

SEDBERGH FESTIVAL OF IDEAS 2008

THURSDAY 17 - SUNDAY 20 JULY
IN SEDBERGH, CUMBRIA -
ENGLAND'S BOOK TOWN

come and debate ideas and issues on topics covering

POLITICS SCIENCE ECOLOGY
MORALITY GLOBAL WARMING
CONSCIOUSNESS RELIGION

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WELCOME ...

... to Sedbergh, England's Book Town, a town where writers and booksellers, artists and gallery managers contrive to offer you their stock in trade – ideas!

If you are planning to travel to Sedbergh, pack your bag for a short stay for it's a lovely place. If you live locally you'll already know that, so just write 'Go to lots of Ideas Fest events' on the pages of your diary marked 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th July. And here's the deal – we'll supply a variety of excellent speakers who have plenty of ideas and are keen to share them. We'll even supply note pads and pens for you to scribble down your own jottings, notes and ideas. All you need to bring are the following: an open mind, your point of view, the knack of listening to others, a bit of cash to buy a few books (and maybe an artwork) and, of course, your ideas!

John Rice
Director



John Rice (photo: Stevie Rice)

THURSDAY 17 JULY

Event 1

Reflections of a War Zone Thug – Martin Bell OBE

The Chair of Sedbergh Book Town, Hilary Hodge, will offer a welcome to this year's Festival and introduce the opening speaker

8pm, People's Hall

Tickets £7.50 • £5 (concs)

Martin Bell, a journalist famous for his BBC reports from war-torn areas of the world and one-time Independent MP elected on an anti-sleaze platform, asks where did it all go wrong? Martin's book *The Truth That Sticks* has just been published in paperback and for this talk he will offer what amounts to a crushing analysis of a decade of deception, dishonesty and abuse of power. Needless to say this will be a talk that is delivered with precision and great passion.

“Martin Bell finds sophistry, venality, illegality and arrogant abuse of power that has dishonoured individuals and corrupted the public trust. The charge sheet, competently and concisely drawn up, is shocking.”
The Times



Martin Bell

Event 2

Standing on Dignity

4pm, Farfield Mill

Tickets £6 • £3 (concs)

Price includes light evening snack of tea/coffee and sandwiches after the workshop



The Ideas Festival in partnership with South Lakeland District Council presents a creative workshop designed to allow local people to develop ideas that may be integrated into SLDC's Equality & Diversity Policies.

Sarah Pickthall is an artist, trainer and consultant who uses coaching principles at the heart of her work. She helps people to explore community, inclusion and equality through groundbreaking artistic interventions, questions and involvement workshops. Sarah is an accredited coach for the Institute of Human Development working with a wide range of individuals and groups in the creative and cultural sectors. She is currently designing a disabled leadership programme for 'Sync'. Sarah will be leading a selection of creative activities designed to add positive, constructive ideas to Cumbria's debate on issues such as diversity, disability, human rights, gender issues, equality, immigration, citizenship and living together in a healthy, supportive society.

Please note: There will be BSL (British Sign Language) interpretation at this event.



Sarah Pickthall

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Event 3

Living Well Within Our Means: Turning energy descent to our advantage – Jonathan Dawson

Introduced by George Handley

7.30pm, People's Hall

Tickets: £6 • £4 (concs) • £2 (students)

Insofar as the media addresses the issue at all, the great energy transition that lies before us as fossil fuel energy runs down is one to be feared and averted if at all possible. But might this transition (which is, by the way, inevitable) prove to be the greatest opportunity imaginable for us to re-create our communities as wealthy, vibrant and happy places in which to live? It really all depends on how we enter the adventure.

Jonathan Dawson is a storyteller and sustainability educator who draws much inspiration from having lived and worked in rural Africa for over a decade. He is President of the Global Ecovillage Network, the umbrella organisation for sustainable communities worldwide.



Jonathan Dawson

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Event 4

Varieties of Consciousness: Day 1

Neuroscience and Consciousness, Philosophy of Consciousness,
Post-neuroscience Ethics

10am, People's Hall

Presentations and Ideas Exchange £15 • £6 (concs)

Ideas Exchange only at 11.45am £6 • £2.50 (concs.)

Main strand: *Science and consciousness*

There will be three 25-minute presentations by the following speakers:

Professor Geraint Rees, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL, London.

Prof. Rees leads the Awareness Group at the ICN. He has published widely on attention, vision and the neural correlates of consciousness (i.e., can my brain activity on a scanner be related to my experience?)

Dr. Ilona Roth, Senior Lecturer in Psychology in the Psychology in Science Group, Department of Life Sciences, Open University.

Dr. Roth has taught psychology for many years. Her research studies include self-awareness and imagination in people with autism. She recently edited *Imaginative Minds* (Proceedings of the British Academy 147, 2007). She intends to talk about her research into imagination and self-expression in poetry by people on the autism spectrum.



Ilona Roth
(photo: Tina Wardhaugh)



Martin Skov



Max Velmans

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Martin Skov, Danish Research Centre for Magnetic Resonance, Copenhagen.

Martin Skov is a neuroaesthetician who investigates the neurobiological underpinnings of aesthetic preferences using fMRI. In his own words his presentation will examine “the neuroethics of consciousness research.” Martin is co-editor of *Følelser og kognition* [Emotion and Cognition], 2007, and *Neuroaesthetics*. He is also collaborating on a book on how we view human nature in the age of neuroscience.

Each presentation will be introduced by:

Professor Tom Ormerod, Professor of Cognitive Psychology, University of Lancaster and a resident of Sedbergh.

11.45am – 1.30pm, People’s Hall

Ideas Exchange:

Consciousness Studies – The Wider Picture

Final Presentation followed by Audience and Panel Ideas Exchange

Professor Max Velmans, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, Goldsmiths College, London

Prof. Velmans has written widely on consciousness: his books include *Is the Brain in the World or the World in the Brain?* and *Understanding Consciousness*. He co-edited *The Blackwell Companion to Consciousness* (2007). Professor Velmans will give a 25-minute introductory talk and lead a discussion with Rees, Roth and Skov.

Ideas Exchange – a chance for the audience to question the speakers and to add personal contributions to the day’s debate.

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Event 5

Who on Earth was Jesus?

In Conversation: David Boulton and Stephen Mitchell

In the chair: Carole Gotham

2.30pm, Farfield Mill

Tickets £6 • £4 (concs)



Stephen Mitchell

Can we distinguish between the Jesus of history and the Christ of Theology? Boulton thinks we can, Mitchell thinks we can't. And does it really matter? David Boulton's latest book is *Who on Earth Was Jesus?* and *God in the Bath* is the intriguing title of Stephen Mitchell's latest book. Ideas Exchange follows a presentation from each speaker.

Stephen Mitchell is a parish priest in Suffolk and is a founder member and chair of the Sea of Faith Network. He trained for the ministry in Cambridge and after serving a curacy at Malvern Priory, was appointed Precentor of Leicester Cathedral. Before moving to Suffolk, he was Rector of Barrow upon Soar and Walton-le-Wolds in Leicestershire. He has written for *The Guardian* and contributed to several theological and humanist publications including *God and Reality* (ed. Colin Cowder-Mowbrays) and *Time and Tide* (O Books with SOF). His *Agenda for Faith* was published by Sea of Faith and *God in the Bath – Relaxing in the Everywhere Presence of God* is published by O Books.

David Boulton is best known today for his books and articles exploring and promoting a brand of open-minded humanism that rejects supernaturalist religion but respects and celebrates the best of our religious heritage and tradition in so far as it offers an enabling dream of what he calls 'the republic of heaven'. He is a member of the British Humanist Association and of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). David has written for *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *New Internationalist*, *New Humanist*, *Sofia* and Quaker journals including *The Friend*, *Friends Quarterly*, *Journal of the Friends Historical Society* and *Proceedings of the Quaker Theology Seminar*.

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Event 6

Philosophy for Children

A parents and children workshop enquiry facilitated by
Dr Barry Hymer and Elizabeth Dawson

4 – 5.30pm, People's Hall

Tickets Adults £3 • child £2 • Family Ticket £10

(restricted numbers, early advance booking essential)

Suitable for children aged 7 – 13

Philosophy for Children (or P4C) is a strategy that uses the process of philosophical enquiry for deepening thinking ability in children. It is based on the following essential points: firstly, the children ask the questions. Those questions are taken seriously by the parents and other children. Indeed they set the agenda for genuine discussion in a community of enquiry. The role of Barry and Elizabeth is then to facilitate the thinking of the individual and the group. The aim is a discussion that clarifies and explores complex issues that matter to children. The process is not mere opinion-swapping; the children are encouraged to be responsible for what they say and to give reasons, examples, counter-examples, and consideration to what someone might say in response. Philosophy is about thinking carefully in a self-correcting way. Children's questions play a vital role in P4C. Barry Hymer believes we should be teaching children to be 'problem-finders', not just solvers of questions. Today's inspiring workshop will appeal to teachers and parents who are keen to encourage children's appreciation and understanding of the world – and their importance in it.

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Event 7

The Kingdom of Infinite Space – Raymond Tallis

introduced by William Sang

5pm, Powell Hall, Sedbergh School

Tickets £7.50 • £4.50 (concs)

Think of this presentation as a journey around the part of your anatomy to which you feel most attached, your head. In a unique fusion of biological science and philosophical interrogation, Ray Tallis takes the head apart in search of the place where our souls, and consciousness, reside. From the act of blushing and the amount of manganese in our tears to the curiousness of a kiss, Ray's talk will explore the astonishing range of activities that go on inside our heads.

Raymond Tallis was Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Manchester. He has played a leading role at a national level in the health care of the elderly. In 2000 he was elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in recognition of his contribution to medical research. Parallel to his career in medicine, Ray has published fiction, three volumes of poetry and books on the philosophy of mind, philosophical anthropology, literary theory, the nature of art and cultural criticism. Together these books offer a critique of current predominant intellectual trends and an alternative understanding of human consciousness, the nature of language and of what it is to be a human being. For this work, he has been awarded two honorary degrees. His books include *The Explicit Animal: A Defence of Human Consciousness*; *Enemies of Hope: A Critique of Contemporary Pessimism*; *On the Edge of Certainty and other essays in philosophy* (all Macmillan). His major philosophical work is a trilogy on human consciousness published by Edinburgh University Press. His novel *Absence* (Toby Press) is available in paperback. In 2004 Ray Tallis was identified in *Prospect Magazine* as one of the top 100 intellectuals in the UK and in 2007 he was nominated in *The Independent* as one of 50 'Brains of Britain'.

(Hear Raymond Tallis read his poems at tonight's *Late Night Poems & Pints* event in The Dalesman at 10.30pm)

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Event 8

Where Did Mr Shakespeare Get His Ideas?



Shakespeare 4 Kidz presents four
30-minute workshops for families

6, 6.30, 7 or 7.30pm, People's Hall

Tickets Adults £2.50 • child £1.50

Suitable for children aged 8 – 13

(Please note: the ticket costs are for each 30-minute workshop. Tickets will be issued in strict rotation.

When you receive your tickets they will tell you which time slot you and your family are allocated.)

Shakespeare4Kids is one of the UK's foremost theatre companies, their actors specialising in engaging children and young people in the poetry and plays of Shakespeare in the most theatrically inventive and imaginative ways. Two actors from this world-renowned theatre and education company will be examining how Will Shakespeare was inspired to create the masterpieces we know and love. Four half-hour sessions are planned, two looking at how Shakespeare created much of the language we still use today, and two reviewing how he used political and social events of the day to inspire his works. These sessions are set to be an enormous amount of fun. Not only that, the workshops will be informative and insightful sessions that will appeal to every child and adult keen to learn from one of the greatest teachers of all time.

Please note: The Company's visit to the Ideas Festival will consist of 4 x 30-minute workshops specially created for the Ideas Festival. These workshops are designed for a maximum of 40 people (parents and children)



attending each session. This reduced number ensures that children and parents will be fully involved in the activities. It also means that there will be great demand for these workshops so please note that advance booking is essential.

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Event 9

The Age of Ideas, The Era of the Imagination

Baroness Williams of Crosby (Shirley Williams)

introduced by Stuart Manger

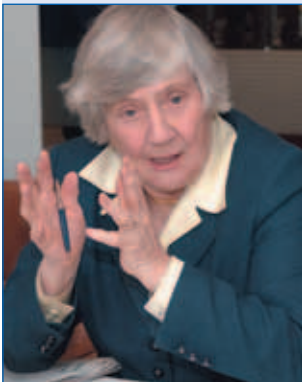
8pm, Powell Hall, Sedbergh School

Tickets £7.50 • £5 (concs)

Shirley Williams was a member of the Labour Party for 35 years. She was a member of the Wilson and Callaghan Cabinets in the 1970s and became Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Paymaster

General, from 1976 to 1979. She lost her seat in the 1979 election. In 1981 she co-founded the Social Democratic Party as one of the 'Gang of Four' becoming the first MP elected for the SDP in 1981. As President of the SDP she strongly supported the merger with the Liberal Party in 1987. In 1988 she was appointed Public Service Professor of Elective Government at the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In 1987 she married the late Professor Richard Neustadt, a leading US political scientist. Shirley Williams re-entered parliament

in 1993 as a peer, and served as the party's spokesperson on Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. She was elected Leader of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords in 2001 and served in that position until 2004.



Shirley Williams
(photo: Alex Folkes/Fishnik.com)

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We regret that, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, this event has now been cancelled. All previously purchased and paid-for tickets will be reimbursed.

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Event 10

*Late Night Comedy:
Poems & Pints*

10.30pm – midnight,
The Dalesman Inn, Main Street

Free

Had enough intellectual stimulation for one day? Fed up with filosofy? Well come along to the Dalesman, grab a pint of Heidegger and relax with some light-hearted poems from Raymond Tallis as well as a selection of striking mis-truths and downright lies from Irish storyteller Jonathan Dawson (speaker at Event 3) and Scots bard John Rice. And if you'd like to add to the entertainment, please bring a poem of your own to read. Filosofy's great, but a poem and a pint, well you Kant beat it!

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.org.uk

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Event 11

Varieties of Consciousness: Day 2

Taster sessions and panel

10am, People's Hall

Tickets £12 • £5 (concs)

Second strand: *Varieties of consciousness*

10 – 11am Demonstrations & Taster Sessions

As an introduction to the day's talks and discussions the three guest speakers will offer attendees a chance to sample the delights of meditation, Qigong and Big Mind techniques and to reflect upon past experiences in which there was a sense of connection to a more fundamental reality than is normally encountered. Each demonstration/activity will last approximately 20 minutes.

Note: Please wear comfortable clothing and footwear. Also, please advise if you have any medical condition before taking part in these activities.

Michael Daniels will invite participants to reflect upon experiences they may have had in which there was a sense of connection to a profound reality, and/or when there was a felt absence of such a connection. The varieties and implications of such experiences will be explored further in his presentation.



Michael Daniels

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Ian McPherson will lead a short Qigong set. Qigong means 'energy work'. It has been practised in China for millennia and is aimed at improving the overall health and balance of the practitioner from the perspective of body, mind and spirit.

David Scott will introduce 'The Big Mind', an ingenious use of Western psychotherapeutic techniques to facilitate the recognition of timeless wisdom insights from the Eastern Zen tradition. It is a simple yet powerful way to allow a person to shift perspective into an awareness of one's true nature.

11.15am

Each panel member will give a presentation focussing specifically on his particular area of interest.

Dr. Michael Daniels is Senior Lecturer in Psychology and Co-Director, Consciousness and Transpersonal Psychology Research Unit, Liverpool John Moores University. He is the author of *Self-discovery the Jungian Way* and *Shadow, Self, Spirit: Essays in Transpersonal Psychology*.

Dr. David Scott has been a Zen practitioner since 1982, under the guidance of Genpo Merzel Roshi. In 2002 he was given Hoshi (dharma holder) by Genpo Roshi and in 2005 accredited to lead Big Mind workshops. He is the author of many books including *The Elements of Zen; Simply Zen; Interiors and Gardens* and *The Three Bowl Cookbook*.

Ian McPherson is a resident of Sedbergh. He has studied and taught t'ai chi and qigong and other Chinese arts for 25 years and is a qualified homoeopath. He is a long-standing meditator in the Zen and advaita traditions.

12.30 – 1.30pm Audience and Panel Ideas Exchange

an opportunity for debate, challenge, reinforcement and interaction.

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Event 12

Six Degrees – Mark Lynas

Introduced by John Rice

11am, Powell Hall, Sedbergh School

Tickets £6 • £4 (concs) • £2 (students)

Mark Lynas shows clips from the National Geographic documentary film about his global warming book *Six Degrees* and how humanity can avoid a fiery future.

Mark Lynas has worked for nearly a decade as a specialist on climate change, and is author of three books on the subject – *High Tide: News from a warming world* (2004), *Carbon Calculator* (2007) and *Six Degrees: Our future on a hotter planet* which was published last year. The book was published in the US by National Geographic and the television documentary based on the book was broadcast on the NG channel internationally. Mark was selected as a National Geographic ‘Emerging Explorer’ in 2006, and was placed at no.7 in *The Independent’s* Green List in 2007. He writes a fortnightly column for *The New Statesman* and is a regular contributor to *The Guardian*.



Mark Lynas

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Event 13

Shaking the Kaleidoscope – Richard Holloway

introduced by David Boulton

2.30pm, Powell Hall, Sedbergh School

Tickets: £6 • £4 (concs)

In 1897 Paul Gauguin received the news in distant Tahiti that his daughter Aline had died of pneumonia. In response he produced a massive painting that was a cry of puzzlement at the riddle of existence. He wrote three questions on a corner of the canvas: *D'où Venons-Nous? Que Sommes-Nous? Où Allons-Nous?* Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going? Those are the questions that come with our existence. Richard Holloway's lecture will look at the way in which religion has responded to them. It will suggest that there are, broadly, four types of answer to Gauguin's great questions, and the lecture will explore them. The tone will be descriptive rather than prescriptive, suggesting that this is how people do think about these matters, rather than how they ought to think.

Richard Holloway was Bishop of Edinburgh and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church until 2000 when he stood down. He is the author of 28 books; his latest, *Between the Monster and the Saint: Reflections on the human condition*, is published this August and is the occasion for this lecture. Richard was a founding member of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and served on the Broadcasting Standards Commission. At present he is Chair of the Joint Board of Scottish Screen and the Scottish Arts Council. He broadcasts regularly on radio and television.



Richard Holloway

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Event 14

The Political Future of the UK ... If there is one!

Peter Hitchens of *The Mail on Sunday*

Introduced by Carole Nelson

4.30 – 6pm, Powell Hall, Sedbergh School

Peter Hitchens argues “that the Tory Party cannot win the next election, since millions of people would rather Tandoori their grannies than vote Tory ever again and the party’s voter base is dying without being replaced. Current polls do not show a Tory surge, but a Labour sag (and conceal the fact that about a third of those polled don’t know or won’t say how they will vote, or say they will not vote at all). No party has ever won a general election if it hasn’t scored at least 51% in the polls at some time whilst in opposition. The Tories have yet to come anywhere near that figure.”

Hitchens continues: “Even if it did, it would not be substantially different in any major policy from New Labour, as it has surrendered far too much ground to socialism over the past 70 years, and doesn’t really disagree with Labour over any major subject. So, since you cannot sack the government at the next election, why not [Hitchens argues] sack the useless opposition to it, which has been so ineffectual for the last 10 years and has no real alternative to offer? A proper Tory collapse would open the way for the creation of a new party, neither bigoted nor politically correct, that could throw New Labour into the sea. Anything else would prolong the life of this doomed, senile failure and (even worse) encourage David Cameron’s view that the best way to beat Labour is to be as like them as possible.”

Peter Hitchens is a columnist for *The Mail on Sunday* and the author of *The Abolition of Britain*, *The Abolition of Liberty* and *Monday Morning Blues*. He is an occasional but irregular broadcaster, and has made TV programmes for Channel Four on decanonising Nelson Mandela, the assault on liberty and on David Cameron. He studied for many years in what he calls ‘the University of Fleet Street’, reporting on education, labour

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affairs, politics, defence and diplomacy. He is a former correspondent for *The Daily Express* in Moscow and Washington and has reported from a great variety of countries, including Iraq, Iran, North Korea, China, Cuba, Venezuela, Israel, Egypt, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Somalia, Turkey and most of the major nations of Europe. He is currently at work on a book provisionally entitled *The Broken Compass – How Left and Right Lost their Meaning*.



Peter Hitchens (photo: Lotte Stenderup/*Mail on Sunday*)

Festival Feedback

6.30pm, The Dalesman Inn

Free

After a hectic and stimulating four days of talks, presentations and debate, it's now time for members of the audience to comment upon this year's festival. This is an opportunity for anyone to offer an opinion, present ideas for improvement or suggest topics, speakers or events for next year's festival. Your feedback will help direct the project's future and shape its progress. Join Sedbergh Book Town representatives, volunteers, supporters and the festival director for a relaxing post-festival drink and let us have your ideas!

INFORMATION

Booking

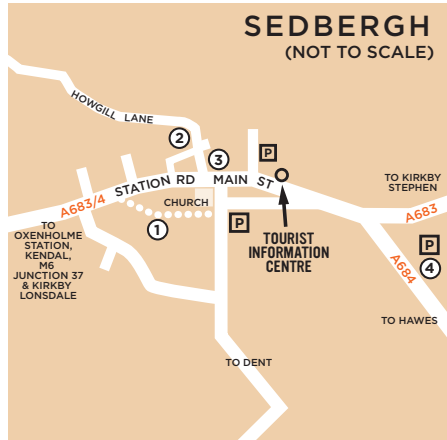
Please complete the booking form on the inside back page and return it with your cheque, made payable to **Festival of Ideas**, to: **Sedbergh Tourist Information Centre**, 72 Main Street, Sedbergh, Cumbria LA10 5AD.

The Information Centre can also provide full information on where to stay and what to do in the Sedbergh and Yorkshire Dales area. Walking, sight-seeing, book hunting and visiting tourist attractions are already popular activities but there are many more things to do in the area.

Tel: 015396 20125 Email: tic@sedbergh.org.uk Website: www.sedbergh.org.uk

How to Find Sedbergh

Sedbergh is on the A684. Leave the M6 at Junction 37 and drive 5 miles east through the stunning Howgill landscape to the town ... it couldn't be simpler! Nearest train stations: Oxenholme (Lake District) 10 miles, Garsdale 10 miles.



KEYS

-  M6 MOTORWAY
-  'A' ROAD
-  RAILWAY LINE

- 1** POWELL HALL, SEDBERGH SCHOOL
School drive from Station Road or
footpath along churchyard wall
- 2** PEOPLE'S HALL, HOWGILL LANE
- 3** THE DALESMAN INN, MAIN STREET
- 4** FARFIELD MILL
ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTRE
Approx. 1 mile from Sedbergh

WHEN IN SEDBERGH ...

Eating In or Eating Out in Sedbergh

Ellie's Tea Room & Bakery

57 Main Street, 015396 21058

Open weekdays 8am – 4pm,
Sat 8.30am – 4pm, Sun 10am – 4pm

Happy Valley

(Takeaway Chinese food)

14-16 Main Street, 015396 21277

Sun – Thu 5pm – 11pm (closed Tues),
Fri & Sat 5pm – 11.30pm

Post Office Café

24-26 Main Street, 015396 20406

Open weekdays 9am – 5pm,
Sat & Sun 9am – 4.30pm

White Rose Fisheries & Café

Main Street, 015396 20468

The Sedbergh Café

30 Main Street, 015396 21389

Open every day 10am – 6pm

Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant

30a Main Street, 015396 20000

Open Sun – Thurs 5.30pm -10.30pm,
Fri & Sat 5.30pm – 11.30pm

Weavers Tea Room

Farfield Mill Arts & Heritage Centre,
Garsdale Road, 015396 21958

Open every day 10am – 5pm

Town Centre Pubs:

The Bull, The Dalesman and
The Red Lion.

Whilst in the Area, why not visit the following places of enjoyment!

Farfield Mill Arts & Heritage Centre

Garsdale Road, Sedbergh (just outside Sedbergh, look for the brown signs)

Exhibition galleries, artists' studios, quality craft & art on sale, local heritage exhibition, regular arts workshops & events, watch weaving on traditional looms, high quality café and free parking. 015396 21958. www.farfieldmill.org

Meeting House, Briggflatts, Sedbergh

The second oldest Quaker Meeting House in England dates from 1675 and welcomes visitors for worship (Sundays 10.30am) or just for a casual visit to experience the serenity of Briggflatts – a hamlet that resonates with history and wonder. A mile and a half west of Sedbergh town centre on A683 towards Kirkby Lonsdale. Open every day, 015396 20005.

The Dales Way

This 80-mile long distance footpath from Bowness-on-Windermere to Ilkley takes you through spectacular countryside including a section which skirts Sedbergh by following the River Rawthey to the hamlet of Millthrop then alongside the River Dee towards Dent. Wonderful walking!

The Howgills

The upland region around Sedbergh includes the Howgills, a range of hills that dominates the area. The hills afford excellent walking or picnicking opportunities with marvellous views of the Lake District mountains and the gentle Yorkshire Dales.

WHEN IN SEDBERGH ...

Sedbergh, England's Book Town:

www.sedbergh.org.uk

Whilst visiting the Ideas Festival why not browse and buy a book at one of the many bookshops in the town:

Avril's Books at Farfield

Farfield Mill Arts & Heritage Centre
Garsdale Road
07967 638503
avrilsbooks@aol.com

Bertrams

16 Back Lane
015396 20408
jill@bertramsmusic.co.uk

The Bookseller

77 Main Street
015396 20991
sedberghbooks@aol.com

Dales & Lakes Book Centre

72 Main Street
015396 20125
booktown@sedbergh.org.uk

Harvest Books

at Dales & Lakes Book Centre
01744 882900
janet.harvest@btinternet.com

Sandells Bookshop

83 Main Street
sandellsbookshop@aol.com

Sleepy Elephant

41 Main Street
015396 21770
www.sleepyelephant.net

Westwood Books

Leisure House, Long Lane
015396 21233
westwood.books@zen.co.uk

Henry Wilson Books

61 Main Street
015396 21111
hwrailwaybooks@aol.com

Sedbergh Library

Books for all ages, DVDs, local & national newspapers, local what's on guides, free internet access. Speakers, visitors and audiences attending the Ideas Festival especially welcome. Open Monday 5pm – 7pm, Wednesday 10am – 12.30pm & 2 – 5pm, Friday 2 – 5pm and Saturday 10am – 12.30pm.

Festival of Ideas Book Sales

Copies of books by selected speakers will be on sale at events. Authors will be prepared to sign copies of their books at the end of each presentation. After the Festival, Westwood Books will continue to stock copies of books by authors/speakers appearing at this year's festival.



AT-A-GLANCE ...

BOOKING FORM

Thursday 17 July

Event 1: *Reflections of a War Zone Thug*
People's Hall, 8pm

£7.50
concs £5

Friday 18 July

Event 2: *Standing on Dignity*
Farfield Mill, 4pm

£6
concs £3

Event 3: *Living Well within Our Means*
People's Hall, 7.30pm

£6
concs £4
students £2

Saturday 19 July

Event 4: *Varieties of Consciousness: Day 1*
People's Hall, 10am

£15
concs £6
Ideas Exchange only £6
Ideas Exchange only concs £2.50

Event 5: *Who on Earth Was Jesus?*
Farfield Mill, 2.30pm

£6
concs £4

Event 6: *Philosophy for Children*
People's Hall, 4pm

adults £3
child £2
family ticket £10

Event 7: *The Kingdom of Infinite Space*
Powell Hall, 5pm

£7.50
concs £4.50

Event 8: *Shakespeare 4 Kidz*
People's Hall, 6pm, 6.30pm, 7pm or 7.30pm

adults £2.50
child £1.50

Event 9: *The Age of Ideas, the Era of the Imagination*

£7.50

Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances – see page 12.

concs £5

Event 10: *Late Night Poems & Pints*
The Dalesman, 10.30pm

Free

Sunday 20 July

Event 11: *Varieties of Consciousness: Day 2*
People's Hall, 10am

£12
concs £5

Event 12: *Six Degrees film/talk*
Powell Hall, 11am

£6
concs £4
students £2

Event 13: *Shaking the Kaleidoscope*
Powell Hall, 2.30pm

£6
concs £4

Event 14: *The Political Future of the UK ...*
Powell Hall, 4.30pm

£6
concs £4

Festival Feedback The Dalesman, 6.30pm

Free

No. of
Tickets

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