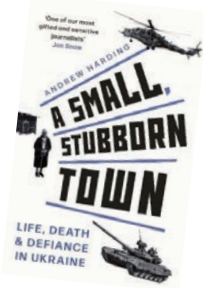


WHAT'S ON
February - July 2025

CLIFTON LIBRARY



Talks Activities
Singing Films
MUSIC WELLBEING
Book Club Workshops



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Support and enjoy your library

Clifton Library, in the heart of Clifton Village, is a warm welcoming space free for everyone to use. It is the only council owned public building in Clifton and a vital community resource. The Friends of the Library group (FoCCaL) works hard to support the library and welcomes help with events and activities, new members and new ideas. We'd love to hear from you! Contact hello@foccal.com or leave a note in the library.

Address

Clifton Library, Princess Victoria Street,
Clifton, Bristol BS8 4BX

Phone: **0117 9038572**

Email: clifton.library@bristol.gov.uk

www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries

Opening times

MONDAY	10-2pm
TUESDAY	1-5pm
WEDNESDAY	CLOSED
THURSDAY	1-5pm
FRIDAY	10-2pm
SATURDAY	1-5pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Getting here

Bus No 8 & 505

Bike There are bike racks in the courtyard and nearby.

Library facilities

- **Books** - you can borrow books for free, order any book, e-book, audiobook, dvd, cd and music from 150 libraries in the South West and pick-up in Clifton with email notification when the item arrives. You can return books from other libraries at Clifton.
- **Magazines** are available to read in the library.
- **Free wifi** and **computer** use.
- **Photocopier** and **scanner** (charges apply).
- **Garden refuse sacks** (£2.50 each).
- **Accessible toilet** on the ground floor.

Join the library

Become a library member and you can use any library in Bristol. Join at Clifton library or any other library or online.



Library online resources

The library has a fantastic range of online resources, which you can use free of charge.

- Search your family history with **Ancestry**, stream classical music with **Naxos**, practise your **Driving Theory Test**, access to business resources and much more. If you're a library member, you can use most of these resources from home.
- There is also a range of online newspapers and magazines. Visit [bristol libraries website](http://bristol-libraries.org.uk) or ask in the library.



REGULAR ACTIVITIES and GROUPS

Library and independent activities

Baby Bounce & Rhyme **FREE**

Mondays & Fridays 10.30 - 11am

No need to book just turn up.

Pre-School Story Time **FREE**

Tuesdays 2.30 - 3pm

No need to book just turn up.

Councillors' Surgery **FREE**

1st Wednesday every month 5 - 6pm

No need to book - just turn up.

Jerome Thomas & Paula O'Rourke are your councillors for Clifton ward. *'Come and see us if you have an issue you'd like to discuss in person or if you just want to meet us for a chat.'*

Singing led by Kate McNab **£5**

Saturdays 11 - 12 noon

Just turn up, no experience necessary.

All ages and abilities welcome. Good for breathing, good for mental health.

Friendly and fun.

Yoga Class

Thursdays 10am - 11.30pm

A gentle, mindful class. It's about tuning into yourself rather than knotting your knees behind your head. Contact Em Sawday on 07833 751235 if you feel interested and would like to know more.

Dance for Women with Wendy Buonaventura

FREE (donations welcomed)

Mondays 12.15pm

A 30 minute dance class for women of all ages who want to keep their body in tune.

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Tai Chi with Don **FREE** (donations welcomed)

Tuesdays 11.30 - 12.15pm

Our first block of sessions runs until and including 25th February.

Please check notice board and website.



Play Bridge **FREE** (donations welcomed)

Wednesdays

10.30am - 12.30pm

Drop-in.

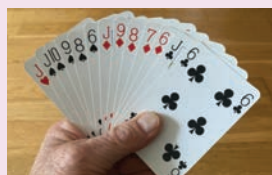


Table Tennis **FREE** (donations welcomed)

Mondays

1.30 - 2.30pm

Wednesdays

11am - 1pm Drop-in.

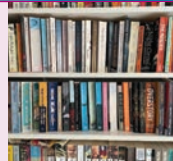


Book Group

FREE (donations welcomed)

Last Tuesday of the month

10.30 - 12 noon Drop-in.



Clifton Crafters

FREE (donations welcomed)

Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.30pm

Drop-in session.



Dance for Women

Book on www.foccal.com or on the door

FEBRUARY



Bruce Fellows tells us about his new play 'Doris' with readings from Kate McNab and Alan Moore

Thursday 6th February Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

This is part two of our Doris Day celebration to follow the matinee showing of **'That Touch of Mink'** on Wednesday 5th. After yesterday's film introduction, it's D-Day: the first public airing of a play with music about Hollywood Legend, Doris Day. Behind all the showbiz glitz, who was she really?

Be part of the production process: watch and comment as local legends Kate McNab and Alan Moore introduce selected scenes and songs from 'DORIS' – (the girl next door).



The Harrison's Live Music

Friday 14th February Starts 7.30pm
Bar from 7pm **£10**

The Harrison's trio was formed just before the turn of this century and boasts around 150 years of eclectic musical experience. With credits including Portishead and Goldfrapp, recording dates in Nashville and Rockfield, and shows in venues as diverse as The Royal Festival Hall and The Rainbow Cafe, Clifton, The Harrison's trio is truly a band for all occasions. With smatterings of

country, blues, rock 'n' roll and maybe the odd show number, they offer feel-good tunes, sweet harmonies, smiles, two guitars and a trombone. Come and have fun and a dance maybe?



Local author, AA Abbott

Thursday 27th February Starts 7.30pm Bar from 7.00pm **FREE**

AA Abbott writes psychological thrillers about women finding strength in the face of danger. Her last three books, including new thriller **RUN FOR YOUR LIES**, are set in Clifton.

The stories cover themes like gaslighting, dysfunctional families and homelessness. After all that tension and dark suspense, you'll be relieved to hear they end on an uplifting note.

AA Abbott will be interviewed by Michael MacMahon.

MARCH



David Parker: Another Country A film journey through rural England

Tuesday 4th March Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

Free coal mining in the Forest of Dean, salmon poaching on the River Severn, shrimp harvesting in Bridgwater Bay, wassailing on the Somerset Levels, step dancing on Dartmoor, the 'Hobby 'Os' festival in Cornwall. On Bristol's door step, the West Country has some of the most breathtaking rural landscapes in Britain, and characters that shaped and moulded those landscapes to match. David Parker has spent many years filming this countryside and these changing traditions. In a preview of a film in production that charts a year in the life of rural England he will introduce some of these people, their crafts and skills and the customs and traditions they held onto in times of huge upheaval.

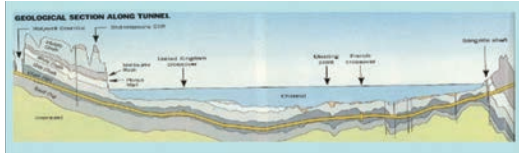
Jonathan Camp: David Hockney's Mr and Mrs Clark and Percy (1971)

Thursday 13th March Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**



Join us for a close look at David Hockney's masterpiece Mr and Mrs Clark and Percy (1971) with local art historian Jonathan Camp. We will explore the composition and style of one of Hockney's best known paintings, interpreting the work in the context of its time and Hockney's career. It promises to be a fascinating evening.

The Longest Undersea Tunnel in the World: The Channel Tunnel by Dr Roger Maddrell



25th March Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

The Channel Tunnel is a 50.46 km railway tunnel connecting Folkestone (UK) with Coquelles (France) beneath the English Channel. At its lowest point, it is 75m deep

and 115 m below sea level. The tunnel has the longest underwater section of any tunnel in the world, and was the third longest railway tunnel in the world. It opened in 1994.

The talk will start at the time the UK was attached to Europe by the Weald-Artois land bridge; the impacts of the Ice Age and our disconnection from Europe; the earliest ideas for a channel tunnel from the 1800s onwards; Col. Beaumont's successful tunnelling attempt in 1875; the 27 other attempts/false starts to construct a tunnel, the penultimate attempt in the early 1970s; the construction of the Channel Tunnel between 1987 and 1991.

Roger has over Fifty years' worldwide experience as a Civil Engineering Consultant, having worked on projects in over 50 countries. He was Eurotunnel's Chief Engineer (Marine) for the Channel Tunnel, being involved in the project from the start to its completion.

APRIL



A Small, Stubborn Town by Andrew Harding

Friday 11th April Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

The Russians are invading. But the locals have a plan. It's March 2022 and Russian tanks are roaring across the vast, snowdusted fields of Ukraine. Their destination: Voznesensk, a town with a small bridge that could change the course of the war. The heavily-armed Russians are expecting an easy fight - or no fight at all. After all, Voznesensk is a quiet farming town, full of pensioners. But the locals appear to have other ideas...

This is a powerful story of under-dog resistance and triumph by Andrew Harding one of the UK's greatest foreign correspondents which will capture readers' imaginations.



To mark the 80th Anniversary of the end of WW2 David Parker: The West at War 1939 - 1945

Tuesday 15th April Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

From the outbreak of War witnessed on a Cornish beach in September 1939 to the wild celebrations across towns, cities and villages, in May 1945 the West Country was embroiled in WW2 in ways unparalleled in history.

Remarkably, some amateur movie makers captured this 'people's war' on film and many of their films have found their way into television programmes made by David Parker. To mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two David will be showing film clips from some of those programmes that tell the stories on the home front and in the theatres of conflict in Europe and the Far East, ordinary lives lived through the most extraordinary times.

MAY



Half and Half with Melanie Branton and Bob Walton

Thursday 29th May Talk 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

An evening of poetry with popular Bristol poets Melanie Branton and Bob Walton who offer an enthralling evening: Branton's witty, surreal poems on the eccentricities and ups and downs of life, including a selection from her entertaining show and collection, 'The Full English'; Walton's lyrical, image-rich reflections from his collection 'Sax Burglar Blues' and recent poems.

JUNE



Jo Swann and Nick Pullin Hounds of Love duo

Friday 20th June Music 7.30pm Bar from 7pm **£10**

Performing classic songs from the 1930's to present day. With Joanna's stunning vocals and Nick's rhythmic and electric guitar, the pair take their favourite songs from a wide range of singers, like Nina Simone, Frank Sinatra & Peggy Lee, through to Marvin Gaye, The Beatles and Billie Eilish... all delivered in their own inimitable style!

JULY



Summer of Love

presented by **The Clifton Library Variety Show**

Saturday 5th July Performance 7pm Bar from 6.30pm **£5**

Sunday 6th July Performance 6pm Bar from 5.30pm **£5**

Be sure to wear a flower in your hair!

All screenings start at 7pm Bar opens at 6.30pm

Drive Away Dolls *Rated 15*
Friday 28th February

In search of a fresh start, two women embark on an impromptu road trip to Tallahassee, Fla. However, things quickly go awry when they cross paths with a group of inept criminals along the way.



Small Things Like These *Rated 12*
Friday 28th March

In 1985 devoted father Bill Furlong discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent and uncovers shocking truths of his own.



Thelma Rated 12
Friday 25th April

When 93-year-old Thelma Post gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her.



The Dead Don't Hurt Rated 15
Friday 30th May



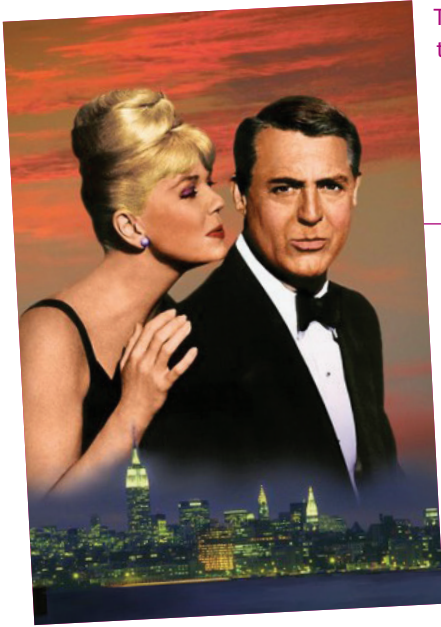
When the man she loves, Holger Olsen, goes off to fight in the Civil War, Vivienne Le Coudy must fend for herself in a place controlled by a corrupt mayor and his unscrupulous business partner. When Olsen returns from the war, he and Vivienne must confront and make peace with the person each has become.

If you have suggestions for films you would like included in our next programme starting in Autumn 2025 please contact us on: hello@foccal.com

Also please check website www.foccal.com for updates and any last minute changes.

Thanks to a generous donation we are able to continue showing our fortnightly matinees.

There is no charge for these events and there will be free tea and coffee available but you are welcome to contribute.



That Touch of Mink

Wednesday 5th February

While Cathy Timberlake (Doris Day) is on her way to a job interview, Philip Shayne's car splashes her dress with mud. Philip (Cary Grant) wants to make up for the incident and when he and Cathy meet, there's a mutual attraction. But will she settle for what he's offering?

The Apprentice Rated 15

Wednesday 19th February

A young Donald Trump, eager to make his name as the hungry second son of a wealthy family in 1970s New York, comes under the spell of cutthroat lawyer Roy Cohn. Cohn sees in Trump the perfect protege: someone with raw ambition, a hunger for success, and a willingness to do whatever it takes to win.



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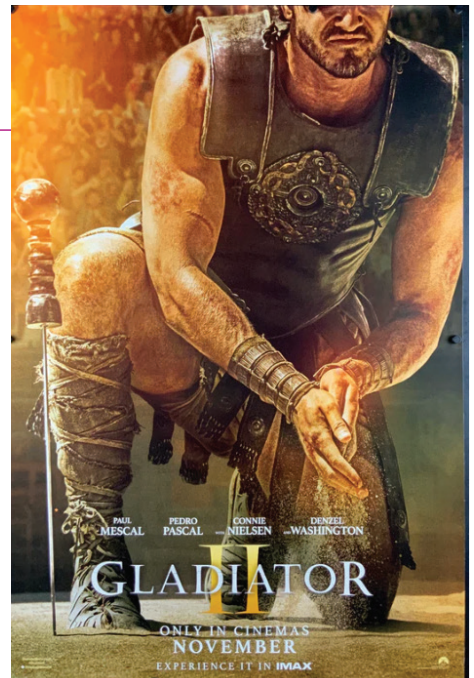
The Outrun Rated 15
Wednesday 5th March

The Outrun follows the story of 29-year-old, Rona (played by Saoirse Ronan), and her journey through addiction and into sobriety in the beautiful but remote settings of the Orkney Islands.

The film time-travels between the Orkneys and London – where Rona’s flashbacks of her former party lifestyle are intertwined with the solitude of her new recovery journey.

Gladiator II Rated 15
Wednesday 19th March

Years after witnessing the death of Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius must enter the Colosseum after the powerful emperors of Rome conquer his home. With rage in his heart and the future of the empire at stake, he looks to the past to find the strength and honour needed to return the glory of Rome to its people.





LA Confidential Rated 18
Wednesday 2nd April

Three detectives from Los Angeles Police Department investigate multiple homicides. While unearthing the evidence and the suspects, the trail leads to corruption in their own department.

Io Capitano Rated 15
Wednesday 16th April

Longing for a brighter future, two Senegalese teenagers embark on a journey from West Africa to Italy. However, between their dreams and reality lies a labyrinth of checkpoints, the Sahara Desert, and the vast waters of the Mediterranean.





Twisters Rated 12
Wednesday 30th April

Haunted by a devastating encounter with a tornado, Kate Cooper gets lured back to the open plains by her friend, Javi, to test a groundbreaking new tracking system. She soon crosses paths with Tyler Owens, a charming but reckless social-media superstar who thrives on posting his storm-chasing adventures. As storm season intensifies, Kate, Tyler and their competing teams find themselves in a fight for their lives as multiple systems converge over central Oklahoma.

On the Waterfront Rated PG
Wednesday 14th May

An ex-prize fighter turned New Jersey longshoreman struggles to stand up to his corrupt union bosses, including his older brother.



Secrets and Lies Rated 15
Wednesday 28th May

Following the death of her adoptive parents, a successful young black optometrist establishes contact with her biological mother - a lonely white factory worker living in poverty in East London. Secrets & Lies is a Palme d'Or winning tour de force of sustained tension and catharsis that lays bare the emotional fault lines running beneath everyday lives.



Book Club Last Tuesday of each month 10.30 - 12.00pm **FREE**

Join our friendly, informal book group. We will read and discuss a book each month over tea and coffee. Books are suggested and chosen by the group, covering a wide range of subjects and genres. There is no need to buy the chosen book whenever possible copies will be reserved by the library.

Check website for book choices each month.

**Clifton Crafters** Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.30pm**FREE (donations welcomed)**

Bring along that 'UFO' (Un-finished Object). We all have craft ideas we have started and now they are lurking in a drawer unloved – dig them out and come and share a morning of Knitting, Crochet, Tapestry, Cross Stitch, Rag Rugs or whatever you would love to resurrect or mend!

No skill needed we will all be at different levels and will encourage each other to try new skills and help with problems - *if we can!*

**Tai Chi Qigong Shibashi with Don****Tuesdays** 11.30 - 12.15pm **FREE (donations welcomed)**

A friendly, drop in session. Tai Chi Qigong Shibashi for health and well-being, a gentle flowing exercise routine. Deeply relaxing, improves balance, breathing and flexibility, suitable for all ages, and mobility, it can be performed seated.

Table Tennis**Mondays** 1.30 - 2.30pm and **Wednesdays** 11.00 - 1.00pm **FREE (donations welcomed)**

A mixed ability, informal table tennis group. Drop in for a game, or come along to learn how to play, or refresh past skills. Table tennis bats available but bring your own if you have one.

Play Bridge**Wednesdays** 10.30am - 12.30pm **FREE (donations welcomed)**

FoCCaL have successfully run a beginner and an intermediate bridge class for the past two years and those two groups will continue on Wednesday mornings at 10.30. We welcome new members who already have a grounding in 5 card major/high no trump bridge to join in too.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LIBRARY



Volunteering

The library offers volunteering opportunities to assist the work of paid library staff.

If you are interested please contact libraries.
volunteering@bristol.gov.uk.

We have several possible roles, but would particularly be interested in anyone wanting to support people with IT skills, start a chess club or a coding club.

**Help with events !
Get in touch ! Join us !**

**email: hello@foccal.com
www.foccal.com** or leave a note in the library

*Check our noticeboard for updates.
Thank you for supporting Clifton Library!*

Hire the library

The ground floor space of the library is available to hire when the library is closed. The bookshelves are on wheels and can be easily moved to create a large space. Large screen and AV equipment available.

Meeting room on the 1st floor - light and airy with lift access.

Cost: £25 per hour (commercial). Eligible groups are able to get a 50% discount on this.

Contact: Library staff.



SAVE THE DATE

- **Provisional dates for LitFest 2025 - 14th, 15th, 16th November**

For other events not listed please see our website: www.foccal.com

Libraries are available as normal this year if you need a warm space

DIARY OF EVENTS

BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR ALL EVENING EVENTS

Visit our website for details and booking: www.foccal.com **Booking not required for free events.**

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14th Feb	7pm	The Harrisons - LIVE MUSIC	£10
19th Feb	2pm	Wednesday Matinee - The Apprentice	FREE
27th Feb	7.30pm	Local author, AA Abbott - Run for your Lies	FREE
28th Feb	7pm	Friday Film - Drive Away Dolls	£5

MARCH

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25th Mar	7pm	Dr Roger Maddrell - The Channel Tunnel	£5
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APRIL

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MAY

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