

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TUES 15TH NOVEMBER
(postponed from
6th October 2011)

ALL MADE UP

BY JANICE GALLOWAY

Janice Galloway will be talking about the second volume of her memoirs, as recently serialised on Radio 4.

THURS 24TH NOVEMBER
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
EVENING

We hope we can help solve your Christmas shopping dilemmas and keep you fortified with Bill's legendary Chocolate Mulled Wine.

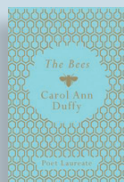
SAT 26TH NOVEMBER
HOW TO COOK

BY ISABELLA BEATON
& GERARD BAKER

Gerard Baker will talk about Mrs Beaton's food and then show us how to prepare the recipes at home.

Join our **EMAILING LIST** to be kept up to date with all **AUTHOR EVENTS** and **BOOK GROUP NEWS**: info@mainstreetbooks.co.uk. Please note that events do sell out so it's important to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

THIS CHRISTMAS WE WILL BE GIVING...



OPERATION ALPHABET MINISTRY OF LETTERS by Al MacCuish, Jim Bletsas & Luciano Lozano

£9.95 hardback (review by Rosamund)

This book is a joy. Charlie Foxtrot has just arrived at school and finds himself mystified by the alphabet. Luckily help is on hand at the Ministry of Letters, a top secret organisation known only to the Queen, the Prime Minister, spies and cats. This book will be given to all 4-6yr olds on my Christmas list. Parents will love the design, children will love the adventure, none can resist the Special Alphabet Service (SAS).

HARRIS TWEED FROM LAND TO STREET By Lara Platman

£25.00 hardback (review by Philippa)

This year Harris Tweed is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its trademark Orb stamp, and this book is the perfect way to celebrate. Lara Platman's luxurious images take us on a fascinating journey from the wilds of the Outer Hebrides to the tailors of Saville Row. This now historic textile is a true reflection not only of the spectacular landscape from which it is inspired, but also the heart-felt skills of the local people who make it.

THE BEES by Carol Ann Duffy

£14.99 hardback (review by Vivian)

This book is just delicious. As an object it is beautiful (something a kindle couldn't hope to replicate) and very covetable. Inside Duffy's poetry is wonderfully accessible, talking as it does about day to day life, and occasionally death, in a voice we can all recognise. I challenge you to Read 'Last Post' on page 4 and remain unmoved.

CLARA BUTTON AND THE MAGICAL HAT

By Amy de la Haye & Emily Sutton

£10.99 Hardback (review by Philippa)

Clara Button loves nothing more than making clothes for her toys, which she does while wearing her Granny Elsie's hat. But when her naughty brother Ollie accidentally tears the treasured hat, Clara sets off to the Victoria and Albert Museum to see if it can be mended. This beautifully illustrated story transports me to my own Grandmothers hat collection, and the excitement I still feel for her tin of collected buttons that I treasured so dearly.

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RECENT EVENTS

Australian **PAUL CARTER** played a blinder and turned the air blue talking about his third book, **IS THAT BIKE DIESEL MATE?**

HOW TO STEAL A DRAGON'S SWORD BY CRESSIDA COWELL

This was an uproariously successful afternoon's entertainment from Cressida Cowell. Telling tales of childhood holidays spent on an isolated Scottish isle, which inspired her to write and ultimately create Hiccup and his ilk.

OPENING
HOURS
TUES - SAT
9am - 5.30pm
SUNDAY
11am - 4.30pm



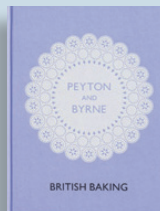
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We are eating...

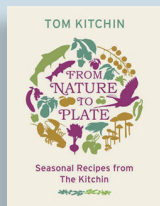
THICK-CUT MARMALADE LOAF WITH ORANGE ICING

We make this recipe, from *Peyton and Byrne British Baking* (£20.00 hardback) as a gluten free cake. It may not rise to the exalted height of its gluten full counterpart, but lacks none of the flavour. Very more-ish.



ROASTED PUMPKIN SOUP

A warming Autumnal soup taken from *Seasonal Recipes from The Kitchen* by Tom Kitchin (£16.99 Paperback) which definitely adheres to Kitchin's 'waste not want not' ethos, using every part of the pumpkin in preparation (and the shell to serve!). A lovely soup to try at home.



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SHOPPING EVERY THURSDAY IN DECEMBER ★ FREE
CHOCOLATE MULLED WINE ON CHRISTMAS EVE ★

STAFF FOCUS

Regulars will have noticed a lack of sunshine in recent weeks due to the departure of Rowena Jacobs, our wonderful colleague who, after spending a gap year with us, has gone to York University to study music. Rowena is a talented

flautist and we wish her great success, but hope she'll come back to join us over the holidays.

Keeping with the Arts we have been joined by Philippa Henley and (in the kitchen) Shaun Fagan, both recent graduates of the sculpture

department at Edinburgh College of Art. Philippa has spent many years as a 'holiday' barista, while Shaun has been working at Marmion's in Melrose. He was also runner-up in the recent Borders Junior Chef Challenge. We are delighted to have them on board.