

Lowdham Book Festival First Friday Programme

April – July 2017



Friday April 7th

Boots Booklovers Library with Judith Wright

Booklovers Libraries could be found inside Boots stores across the country for over 65 years. They offered customers a wide choice of books, knowledgeable staff, welcoming surroundings and the opportunity to meet other, literature-loving people. It grew to become the world's largest subscription library service and even today is remembered with fondness by former subscribers. Judith is a Senior Boots Archivist and this illustrated talk explores the history of the library and it's workings.

Friday May 5th

Mary, Queen of Scots: The Captive Queen with David Templeman

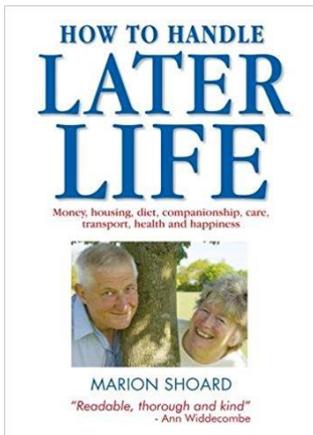
Mary spent more than a third of her life in captivity, including a period in Worksop Manor. Find out what really happened to her in these years as David Templeman reveals the intrigue, passion, plots and escape attempts in the life of one of history's most romantic and enigmatic characters.



Friday June 2nd

How To Handle Later Life with Marion Shoard

Marion Shoard found herself thrown into the world of older people's care in the late 1990s, when her mother went blind and developed dementia. Since then she has been assembling guidance for other people not only about how to find and fund good care, but also in other important areas including housing choices, healthcare rights, transport, social contact, relationships, finance and power of attorney. Marion's 1,000-page book *How to Handle Later Life*, described by Ann Widdecombe as "readable, thorough and kind", will be published by Amaranth Books this spring.



Friday July 7th

Small Island by Little Train: a UK narrow-gauge adventure by Chris Arnot

Narrow-gauge lines were the oddballs of the British railway system. They could get to parts of the UK that main-line trains couldn't and were built on the whims of wealthy men. Today they carry passengers rather than freight as part of the "leisure industry". Chris Arnot has travelled on them to the UK's only official desert, to Britain's second highest mountain, to a steep railway embankment in the wilds of Scotland, and in pitch darkness in coastal Cumbria. Hear these stories and many more as we welcome back a Lowdham Festival favourite!



**First Friday talks take place in Lowdham Methodist Chapel
2 – 3.30pm**

**Tickets available from The Bookcase, 50 Main Street, Lowdham
or on our box office line 0115 966 3219**

£6 full, £5 concessions, £4 Festival Friends (including tea and cake)