and also into a West End musical.

Her seventh novel *The Homemade God* follows a fractured family navigating secrets at an Italian estate. It allows Rachel to explore a darker side to her writing and weaves an intriguing web of family dynamics and conflicting memories.

Rachel has written many original plays for Radio 4 as well as dramatising classic and new novels. In 2007 she won the Tinniswood Award for best original radio drama. Most recently, she dramatised *Pride and Prejudice* and *Gone With the Wind*. Rachel began writing after a career as an actor. She has been awarded an honorary doctorate by Kingston University for her services to literature.

Perfectly placed to interview her is Paul Venables, not only a well-loved member of *The Archers* cast but also a trained Jungian psychoanalyst.

Tickets: £15, Students and U25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Sunday 15 November
11.30am - 12.30pm
Little Hall



Stewart White

Join us in Little Hall, Lavenham where BBC *Look East* presenter Stuart White discusses his book *See you at 6.30*.

For more than 37 years Stewart White presented *Look East* on BBC1. Since he retired, he has used his experience of over 8,000 editions of the programme to write about the extraordinary range of people he met and interviewed.

These range from members of the Royal Family to a series of Prime Ministers. He also covers interviews with entertainers from movie stars like James Stewart to music legends Michael Jackson and the much loved Dolly Parton.

He will also cover two of the biggest stories ever in this region, the Soham murders and the Ipswich murders.

There is sport, politics as well as his worries about the future of news coverage.

A real tour de force from one of our best loved local news presenters

NOTE: This venue has steep stairs and is not wheelchair accessible.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Sunday 15 November
11.45am - 12.45pm
Lavenham Village Hall





Nick Wallis *with* Evan Davis

THE GREAT POST OFFICE COVER-UP

***The Great Post Office Cover-Up* tells the story behind one of the greatest scandals and miscarriages of justice of recent years.**

Between 2000 and 2014 over 900 Post Office Branch Managers were dragged through the courts over alleged financial discrepancies.

Nick's book *The Great Post Office Scandal* lifted the lid on the appalling treatment of innocent victims. His sequel *The Great Post Office Cover-Up* chronicles the subsequent public inquiry, the institutional cover-up, and the immense human toll of the scandal.

Nick will be in conversation with Evan Davis who is best known for his long-running role as the presenter of *Dragons' Den* on BBC and as the host of the *PM* programme on BBC Radio 4. This session will give a deep insight into the way in which one of our oldest institutions wrongly accused its employees of embezzlement.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

DRUCES
SINCE 1767

Sunday 15 November
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Lavenham Village Hall



Thomas Harding

THE EINSTEIN VENDETTA, HITLER, MUSSOLINI & MURDER

In the Village Hall Lavenham, Thomas Harding reveals the forgotten Nazi crime of World War Two in *The Einstein Vendetta - Hitler, Mussolini and a true story of murder*, a disturbing account of how at the end of the Second World War, the Nazis sought out members of Albert Einstein's family.

In a compelling narrative, Harding recounts how Robert Einstein, first cousin to Albert, was hiding in the woods in Italy awaiting the Allies advance. German soldiers arrive at this family home and soon his wife and two daughters are murdered. From this brutal murder Harding details not only the contemporary effects on those involved but the reasons behind the killings and the family's long search for justice.

Thomas Harding is renowned for bringing largely lost histories to life. His books *The House on the Lake* and *Hanns and Rudolf* were both short listed for the Costa Biography Award and his latest book is sure to win similar plaudits.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Sunday 15 November
2pm - 3pm
Little Hall



Milly Ellis

THE GREAT GAMBON

For anyone who has seen Michael Gambon act, this will be a real treat. Whether a fan of *The Singing Detective* or of *Harry Potter* his unique talent brought enjoyment to generations.

Milly Ellis worked closely with Gambon for over 20 years seeing his outstanding performances and witnessing the outlandish stories told both by himself and his friends such as Daniel Craig, Robert de Niro and Dame Judi Dench. Towards the end of his career Gambon found it increasingly difficult to remember his lines and Milly worked as his 'earwig' giving him his lines through an earpiece.

A specialist voice coach Milly has worked alongside some of Britain's finest actors, as well as coaching business leaders. She has also collaborated on projects with John Malkovich, Nicholas Cage, Miranda Richardson, the Royal Ballet and Sadler's Wells, directing several documentaries for Channel 4 and the BBC.

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DRUCES
SINCE 1767

Sunday 15 November
3.15pm - 4.15pm
Lavenham Village Hall




Esther Freud
with Janet Ellis

MY SISTER AND OTHER LOVERS

Esther Freud talks to Janet Ellis about her latest work *My Sister and Other Lovers*.

Esther Freud is one of Britain's most admired contemporary novelists, celebrated for her elegant prose, emotional subtlety and perceptive exploration of family relationships. Since the publication of *Hideous Kinky*, she has built a distinguished body of work that blends autobiographical insight with richly imagined fiction. Her latest novel, *My Sister and Other Lovers*, revisits the world of her debut, following sisters Lucy and Bea through adolescence and adulthood as they navigate love, loss, addiction and enduring family bonds. Tender, evocative and deeply humane, the novel confirms Freud's gift for capturing the complexities of memory, sisterhood and identity with quiet emotional power.

As a writer, Esther Freud is renowned for her lyrical style, psychological insight and understated storytelling. Her novels reveal the extraordinary within everyday lives, creating memorable characters and emotionally resonant narratives that have earned critical acclaim, an international readership and a lasting place in contemporary British literature.

Tickets: £15. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*

Sunday 15 November
5pm - 6pm
Lavenham Village Hall




Colin Sell
with Janet Ellis

CLUELESS AT THE KEYS

If you have ever listened to an episode of BBC Radio 4's *I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue* you will recognise the name of Colin Sell as the much put upon but extremely gifted pianist whose musical improvisations at the piano add much to the programme's hilarity.

Following in the tradition of Flanders and Swann, Colin links music and comedy with ease. His collaboration with Barry Cryer and Willie Rushton on *Two Old Farts in the Night* and *The First Farewell Tour* played to sell out audiences and he has a wealth of anecdotes about the stars of one of the BBC's best loved radio programmes.

Join us for a glass of wine during the discussion between Colin and Janet Ellis, presenter and iconic star of *Blue Peter* as well as a renowned historical novelist. Colin and Janet are certain to entertain and bring the festival to an uproarious conclusion.

Tickets: £18. Students and u25's £7.50 *(please show proof of age at venue)*
Wine for over 18s only.

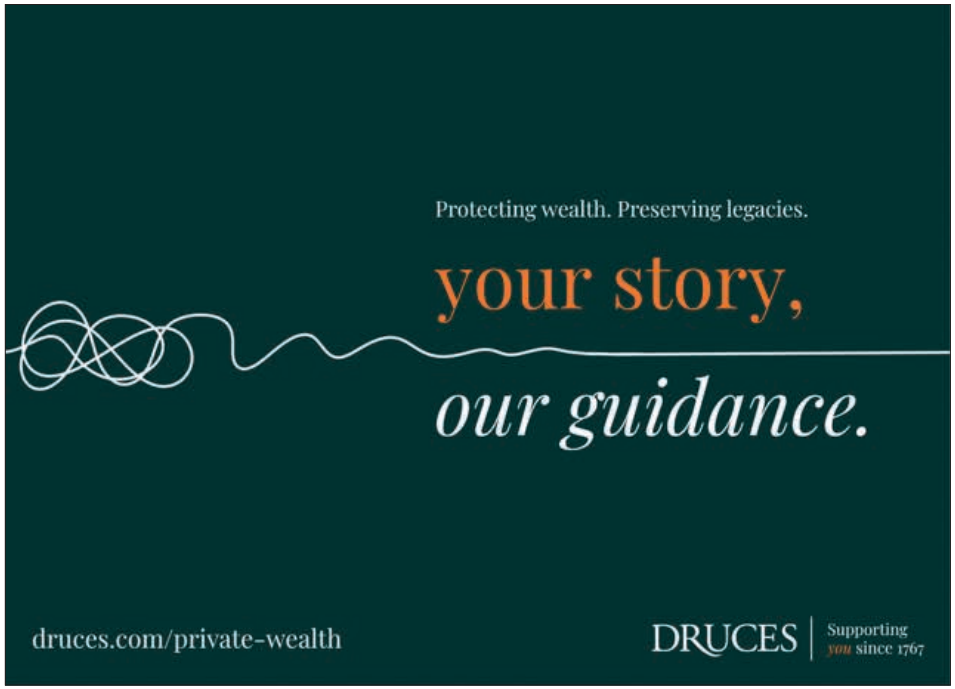
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It has been running since 2009 and has grown into a highly regarded biennial event, with the popular Lavenham Literary Festival Dinner taking place annually.

A big thank you to all our corporate supporters.

Refreshments are available throughout the festival and monies raised from the sale of these go to support the work of Lavenham Library.





Roll up, roll up!

Visit the Lavenham Fringe Tent and meet a unique group of writers.

Adjacent to Lavenham Village Hall in the Fringe Tent we have great pleasure in introducing The Lavenham Festival Fringe. Here you'll find a plethora of talented local writers who have independently published an astonishing range of successful quality fiction and non-fiction.

So far, nineteen authors and The Lavenham Writers' Group will be joining us. Their work encompasses the whole world of literature: lyrical poetry, fascinating memoirs, humour, sci-fi and romance, as well as psychological thrillers, books on gardening, local history and ecology.

All these talented writers will be keen to talk about their own writing journeys, and to sign their books. Entry is free and groups of different writers will be displaying their work mornings and afternoons throughout Saturday and Sunday of the Festival from 10 am until 5pm.

For further details of all the authors in the Fringe Tent see our website: www.lavenhamliteraryfestival.co.uk/the-festival-fringe

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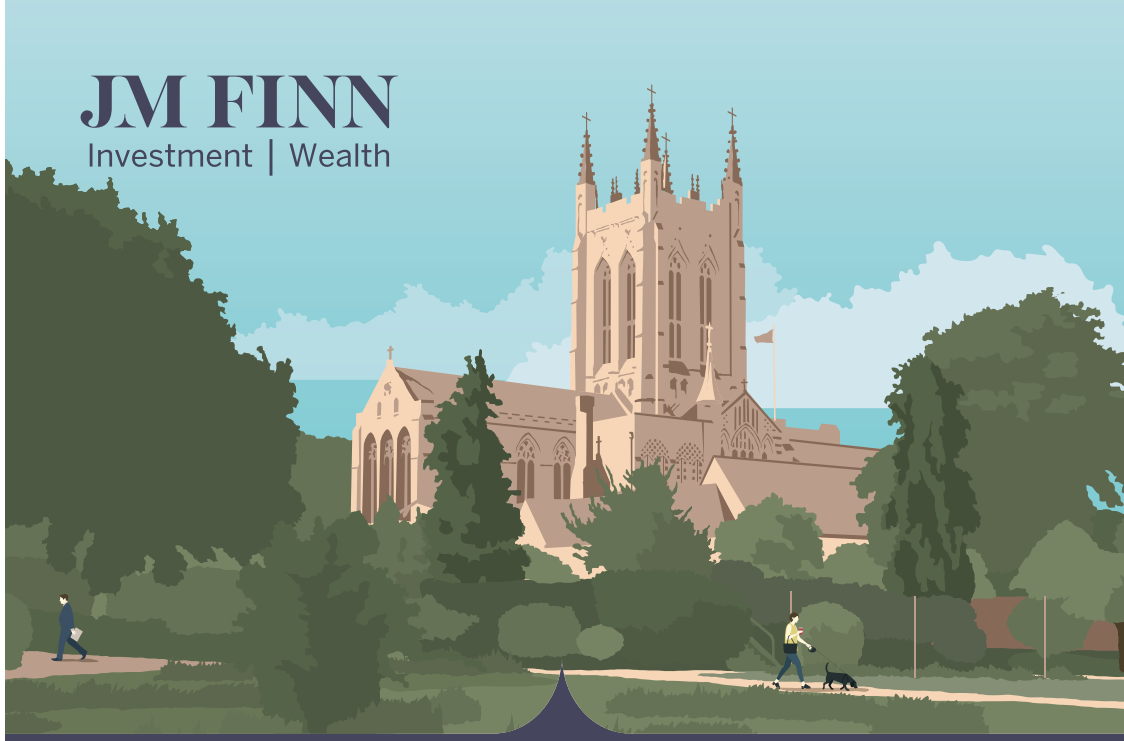


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