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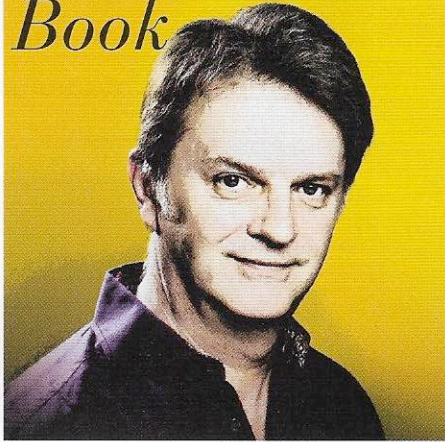
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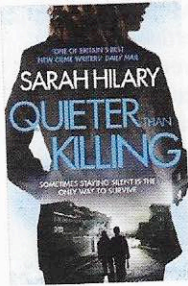
Book



It's time to pick up a programme for Bath Comedy Festival, which runs from Saturday 1 to Monday 17 April. The festival of mirth and merriment kicks off with Paul Merton's Impro Chums show at the Forum and continues with dozens of events, including the annual Wine Trail (which sells out quickly). Acts on the bill include Jon Otway, Barry Cryer, Arthur Smith, Simon Evans and the *Faulty (sic) Towers' Dining Experience*. For the full line-up visit: bathcomedy.com.

Read

Bath thriller writer Sarah Hilary, past winner of the Theakston Crime Novel of the Year, has just brought out *Quieter Than Killing*, her fourth book featuring DI Marnie Rome. Those of us lucky enough to read early copies feel this is a thriller writer going from strength to strength, with a fast-paced, taut plot, rounded characters and a style of prose that brings scenes vividly to life. Sarah will be at Topping & Co bookshop on Thursday 23 March, 8pm.



Browse

Material girls – and boys – will be excited to hear that cult textile magazine *Selvedge* is holding one of its fairs in Bath this month. Some of the country's best merchants and makers will have stalls in the tea room at The Assembly Rooms, from 11am until 5pm on Saturday 25 March. Admission is £5. This is the fifth time *Selvedge* has staged a textile fair in Bath and the event will be supported with other textile inspired events, including workshops to make fabric flowers.

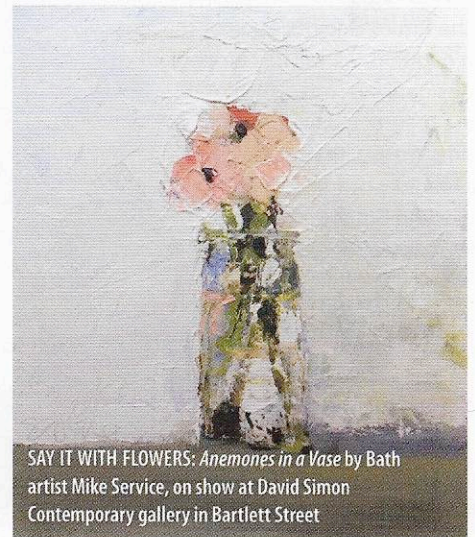


Readers of *The Bath Magazine* are being offered the chance to buy two tickets for the price of one to the *Selvedge Spring Fair*. Visit: selvedge.org and use the code SVF17.

Make a date

If you're lucky enough to have a mum, or stepmother, you'll want to make a note that Sunday 26 March is Mother's Day. It's also the day the clocks go forward an hour, so don't disturb her too early with that breakfast in bed.

Also in March is International Women's Day, on Wednesday 8 March, with the theme #BeBoldforChange. Look out for – or create your own – events across the UK and globally. There's still time too to get involved in fundraising for Comic Relief. Red Nose Day is Friday 24 March and previous recipients of grants include Bath & North East Somerset Carers Centre.



SAY IT WITH FLOWERS: *Anemones in a Vase* by Bath artist Mike Service, on show at David Simon Contemporary gallery in Bartlett Street

Support

Sunday 12 March will see more than 12,000 people pulling on their running shoes to take part in the *Victory Bath Half Marathon* – and what a spectacle that provides as the city centre streets are filled with athletes of all ages, cheered on by their supporters. The race – which raises more than £2m annually for national and local charities – begins at 11am from Great Pulteney Street. Drivers and Bath residents may want to make note that there will be inevitable hold-ups and diversions from as early as 6am that day as roads are closed to make way for the runners. If you live along the route do go out and show your support. No matter how fast or slow, every one of these runners has trained for their big day. Give them a cheer!

