

September 25th to 27th 2009

CHISWICK BOOK FESTIVAL

MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT



Antonia Fraser

Anthony Horowitz

Jacqueline Wilson

Tickets available from Waterstone's
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Or by post via Advance Booking Form (see inside)



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By Turnham Green tube station

and other Chiswick venues

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www.chiswickbookfestival.org

Welcome to the first Chiswick Book Festival

Why hold a book festival in Chiswick? We think it's long overdue – and are delighted that so many top authors and publishers seem to think so too!

In 1817, William Thackeray went to school here, by the river – the inspiration for Miss Pinkerton's Academy in *Vanity Fair*. Yeats, Chesterton and Beljaime wrote eloquently about Bedford Park and other parts of Chiswick. So have current authors like Celia Brayfield and Mavis Cheek.

Chiswick House was the favourite home of Georgiana, the Duchess of Devonshire, immortalised in Amanda Foreman's prize-winning biography (*Georgiana called it 'my earthly Paradise'*). And writers such as Edna O'Brien have graced the annual Bedford Park Festival, organised here by St Michael & All Angels Church.

Now, leafy Chiswick - London W4 - is home to many who work in publishing and the media, as well as those who love books, making it a natural place to celebrate the written word.

Festival venues include St Michael & All Angels Church and Parish Hall; the Tabard Theatre; and the Arts Educational School, all close to Turnham Green tube station. And there are lots of places nearby to eat and drink!

The first Chiswick Book Festival has been welcomed by Chiswick's two local councils, Ealing and Hounslow. It is supported by local bookshops, including Waterstone's and the Oxfam Book Shop; Chiswick Library; chiswickW4.com; and local authors, publishers and businesses.

The Festival is non-profit-making and will support a selection of reading-related charities and the work of St Michael & All Angels. Find out more at their stalls in the church and at: www.chiswickbookfestival.org

We hope you enjoy the weekend, and if you'd like to be involved, please get in touch!

How to buy tickets and books

We've tried to keep ticket prices simple and reasonable – so we hope you can buy lots of books as well. Waterstone's branch in Chiswick will have a bookstall in the Church, where authors will sign copies and there'll be a second-hand book stall too.

Admission to most events is by a Festival Day Pass, costing \$5 per day. The Children's Book Festival on Saturday morning is free.

A few events require individual tickets: Antonia Fraser (\$5), Anthony Horowitz (\$3) and Jacqueline Wilson (\$3). We recommend booking early.

Day passes and tickets for author events will be sold at Waterstone's, 220 Chiswick High Road, W4 1PD and by post via the Advance Booking Form. Forms can be found at: St Michael & All Angels Church (in the porch and inside); *Loaf's* Newsagents, Bedford Corner; or downloaded from the website www.chiswickbookfestival.org.

Tickets for the Book Quiz Supper on Saturday night cost \$20 per head (for the quiz and a three-course meal, excluding wine) and must be booked via the Advance Booking Form. Quiz-goers are invited to make up tables of 8.

Tickets for the comedy night at the Tabard Theatre cost \$8 each and should be bought through the Advance Booking Form.

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Friday September 25th 2009



4.30 for 5pm: Anthony Horowitz - Alex Rider and Beyond

The best-selling creator of Alex Rider, the Diamond Brothers and *The Power of Five* tells us what happens next...! Books on sale for signing afterwards. www.anthonhorowitz.com



7.00 for 7.30pm: Antonia Fraser - Mary Queen of Scots Revisited

To mark publication of the 40th anniversary edition of her first major biography, Antonia Fraser discusses one of history's most romantic and controversial characters. Books on sale for signing afterwards. www.antoniafraser.com

St Michael & All Angels Church, \$5. From Waterstone's or via advance booking form. Refreshments available from 7pm. Supported by Savills, Chiswick High Road.

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Visit our stall at St Michael & All Angels for
a range of titles by the guest authors.



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Saturday Morning - Children's Book Festival

All events free. Supported by Trotters in Turnham Green Terrace



10am: Captain Yellowbelly opens his treasure chest!
Preston Ruff (Captain Yellowbelly; The Tale of the Terrible Pirate). St Michael & All Angels Hall downstairs.



10.30am: Sir Ian McKellen & Michelle Paver - Ghost Hunter
The best-selling author of *The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness* series introduces the sixth and last in the series. St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall upstairs.



11am: Dragons Den!
Timothy Knappan (Guess What I Found in Dragon Wood) and Gareth Jones (Dragon Detective Agency). St Michael & All Angels Hall downstairs.

12 noon: Green Fingers and Vegetable Glue

Susan Chandler writer of *Vegetable Glue* and Karen Liebreich, author of the Family Kitchen Garden, read from their books and show that vegetables can be fun! St Michael & All Angels Hall downstairs.

Authors will sign copies of their books, which will be on sale in the Church. Refreshments will be available after sessions. Look out for details of the Chiswick Book Festival Treasure Hunt.

12 noon: Lynn Barber - An Education

Britain's 'pre-eminent newspaper interviewer' talks to best-selling journalist and novelist Jane Gordon about her new memoir, being filmed with Emma Thompson and Rosamund Pike, with a script by Nick Hornby. Signings afterwards. St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall upstairs. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Saturday Day Pass

2pm: Chick III for the Thinking Woman

Katie Florida (Lucky Love Me Not)... Judy Asfley (Other People's Husbands), Olivia Lichtenstein (Things Your Mother Never Told You), Rebecca Farnworth (Valentine), Chair: Rebecca Jones (BBC Arts Correspondent, Costa Prize 2009 Judge). St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall upstairs. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Saturday Day Pass

2.30pm-4.30pm: Poetry in the Church

Reading by acclaimed poet James Berry, followed by the launch of the Ealing Arts Poetry Competition 2009 (www.ealingarts.org.uk) and poetry workshops. St Michael & All Angels Church. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Saturday Day Pass

3.30pm: Cristina Odone - The Good Divorce Guide

The former Catholic Herald editor and deputy editor of the *New Statesman* talks to Celia Brayfield about her new novel. St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall upstairs. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Saturday Day Pass

4.30pm: Do Creative Writing Courses work?

Author Celia Brayfield teaches on the MA in novel-writing course at Brunel University. Does it help writers get published? An agent, a publisher and a graduate have their say. St Michael & All Angels Church. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Saturday Day Pass

4.30pm: David Nicholls - One Day

The best-selling writer of *Starter For Ten* has had rave reviews for his new book - from Nick Hornby, Tony Parsons and Kate Moss! But would he rather be writing screenplays like *Cold Feet* and *Less of the Durbervilles*? St Michael & All Angels Church. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Saturday Day Pass

6pm: Book Festival Drinks

With special guest Sir Peter Blake, who will sign copies of his books. St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall downstairs and Church. Admission free. Drinks on sale; profits to Festival charities.

7 for 7.30pm: Book Quiz Supper

Enjoy a three-course meal with friends and a highly entertaining literary quiz. St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall upstairs. Tickets £20 (wine not included), or book a table for 8. Tickets via Advance Booking Form (Box Office: email Helen@may.be)

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Sunday September 27th 2009

From 9.30-11am: Sam's Family Book Brunch at Sam's Brasserie & Bar
Bring the children to meet, eat and be entertained - with Helen Nathan, writer of *Flossie Crums* and the *Fairy Cupcake Ball* and other children's authors. No charge but donations to Festival charities. Reservations (space is limited) direct to Sam's Brasserie & Bar, 11 Barley Mow Passage, London W4. (8987 0555) and further details at www.chiswickbookfestival.org

12 noon: From the Virgin Queen to the King of Scots

Historian Tracy Borman (Elizabeth's Women - current BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week) and novelist Christie Dickson (The King's Daughter) on the dazzling courts of Elizabeth I and James I. St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall upstairs. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Sunday Day Pass



2pm: Michael Frayn - Travels with a Typewriter

When not writing novels and plays, Michael Frayn worked as a journalist. He discusses his travel writings with his daughter Rebecca Frayn, screenwriter and novelist. St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall upstairs. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Sunday Day Pass



2.30pm: Jacqueline Wilson - Cookie and My Secret Diary

The best-selling creator of *Tracy Beaker* and former Children's Laureate, talks about her latest books and gives a rare sneak preview of *Hefty Feather*, due to hit the shops in October. Books on sale for signing afterwards.

St Michael & All Angels Church, 53, From Waterstone's or via advance booking form. Refreshments available afterwards.

3pm: The Perfect Book Club Book

Which books are most popular with local book clubs and which work best? What influence have Richard & Judy had? Discussion with book club members, led by Celia Brayfield. St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall upstairs. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Sunday Day Pass

3pm: Jane Kelly - A writer's guide to life in prison

Journalist Jane Kelly talks with Matthew Hickley about her new book about life working inside Wormwood Scrubs. St Michael & All Angels downstairs. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Sunday Day Pass

4pm: The Perfect Crime - from book to screen

Top crime writers discuss their craft, including Sophie Hannah (*The Other Half Lives*), Roy Mitchell (creator of BBC One's *New Tricks*) and Stav Sherez (*The Black Manoeuvre*). St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall upstairs. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Sunday Day Pass

4pm: Sam Delaney - Night of the Living Dad: Confessions of a Shabby Father

Columnist and broadcaster Sam Delaney, on his entertaining memoir about growing up in Chiswick and becoming a father. St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall downstairs. Refreshments available afterwards. Admission by Sunday Day Pass

4pm: Candia Lyceft-Green (Unwrecked England) and Matthew Rice (Architectural Primer)

The *Oldie* and *Country Life* columnist (daughter of Sir John Betjeman, who loved Bedford Park and called it "probably the most significant suburb in the Western world") celebrates 100 of her favourite lesser-known places, from every county in England. With Matthew Rice, designer and husband of Emma Bridgewater. His new *Architectural Primer* was reviewed in the *Independent* as "this excellent and beautiful guide to British architecture". St Michael & All Angels Church. Admission by Sunday Day Pass

7.30pm: An Evening with Dan Brown... and other Literary Figures

Book-themed comedy night at the Tabard Theatre with *The Aspidochelone*, fresh from their successful run of the Edinburgh Festival. Supported by Savills, Chiswick High Road. The Tabard Theatre. Tickets £8. Only via Advance Booking Form.

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Book Review Compilation - What I Read on Holiday

Can you write a witty book review in not more than 300 words (including the title and author's name)? The three best entries will win prizes. Send your entry, marked *Book Review*, to the Festival Administrator, Dinah Garett, either by email at admin@chiswickbookfestival.org, or to P O Box 31497, London W4 1GF. Please enclose your name, address and phone number - and age, if under 18. Entries close on Friday September 25th 2009. The Judges' decision is final.

The Chiswick Book Festival Treasure Hunt

And don't miss the Chiswick Book Festival Treasure Hunt in Turnham Green Terrace, before the Festival begins. Simply pick up an entry form from Trotters from September 12th. See how many of the children's books you can spot in the shop windows, say which is your favourite and why. The winner will be announced at the Children's Book Festival on Saturday morning, 26 September.

FESTIVAL SUPPORTERS

Thanks to all those publishers and authors resident in Chiswick who have made this first Chiswick Book Festival possible. Many thanks as well to the local firms, who have sponsored events or given their services free, particularly the overall Book Festival sponsors Savills (8987 0550) and Waterstone's (8986 3559). Miles PR (7361 7860), which is organising the publicity; Trotters (8742 1190) which is supporting the Children's Book Festival and Sam's Brasserie & Bar (8987 0555) for hosting the Family Book Brunch on Saturday morning. Thanks too to Jenny Ventingham (8986 0544) (02445 159630), who designed this leaflet. An updated list of festival supporters can be found at www.chiswickbookfestival.org.

