



Darren Harper's Creative Writing Break February 2025

'Mindfulness and Metaphor'

From Friday the 28th of February until the morning
of Tuesday the 4th of March 2025

A residential creative writing course aimed at both beginners and intermediate writers interested in flash fiction, short stories, novellas or the novel. Consisting of lectures, writing exercises and individual tutorials, enjoy uninterrupted writing time in a beautiful rural retreat. In addition to a focus on 'Mindfulness' and 'Metaphor', Darren will provide you with short stories to discuss, helping you to further develop your writing style.



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Creative Writing Break

Friday the 28th of February

So as to make the most of your day, please feel free to arrive at any time from mid-morning onwards. Complimentary tea, coffee, cakes, and biscuits will be available in our lounges every day from early each morning.

At 6.00pm.

The first organised activity will be a sherry reception in **room nine on the first floor of the main building**. This will give you the opportunity to meet your hosts from the Green Park and Darren Harper, as well as your fellow guests. Darren will go on to outline his plans for the following days.

From 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

A four course dinner will be served in the dining-room, followed by coffee and shortbread in the main lounges.

Saturday the 1st of March

8.00am - 9.45am.

A full Scottish breakfast will be served in the dining-room.

10.00am - 12.00 noon. *Taught session*

Each day a buffet lunch will be served in the dining room. This lunch will be available between 12.30 and 1.30pm.

Those not on the course are welcome to join you for lunch as well, and the cost of any lunches they take with you will just be added to their final account.

2.00pm - 4.00pm. *Discussion and writing time*

From 5.30pm.

A pre-dinner Sherry reception in the main lounge.

From 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

A four course dinner will be served in the dining room, followed by coffee and shortbread in the main lounge.

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Sunday the 2nd of March

8.00am - 9.45am.

A full Scottish breakfast will be served in the dining-room.

10.00am - 12.00 noon. *Taught session*

A buffet lunch will be served in the dining room between 12.30 and 1.30pm.

2.00pm - 4.00pm. *Discussion and writing time*

From 5.30pm.

A pre-dinner Sherry reception in the main lounge.

From 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

A four course dinner will be served in the dining room, followed by coffee and shortbread in the main lounge.

Monday the 3rd of March

8.00am - 9.45am.

A full Scottish breakfast will be served in the dining-room.

10.00am - 12.00 noon. *Taught session*

A buffet lunch will be served in the dining room between 12.30 and 1.30pm.

2.00pm - 4.00pm. *Writing time and individual tutorials*

6.00pm.

Darren will host an informal bucks-fizz reception **in the main lounge**. Everyone will have downed tools by now, and this is an excellent opportunity to unwind and enjoy the company of your compatriots.

A four course dinner will then be served in the dining room, followed by coffee and shortbread in the main lounge.

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Tuesday the 4th of March

8.00am - 10.00am.

A full Scottish breakfast will be served in the dining room.

**The McMenemie Family and everyone at the Green Park
hope that you will have enjoyed your stay with us,
and that you have a safe journey home.**

The cost of the 2025 Four Night Creative Writing Break
is £595.00 per person.

This amount includes the entire package as described in this programme, and there is no supplementary charge for single accommodation.

If you wish to travel to Pitlochry by coach or rail, we will arrange for transport between Pitlochry Station and the Green Park, for both your day of arrival and your day of departure. This transport will be complimentary.

Guests wanting to stay before or after the break would be charged at our early season rate of £139.00 per person per night, for dinner bed and breakfast.



Darren Harper - a mini biography

Darren holds a BA (Hons) English & Creative Writing (1st class), a PGCE in Lifelong Learning, and has been an adult education teacher for around 10 years. In addition to teaching at the Green Park Hotel, he also teaches residential courses at Higham Hall (Cumbria), as well as Stoic retreats in Northumberland and Morocco. He offers study days at various independent libraries and adult education centres in the UK, including London, Guildford, Penzance, Bristol, Birmingham, Carlisle, Hexham and Newcastle, as well as on-line courses at darrenharper.net

Darren has recently completed his first book, *Encounters and Reflections: An Introduction to Philosophy*.



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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____ TEL. NUMBER _____

TYPE OF ROOM / ROOMS REQUIRED

TWIN _____ DOUBLE _____ SINGLE _____

Please reserve the above accommodation in my name.

Signed _____ date _____

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If you wish to travel to Pitlochry by coach or rail, we will arrange for complimentary transport between Pitlochry Station and the Green Park, for both your day of arrival and your day of departure.

Guests wanting to stay any extra nights before or after the art break would be charged at our low season rate of £139.00 per person per night, for dinner bed and breakfast.

