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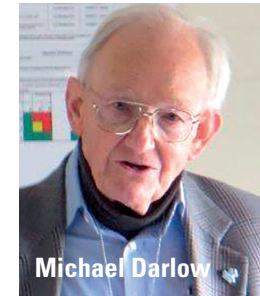
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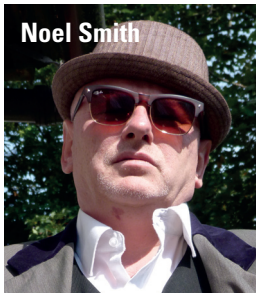
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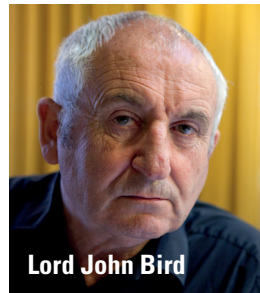
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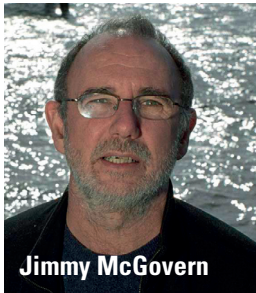
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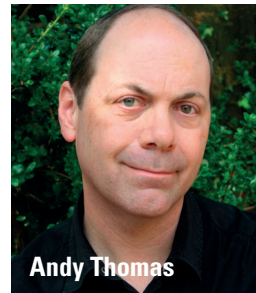
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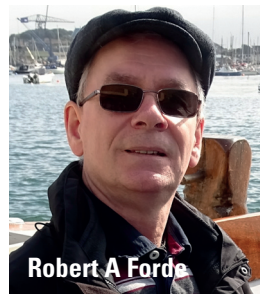
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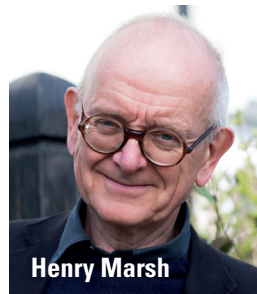
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Henry Marsh



David Quantick



Andy West

DIARY

Week 1

Monday 11th

Jonathan Aitkin **AM**
Noel Smith **PM**
Anthony Riches **PM**

Tuesday 12th

Scott Lavene **AM**
Sarah Hilary **AM**
Vicky Pryce **PM**
David Dein **PM**

Wednesday 13th

Alberto Crisci **AM**
Ian Marchant **PM**
Egerton Bayode **PM**

Thursday 14th

Ben Kane **AM**
Rusty Firmin **PM**

Friday 15th

Erlestone Drama Group **AM**

Week 2

Monday 18th

Henry Marsh **AM**
Jimmy McGovern **PM**
Andy Thomas **PM**

Tuesday 19th

Clare Hammond **AM**
Peter Sutton **AM**
Maggie Harris **PM**
Andy West **PM**
David Quantick **PM**

Wednesday 20th

Helen Holtam **AM**

Thursday 21st

Lord John Bird **AM**
Ella Simpson **PM**
Robert A Forde **PM**

PENNEP UP AT ERLESTOKE

Penned Up returns to Erlestone for a third year! Don't miss out. Take that first step. Sign up for the events. Don't say nothing ever happens in jail.

SIGN UP TODAY
so you don't miss out!

HOW TO GET TICKETS

- Sign up for events at the library
- For further information speak to a member of the Penned Up committee on your wing
- You will get the same sessional pay for attending an event as you would for your usual work or activity



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WEEK 1

Mon 11 March
Jonathan Aitkin
AM 10.30-11.30
Room 27

A talk by **Jonathan Aitkin**, who was imprisoned for perjury in 1999. He is now a campaigner for prison reform and Chaplain at Pentonville. A war correspondent in Vietnam & Biafra during his youth, he also wrote a biography of Richard Nixon.

Mon 11 March
Anthony Riches
PM 2.00-3.00
Room 27

Anthony Riches is author of a series of novels set in the time of Ancient Rome. These are stories of army camaraderie that put the reader right in the heart of the scene, experiencing the blood and gore whilst glimpsing the tactics used in battle.

Mon 11 March
PM 2.00-3.00
Noel 'Razor' Smith
Room 27

After around 200 bank robberies and most of his adult life spent in prison, **Noel Smith** is now Commissioning Editor of Inside Time and author of the bestseller, *A Few Kind Words and a Loaded Gun*. For Penned Up, he will talk us through his favourite 'true crime' books.

Tues 12 March
AM 9.00-10.00
Sarah Hilary
Library

Sarah Hilary is a best selling crime / thriller writer. She will talk about her books and writing, and another story close to her heart, that of her grandparents, who were held in a Japanese prisoner of war camp during WWII.

Tues 12 March
AM 10.30-11.30
Scott Lavene + The Discarded
Chapel

In bands since his teens, **Scott Lavene** scratched out a living as a musician, playing original ballads of madness, oddness, and love. For the festival, he will play a few of these and perform (with his keyboard and sharp humour) a musical account of his unlikely intro into fatherhood. With support from Erlestoke prison band, **The Discarded**.

Tues 12 March
PM 2.00-3.00
David Dein MBE
Visits

Former Vice Chair of Arsenal, **David Dein** helped create the Premier League from the old First Division and brought in Arsène Wenger, talks about his project that twins premiership clubs with prisons to help deliver coaching, refereeing courses and other sporting qualifications which can provide routes to paid employment for prisoners.

Tues 12 March
PM 3.30-4.30
Vicky Pryce
Room 27

After serving a short sentence for perjury, **Vicky Pryce** wrote *Prisonomics*, detailing both her personal experience of prison and how the prison system fails women. She uses her professional understanding to look at jail from an economist's perspective.

Wed 13 March
AM 10.30-11.30
Alberto Crisci MBE
Room 27

One of the guys at **Alberto Crisci's** last Penned Up talk now has a job with him! Alberto is the chef who came up with the idea of a high-end restaurant in a prison staffed by prisoners. How did he achieve his vision? And how could you get employed by The Clink?

Wed 13 March
PM 2.00-3.00
Ian Marchant
Library

Writer and broadcaster **Ian Marchant** writes about unusual subjects, from pubs to trains to night work. In *A Hero for High Times* he charts a hidden history of Britain's counter culture through the stories of Bob Rowberry, who claims to be the first to have sold acid to R.D. Laing and who had an early run-in with Saddam Hussain.

Wed 13 March
PM 3.30-4.30
Egerton Bayode
Room 27

Whilst in prison **Egerton** saw a book in the library with a black guy on the cover; *The Stock Market Explained*. From there, he was hooked. He read everything he could on how business works and after prison, got a job as a business analyst in the City. Your chance to hear his story.

Thurs 14 March
AM 10.30-11.30
Ben Kane
Room 27

As well as being a qualified vet, **Ben Kane** writes best-selling novels. His latest deals with the clash between Ancient Greece and Rome. Ben talks us through the equipment that soldiers had and what made the Roman soldiers so deadly.

Thurs 14 March
PM 2.00-3.00
Rusty Firmin
Room 27

An SAS assault team leader, present at the Iranian Embassy Siege, HQ Squadron 23 SAS permanent staff instructor, 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery, security consultant and close protection operative, author, speaker ... **Rusty Firmin** is a man worth listening to.

Friday 15 March
Erlestoke Drama Group
PM 10.30 -11.00
Room 27

A short devised performance exploring the theme of change by members of the **Erlestoke Drama Group**, led by **Beth Brookes**. The project is supported by the Friends of Erlestoke Prison.

WEEK 2

Mon 18 March
AM 10.30-11.30
Henry Marsh
Room 27

Neurosurgeon **Henry Marsh**, is the author of the bestselling *Do No Harm - Stories of Life, Death and Brain Surgery*. He will talk about his life, what it's like to dig around in people's skulls and the difficulty and responsibility of having their lives (and brains) in his hands.

Mon 18 March
PM 2.00-3.00
Jimmy McGovern
Room 27

Jimmy McGovern is one of Britain's best known TV writers. Born into a Liverpool working class family he became famous for the award-winning *Cracker* in the 1990s. Other work includes the docudrama *Hillsborough*, as well as *The Street*, and more recently, *Care*.

Mon 18 March
PM 3.30-4.30
Andy Thomas
Visits

Paranormal Mysteries & Cover-Ups. Investigator and conspiracies researcher **Andy Thomas** explores some of the most famous 'supernatural' mysteries. What is the truth about ghosts, UFOs, crop circles, psychic phenomena and visions of the future?

Tues 19 March
AM 10.00-11.30
Clare Hammond
Chapel

A chance to hear a fabulous pianist who's played all over the world perform short classical masterpieces. **Clare Hammond's** programme will include works by Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninov, with a brief intro to, and explanation of, each piece.

Tues 19 March
AM 10.30-11.30
Pete Sutton
Library

Pete Sutton has a not-so-secret lair in the wilds of Bristol and dreams up stories, many of which are about magpies. A writer of horror, he says he makes more money from non-fiction than fiction. At Erlestoke, he'll tell us how he comes up with his ideas.



Tues 19 March
Maggie Harris
PM 2.00 - 4.30
Room 14

Life Writing with Maggie Harris. Maggie is an award-winning poet and writer and author of the memoir *Kiskadee Girl*. In this workshop she'll be focusing on truth, lies and memory and the many ways you can write your life story.

Tues 19 March
Andy West
PM 2.00-3.15
Room 27

Take your brain to the gym with this engaging thinking-outside-the-box session. **Andy West** will lead a group discussion around two themes: 'Is everybody free?' and 'Is suffering ever good?' There are no right answers! Andy has taught philosophy in a number of prisons.

Tues 19 March
David Quantick
PM 3.30-4.30
Room 27

David Quantick is an award-winning comedy writer. You might not know his face but you'll have seen lots of his work on TV: *Spitting Image*, *The Thick of It*, *Brass Eye*, *Veep*, *Harry Hill's TV Burp*, to name but a few.

Wed 20 March
Helen Holtam
AM 10.00-11.30
Room 27

Origami workshop. A chance to try something a little different. A special Penned Up workshop devoted to the very popular modular origami, led by Helen Holtam. We will be making flexagons, spinners, wall displays and more. No experience needed. Everyone welcome!

Thurs 21 March
Lord John Bird
AM 10.30-11.30
Room 27

John Bird is founder of *The Big Issue*. He has experienced long periods of homelessness as well as a stint in an orphanage and time in prison. Now in The House of Lords, he plans to concentrate on "thinking and writing and pissing everybody off."

Thurs 21 March
Ella Simpson
PM 2.00 - 4.30
Room 15

Telling it Like it Was: Making Life Stories Live. A writing workshop with **Ella Simpson**. Whether you want to create the outline for your memoir or just reminisce on the good times, Ella will show you how to tell your own story, exactly like it was.

Thurs 21 March
Robert A Forde
PM 3.30-4.30
Room 27

Robert A. Forde is the author of *Bad Psychology*, which asks if forensic psychology is really good science. He argues that the field is dominated by procedures for assessing and reducing the risk of reoffending that have little or no scientific foundation.

Other forthcoming events

Mon 15 April
PM 2.00

For the groundbreaking documentary series *World at War*, film director **Michael Darlow** interviewed survivors of the Holocaust and the guards and officers in charge of the camps. Hear about the behind-the-scenes experience as he shows clips from the episode.

Wed 8 May
PM 2.00

Alex Wheatle MBE. The Brixton Bard: on writing books, growing up in care, prison and success. Alex is a great, entertaining speaker!