



Friday 15 February

17.00 – 19.00 Reception
(Main Gallery - Free)

A warm welcome to all participants and LitFest-goers old and new! A sparkling celebration to mark the opening of LitFest19.

Saturday 16 February

Doors open at 10.00. Join us for a preliminary tea or coffee in the studio and gallery to open the festival!

11.00 – 13.00 Poetry Workshop
with **Chris Goode** and **Rich Hume**
(Studio—£5)

 *In this session we will be exploring poetic forms, having fun experimenting with rhyme and metre, and finishing up with our own completed poems. Tea, coffee, and other drinks provided.*

14:00 – 14.45 Maeve Jenkinson
(Violin) **and Martin Neill** (Piano)
(Undercroft—£5)

 *Join us in the undercroft for a musical celebration, with some favourite pieces from the classical repertoire.*

15.00 – 16.30 Seahaven Writers
(Undercroft - £5)

 *A session showcasing the work and*



interests of this flourishing local group. A varied programme will include poetry readings from their recent anthology about local places and an exploration of the links between words and music.

17.00 – 17.45 Barry Winbolt
(Undercroft - £5)

 *Barry has published several books on subjects such as self-help and psychology. He will be presenting a session entitled 'how to start as a non-fiction writer'.*

18.00 – 18.45 Pop-Up Singers
(Undercroft - £5)

 *This well-loved local group will be singing a selection of popular songs, including some with a decidedly literary flavour!*



19.00 – 20.00 Nicholas Royle
(Undercroft-£5)

 Seaford-based writer and academic Nicholas Royle returns to the intimate atmosphere of the Crypt to read a selection of his short stories. Wine and other refreshments will be provided.

Sunday 17 February

Doors open at 10.00 for tea or coffee and a browse in the studio and gallery.

11.00 – 11.45 Richard Wright
(Undercroft-£5)

 Local author Richard Wright discusses the ideas behind his fiction, including his first novel, *The Suspects*.

12.00 – 12.45 Seahaven Poets
(Undercroft-Free)

 A collective of local poets reading from their own work.

14.00 – 14.45 Jill Bush
(Undercroft-£5)

 Seaford-based writer Jill Bush tells the story of First World War pilot Lionel Morris, the subject of her forthcoming biography *The Red Baron's First Englishman*.

**15:00 – 15.45 Joy Lewis
and Derrick Hughes**
(Undercroft—£5)

 LitFest19 welcomes the return of Joy and Derrick, a popular Seaford-based duo who play traditional instruments,

including dulcimer, psaltery, small pipes, harp and serpent.



**16:00 – 16.45 Umi Sinha
and Elizabeth Scott**
(Undercroft—£5)

 'The Freya Connection' – storytellers extraordinaire Umi and Elizabeth relate the exploits of Flight Sergeant Jack Nissenthal in the disastrous Dieppe Raid of 1942.

17.00 – 17.45 Ruth Figgess
(Undercroft-£5)

 Local writer Ruth, who published her first novel, *Magnetism*, last year, returns to the Crypt to talk about her work.

**19:00 – 21.00 Open Mic Poetry
with guest poet Susan Evans**
(Undercroft—£5)

 We close LitFest19 with an Open Mic poetry event conducted by Chris Goode and Rich Hume. A warm welcome is extended to all poets reading from their own work in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The stellar performance poet Susan Evans will be our Guest Poet tonight. Wine and other drinks will be provided.