

COTSWOLD LINK Special Interest Day

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 6PN 10.30 – 15.30

From Pen to Reader: The Journey of a Book

A day of four lively talks exploring how books are imagined, written, researched, published, and brought to readers. Open to all members of u3as affiliated to the Cotswold Link network.



Bums on Seats Sue Ablett

Founder and Chair of the Evesham Festival of Words, Sue shares a behind-the-scenes look at running a literary festival. She draws on her varied career and her experience as a self-published non-fiction author, offering practical tips for writers hoping to promote their books.



Researching Roman Britain Jacqui Rogers

Jacqui writes two crime/thriller series set in 3rd-century Roman Britain, including the bestselling *The Loyal Centurion*. She talks about researching the ancient world, building believable historical settings, and shaping compelling characters.



The Joys and Perils of Being an Author Colin Wade

Author of seven crime and mystery thrillers, Colin discusses his writing journey, the surprises of publishing, and how his background with Thames Valley Police helps him craft fast-paced, gripping stories.



A Publisher's Perspective Gareth Swain

Managing Director and co-owner of The History Press, Gareth offers an insider's view of modern publishing—how decisions are made, what publishers look for, and how a manuscript becomes a finished book.



Bonus Session Jocelyn Wishart

How one u3a Creative Writing Group successfully wrote and published their own books.

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Please register, ideally using the electronic booking link and including all the details requested on the booking form below.

Electronic Booking Link [HERE](#) paper registration form below.

BOOKING FORM

I/We would like to attend the Special Interest Day

(Please complete further sheets if necessary)

Full Name/s

Address

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Telephone No..... email:.....

Member(s) ofu3a

Please give your personal u3a membership number/s

Special dietary requirements

Special access needs.....

£28 to include attendance, car parking, coffee/tea on arrival and lunch. Deadline for receipt of payment and booking form is 2nd May 2026. Applications on first come, first booked basis.

If you can't use the electronic book link about, email Ann Kelly on annMK6571@hotmail.com, attaching the booking form or including all the details from the booking form in your email. **Pay by BACS** to Lloyds Bank
Account Name: Cotswold Link A/C No: 02375425 Sort Code:30-92-06.

Please quote your surname/u3a as reference and advise Ann that you are paying electronically.

Alternatively return completed form and **cheques made payable to Cotswold Link** to:
Ann Kelly, White Cottage, Martley Road, Lower Broadheath, Worcester. WR2 6QG.

Cotswold Link website link: [Special Interest Days - Cotswold u3a Link](#)