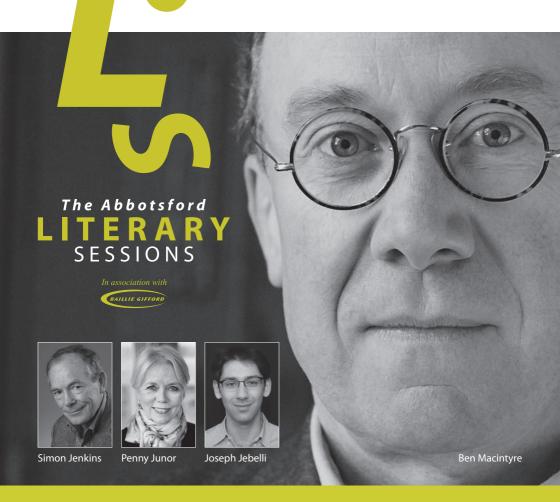


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SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Simon Jenkins A Short History of Europe

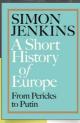
6.00pm - 7.00pm

Europe has for two millennia been a remarkably successful continent. Yet, despite the importance of its politics, economy and culture, there has not been - until now – a concise book to tell this story. Join distinguished journalist and bestselling author Simon Jenkins for his gripping account of its evolution – a story that twists and turns from Greece and Rome, through the Middle Ages, Reformation and French Revolution, to the Second World War and up to the present day. Covering the key events, eras and individuals, Jenkins' portrait of the continent could not be more timely.

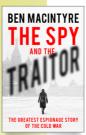
Ben Macintyre The Spy and the Traitor

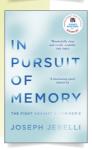
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Described by the master of the fictional genre, John le Carré, as 'the best true spy story I have ever read, the thrilling cold war tale The Spy and the Traitor is simply astonishing. Ben Macintyre is one of Britain's leading historians and a superb communicator, and in this fascinating event he reveals the amazing story of Oleg Gordievsky, Britain's most successful Russian agent. It is a tale of espionage, betrayal and raw courage that changed the course of the Cold War forever...









SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Penny Junor All the Queen's Corgis

6.00pm - 7.00pm

Writer, biographer and broadcaster Penny Junor takes an affectionate and entertaining look at the relationship Elizabeth II has with her most faithful companions. She looks at the dogs that have been bred, owned by and given to the Queen throughout her life - at their personalities, the relationship she has had with them - and the significant part they have had in her reign. It shows the Queen at her most informal and reveals a very private side that is seldom seen.

Joseph Jebelli In Pursuit of Memory

8.00pm - 9.00pm

When neuroscientist Joseph Jebelli was twelve, his beloved grandfather began to act very strangely. It started with inexplicable walks, and gradually his bright smiles were replaced by a fearful, withdrawn expression. Before long, he didn't recognise his family any more. *In Pursuit of Memory* unpacks the facts and realities behind a more common killer than cancer, and explores the past, present and future of Alzheimer's disease starting from the very beginning. It is a story as good as any detective novel.



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