



A CRIME WEEKEND AT GLADSTONE'S LIBRARY

3pm 6th June - 2pm 8th June 2025

Various ticket options available.

See our website for all booking options.

The North-West's favourite crime weekend is back for another year! Some of the world's best crime writers come to Hawarden for a festival of all things crime.

Appearing at Alibis in the Archive 2025: The British Library talks Crime Classics – John Curran on Agatha Christie and the Collins Crime Club – Shelly Dickson Carr remembers 'My Grandfather, John Dickson Carr' – Christina Koning on Cambridge Crime – Paul Charles talks to Martin Edwards about Colin Dexter – Caroline England puts the Criminal in Crime – Alex Pavesi explores metaphysical detective fiction and GK Chesterton.

See overleaf for the full timetable.

Weekend Programme:

Friday 6th June 2025

2-4pm: Registration (at Reception and Main Staircase). Meet some of the Gladstone's team and collect your lanyard - and if you're staying, you can check in from 3pm.

5-6pm: The bar is open - come and meet your fellow weekenders in the Gladstone Room! With a welcome from Andrea Russell, Warden of Gladstone's Library. 6-7.30pm: Dinner (final orders 7.15pm): After dinner, please head to the Gladstone Room for a relaxing change of scene, before returning for...

7.45-9pm: The Famous Alibis Quiz! With Quizmaster Supreme, Martin Edwards.

Saturday 7th June 2025

Until 9am: breakfast for residents. If you're not staying, you can grab a tea or fiulter coffee in the Gladstone Room.

9.15-10.15am: Culinary Crime with Orlando Murrin

10.20-11am: Agatha Christie's Secret Notebooks with John Curran

11am-11.30am Tea Break

11.30am-12.10pm: The Collins Crime Club with John Curran

12.15-1.15pm: Crime Classics: The British Library talks to Martin Edwards

1.15-2.30pm: Lunch

2.30-3.30pm: Cambridge Crime with Christina Koning

4.00-5.00pm: John Dickson Carr: My Grandfather with Shelly Dickson Carr

6-7.30pm: Dinner (final orders 7.15pm)

Sunday 8th June 2025

Until 9am: breakfast for residents. If you're not staying, you can grab a tea or fiulter coffee in the Gladstone Room.

9.15-10.15am: GK Chesterton and Metaphysical Detective Fiction with Alex Pavesi 10.30-11.30am: Memories of Colin Dexter: Paul Charles talks to Martin Edwards 11.30am-12pm Tea Break

12.00-1.00pm: Looking at the Criminal in Crime Writing with Caroline England 1pm: Sunday Lunch and departure

BOOKING INFORMATION:

Residential rates (includes all Alibis events as well as dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and Sunday lunch): £140 per person plus the cost of your chosen accommodation. Please note that no discounts apply. Please call

Non-residential rates (includes all Alibis events as well as dinner on Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and Sunday lunch): £180 per person.