

10-14 SEPTEMBER 2015

CHISWICK BOOK FESTIVAL



MAKE A LONG WEEKEND OF IT



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Vince Cable



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John Torode



Cathy Rentzenbrink



Sally Green



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Helen Lederer



Church and Parish Hall, Bath Road, London, W4 1TX

Other venues include Chiswick House, Chiswick Library and The Tabard Theatre

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WELCOME TO THE CHISWICK BOOK FESTIVAL 2015

Since the first Festival in 2009, the Chiswick Book Festival has raised substantial sums for St Michael & All Angels Church, which hosts the Festival, and its chosen charities, which support reading and literacy. This year the Book Festival will continue to support:

RNIB Talking Books Service and **Books for Children**, supporting blind and partially-sighted people. The Festival has sponsored the creation of Talking Books, mostly recently *Parade's End* by **Ford Madox Ford** and others by previous CBF speakers **Claire Tomalin**, **Rosamund Lupton** and **Andy McNab**. **InterAct Stroke Support**, the Festival has helped to fund its work at Charing Cross Hospital, where professional actors read to stroke patients, contributing some two months of reading each year. **Doorstep Library** is our new charity for 2015, which brings books and the magic of reading directly to the homes of children in some of London's most disadvantaged areas. Its work improves not just reading skills, but confidence, academic performance and long-term employment prospects. Read more at www.doorsteplibrary.org.uk

PLANNING YOUR VISITS

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

ONLINE from: www.chiswickbookfestival.net

BY POST for those unable to book online use the Advance Booking Form available from Waterstones, 220-226 Chiswick High Road, London W4 1PD or St Michael & All Angels Church, Bath Road, London W4 1TX. Tickets for most events will be available on the door, unless already sold out.

TICKET PRICES

Admission to most sessions is by a Saturday or Sunday Day Pass - £10 per day or £17.50 for both days - **excluding:**

Books and The Blitz	£10	(Thursday)
Sally Green	£3	(Friday)
Max Hastings	£10	(Friday)
All about Alice	£5	for adults and over 5s (Saturday)
Brett Bear event	-	Free but ticket required (Saturday)
Helena Coggan	£3	(Saturday)
Mary Portas	£10	(Saturday)
S J I Holliday & Louise Voss	£3	or £1.50 for Members (Monday)

BUYING BOOKS

A team from Waterstones will be selling books and authors will be available for signings after their sessions.

VENUES, TRAVEL AND TIMINGS

Sessions take place in St Michael & All Angels Church, the Parish Hall upstairs, The Tabard Theatre (opposite the church) and Chiswick Library at 1 Duke's Avenue, London W4 2AB. Turnham Green is the nearest tube station and many buses go along Chiswick High Road or along Turnham Green Terrace. Parking is available - metered close to the High Road all day Saturday (some 4 hour meters) but free north of the Bath Road all weekend. Sessions are usually an hour long with a 15 minute change-over time.

DISABLED ACCESS

St Michael & All Angels' Church and Parish Hall and Chiswick Library have full disabled access. However The Tabard Theatre is reached up a staircase and unfortunately does not have a lift.

FOOD AND DRINK

Coffee will be sold outside the church during the Festival and home-made cakes sold in the Festival Marquee. Drinks will be available before the evening sessions at Chiswick House and in the church. Chiswick is well known for its many restaurants, cafes, wine bars and pubs.



THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

6.00 pm for 7.00 pm Books and the Blitz: A 75th Anniversary Commemoration. A special event in the splendid surroundings of Chiswick House in the Burlington Pavilion.



From 7th to 15th September 1940 London was the target of a merciless bombing campaign which, far from breaking morale, galvanised the British people for the rest of the war. Chiswick Book

Festival has assembled five authors and experts to talk about the Blitz, its effect and its importance in our history: **Sue Elliott** and **Steve Humphries** (*Britain's Greatest Generation/BBC*), **James MacManus** (*Sleep in Peace Tonight*), **Sonia Purnell** (*First Lady: The Life and Wars of Clementine Churchill*) and chaired by **Diana Preston** (*A Higher Form of Killing*).

Chiswick, The Blitz and the V2

A special exhibition showing how Chiswick was affected by the Blitz with the Brentford & Chiswick Local History Society. Hogarth's House was badly damaged in the Blitz and daily life there was recorded in *A Vicarage in the Blitz*, beautifully illustrated by **Anthea Craigmyle**.

The session with a Q&A will run for 90 minutes with book signings afterwards. Bar open from 6.00 pm The Burlington Pavilion, Chiswick House. £10

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2015

5.00pm-6.00pm Sally Green - Half Bad and Half Wild

Winner of the prestigious Waterstones Children's Book Prize Best Fiction for Teenagers 2015, bestselling author **Sally Green** talks about her books *about witches with no owls and not a pair of round spectacles in sight. The new Hunger Games, I suspect... Brilliant and utterly compelling - I loved it!* (Kate Atkinson). All ages welcome. **St Michael & All Angels Church, £3**

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm The Secret War: Spies, Codes and Guerrillas 1939 - 1945

Introduced by Festival Director, Torin Douglas
Max Hastings talks about his new book which examines the espionage and intelligence stories of World War II, bringing together British, American, German, Russian and Japanese histories. In *The Secret War*, Max presents a worldwide cast of characters and some extraordinary sagas of intelligence and resistance to create a new perspective on the greatest conflict in history.

Bar open from 6.30 pm
St Michael & All Angels Church, £10



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SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2015

CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL



11.30 am to 1.00 pm
All About Alice
Alice in Wonderland

Extravaganza to celebrate 150 years since publication: fancy dress competition, craft activities and a Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Interactive storytelling with **Oscar Kolkowski** as the Mad Hatter at 11.40 am and again at 12.20. Fancy Dress competition judging and prize-giving at 12.55pm.
St Michael & All Angels Church.
£5 for adults and over 5s.

1.00 pm to 1.30 pm Prize giving for the Chiswick Book Festival Young Person's Poetry Competition

Now in its 5th year the Young Person's Poetry Competition, supported by ChiswickW4.com, attracts entries from young people from many local schools. **James Priestman**, chair of the judges, will comment on this year's winning entries.

Sofa Workshop Festival Marquee, free

2.00 pm to 3.30 pm Brett Bear and the Cheeky Chipmunks

Come and meet Brett Bear, the toy bear who comes to life, at the launch of his very first adventure. Authors **Fran Clark** and **Gurpreet Sihat** will entertain the audience with *Brett Bear and the Cheeky Chipmunk* in what promises to be an exciting and hilarious storytelling session.

For children aged 3 and over.

Chiswick Library, free but tickets required

THE BUSINESS OF BOOKS

11.00 am to 12 noon

Getting the Word Out - how to reach your potential market
A self-publishing and e-book session with **John Bond** of White Fox - the largest curated network of book publishing services in the UK, authors **Tasmina Perry** (*The Last Kiss Goodbye, The Proposal*) and **Nick Lloyd** (*Emergence*)

Chaired by **Jacque Lawrence** (*Different for Girls*)

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, Saturday Day Pass

12.15 pm - 1.15 pm The Business of Books - The Insiders

Harriet Evans (*A Place for Us*), **Colin Field** (reviewer and bookseller), **Cathy Rentzenbrink** (reviewer, author and Project Director of Quick Reads) celebrate the book industry and try to unravel some of its mysteries for all those passionate about reading and writing.

Chaired by **David Miller**, RCW Literary Agency

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1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Creative Writing 'How to'

Led by author and creative writing teacher **Sarah Leipziger** (*The Mountain Can Wait*) find out in this session how to start, how to improve and how to enjoy the craft of writing.

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Information correct at time of going to press at 31st July 2015. Programme and other details subject to change. More events may be added - see Festival website, posters and notice boards for updates.

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2015

1.30 pm - 2.30 pm The Last Act of Love: The Story of My Brother and His Sister

Cathy Rentzenbrink talks with **Father Kevin Morris**, Vicar of St Michael & All Angels, Bedford Park, about her unflinching memoir of a painful family tragedy. Her bestselling account is also a life-affirming meditation on a close sibling relationship, on growing up with grief, on life and on love.

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1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Gimson's Kings and Queens: Brief Lives of the 40 Monarchs since 1066

Writer and journalist **Andrew Gimson** whirls us through the lives of our monarchs - from William the Conqueror right up to Queen Elizabeth II - to tell a tale of bastardy, brutality, vanity, piety, execution, madness, profligacy, frugality, abdication, family breakdown and family recovery. All captured with irreverence and acuity by renowned illustrator and cartoonist **Martin Rowson**.

Chaired by **George Goodwin**

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2.45 pm - 3.45 pm Reasons to Stay Alive: Matt Haig

At 24, **Matt Haig's** world caved in. Matt talks how he came through crisis, triumphed over an illness that almost destroyed him and learned to live again. A bestselling memoir, this is a joyous book about making the most of your time on earth. "Matt Haig uses words like a tin-opener. We are the tin." Jeanette Winterson

Interviewed by **Caroline Sanderson**

St Michael & All Angels Church, Saturday Day Pass

2.45 pm - 3.45 pm Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need to Know About Global Politics

Former diplomatic editor at Sky News and author **Tim Marshall** discusses the past, present and future of global events from a geographical perspective to offer insight into major factors that determine world history with **Peter Osborne**, associate editor of *The Spectator*.

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2.45 pm - 3.45 pm The Catalyst - Magic and Danger created in Chiswick

Helena Coggan wrote the first draft of her novel when she was 13. By the time she was 15 (earlier this year) it was published to huge acclaim. Living and going to school in Chiswick she is now writing the sequel. In conversation with Festival Director **Torin Douglas**, Helena will discuss her life, her work and her plans for the future as a writer.

The Tabard Theatre, £3

4.00 pm to 5.00 pm The Tears of the Rajas: Mutiny, Money and Marriage in India 1805-1905

Former national press columnist and editor of the *Times Literary Supplement*, **Ferdinand Mount** examines his own family history in *The Tears of the Rajas* - a sweeping history of the British in India, detailing the real experiences of the Lowe family who survived mutiny, siege, debt and disease everywhere from the heat of Madras to the Afghan snows.

Chaired by **George Goodwin**

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4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Extremes - testing the resilience of plots and people in the wilderness

In *The Mountain can Wait* by **Sarah Leipciger** tells the haunting story of a family's unravelling in the scarred landscape of Canadian forests, while in *The Quality of Silence* bestselling novelist **Rosamund Lupton** pitches her mother and deaf daughter characters into the extreme conditions of Alaska. In conversation with **Cathy Rentzenbrink** they discuss their chosen settings which help create gripping and atmospheric stories.

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4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Anthony Burgess in Chiswick

Andrew Biswell, director of the International Anthony Burgess Foundation and Professor of Modern Literature at Manchester Metropolitan University, discusses his biography *The Real Life of Anthony Burgess* with **Professor Graham Holderness**, author of *Re-Writing Jesus: Christ in 20th Century Fiction and Film* and his novel *Black and Deep Desires: William Shakespeare Vampire Hunter*, which draws inspiration from Burgess's *Man of Nazareth*

The Tabard Theatre, Saturday Day Pass

5.15 pm - 6.15 pm Helen Lederer in conversation with Helen Brocklebank, aka 'Mrs Trefusis'

Helen Lederer is a comedian, writer and actress. She discusses her novel *Losing it*, which was shortlisted for the PG Woodhouse Comedy Literary Prize, and talks about establishing her own prize for humorous writing - Comedy Women in Print - which seeks to celebrate the brightest and best of women writers. **Helen Brocklebank** runs the successful literary salon *The Books That Built Me*.

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5.30 pm - 6.30 pm (please note start time) The BBC at Bay - Again

To discuss the past, present and future of our iconic 'Auntie' we have assembled a panel of experts and ex-insiders in what promises to be an informative and entertaining session. Chair **Will Wyatt** (*The Fun Factory: A Life at the BBC*) will be joined by **Charlotte Higgins** (*This New Noise: The Extraordinary Birth and Troubled Life of the BBC*), **Roger Mosey** (*Getting out Alive*) and **Professor Jean Seaton** (*Pinkoes and Traitors - The BBC and the nation 1974 - 1987*).

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6.15 pm - 7.30 pm Festival drinks in the Gabriel Room

7.30 pm - 8.30 pm From Shop Girl to 'Queen of Shops'

Mary Portas in conversation with Woman's Hour presenter **Jane Garvey**

Mary Portas is the founder of the creative communications agency Portas, which creates award-winning campaigns for some of the world's leading brands. Mary's career in retail and on television has been stellar but in conversation about her memoir we'll learn that growing up in Mary's family in the 1970s involved hardship, love, delight and tragedy. "Absolutely fabulous...colourful, camp and unexpectedly heart-rending" (Caroline Sanderson, *The Bookseller*)

St Michael & All Angels Church, £10

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

11.00 am - 12 noon After the Final Whistle: The first Rugby World Cup and the First World War

In 1919, a grateful Mother Country hosted a rugby tournament for the King's Cup at Twickenham Stadium. In 2015 the modern Rugby World Cup returns to Twickenham as the world remembers the Centenary of the Great War. Author **Stephen Cooper** tells the story of rugby's journey through the First World War to its first World Cup, and how its moral and physical values endure today.

Chaired by **David Shreeve**

The Tabard Theatre, Sunday Day Pass

12.15 pm - 1.15 pm The Book of the People: How to read the Bible

In *The Book of the People* **A N Wilson** explores how readers and thinkers have approached the Bible, and how it might be read today. Charting his own relationship with the Bible over a lifetime of writing, Wilson argues that it remains relevant even in a largely secular society, as a cultural touchstone that the western world has answered to for nearly two thousand years.

Introduced by **Father Kevin Morris**

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12.15 pm - 1.15 pm Confidence to speak

An informative and creative session with **Michael Parker** (*It's Not What You Say, It's The Way You Say It! How to sell yourself when it*

really matters) to ensure you perform with power and persuasion whatever your speaking challenge. He is joined by leading voice coach and speaker **Caroline Goyder** (*Gravitas: Communicate with Confidence, Influence and Authority*) who reveals how to speak so others will listen and transform the way you think about yourself.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, Sunday Day Pass

12.15 pm - 1.15 pm Dystopia in the Modern World

Looking at future worlds has always challenged the imaginative mind since Sir Thomas More invented the term 'Utopia' in 1516. Later modified by John Stuart Mill in 1868 to 'dystopia', future visions of society soon became a subject ripe for study, as in George Orwell's nightmare vision of the future '1984' (1949). Publisher and author **Martin Godleman** (1909) chairs a talk about the genre and examines why it is still intriguing and challenging writers today.

The Tabard Theatre, Sunday Day Pass

1.30 pm - 2.30 pm The Idler's Guide to Classical Music

In conversation with **Sam Norman**, **Sandy Burnett** is one of the UK's most authoritative broadcasters in the field of classical music. His broadcasts, interviews, and lectures are all underpinned by the understanding that comes from his busy life as a practising musician. In conversation, Sandy will talk about his desire to make classical music more accessible.

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CRIME WATCH

1.30 pm - 2.30 pm The Killer Twist

Members of the acclaimed new writers' group **Killer Women - Colette McBeth** (*The Life I Left Behind*), **Erin Kelly** (*The Ties That Bind*) and **Jane Casey** (*After the Fire*) discuss the recent trend in crime fiction of the 'killer twist' and what it means for the genre and its writers today. Is the current demand for the 'killer twist' killing other ways to write great crime?

Chaired by **Laura Wilson** (*The Wrong Girl*)

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2.45 pm - 3.45 pm The Crime Professionals - inside knowledge and research

Lesley Thomson (*The Detective's Secret*) with **Stephen Cassidy** (retired Chief Superintendent of the London Met), Detective Constable **Lisa Cutts** (*Remember, Remember*) and ex-criminal barrister and now lecturer in criminology and criminal law **Diana Bretherick** (*The Devil's Daughters*) talk about how their research and the inside knowledge gained in their careers informs their work as crime writers.

Chaired by **Dexter Dias QC**

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4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Turning to Crime

Hugh Fraser (*Harm*) is best known as the actor who played Captain Hastings in *Agatha Christie's Poirot*. This year Hugh has published his first novel - a thriller which mixes gritty realism with pure escapism. Joined by **Bonnie MacBird** (*Art in the Blood: A Sherlock Holmes Adventure*) a veteran of Hollywood as screenwriter, Emmy winning producer and actor whose passion for Conan Doyle has made her a novelist, each will share their fascinating story of what influenced them to become crime writers.

Chaired by **Laura Wilson** (*The Wrong Girl*)

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1.30 - 2.30 pm Breadline Britain: The Rise of Mass Poverty

Over the last thirty years national income has doubled. So has poverty. Where did it all go wrong? Co-author (with Joanna Mack) **Stewart Lansley** analyses why poverty in Britain is at a post-war high and debunks the myth that it is down to a 'something for

nothing' benefits system, making a hard-hitting case for where the blame really lies.

Chaired by **David Shreeve**

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2.00 pm - 4.30 pm The Chiswick Calendar talks to Chiswick Authors

Come to meet local authors at a literary salon in the informal setting of the Sofa Workshop Festival Marquee, listen to them talk about their books to The Chiswick Calendar and ask your own questions. Free

2.45 pm - 3.45 pm What the MasterChef Really Cooks (and Eats) at Home

John Torode (*My Kind of Food: Recipes I Love to Cook at Home*) is one of the UK's best-known chefs and TV presenters - the host and judge of BBC One's *MasterChef*, *Celebrity MasterChef* and *Junior MasterChef* and presenter of *A-Z of Cooking* on BBC Two. In conversation with acclaimed cook, food stylist and presenter **Jo Pratt** (*In the Mood for Healthy Food*) John will talk about what he eats, how he cooks at home and the things in life he loves.

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4.00 pm - 5.00 pm After the Storm - The World Economy and Britain's Economic Future

In this follow up to his 2009 publication *The Storm*, ex-Business Secretary and one of the key figures in British politics of the past two decades **Vince Cable** provides a unique perspective on the state of the global financial markets and how the British economy has fared since 2008, offering his vision for the way the UK economy should be steered into the future. Chaired by **Julia Langdon**

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MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015

6.30 pm The Joy of Crime Writing

Join bestselling authors **S J I Holliday** (*Black Wood*) and **Louise Voss** (*The Venus Trap*) for an informal discussion on topics such as creating sexy detectives, troubled protagonists named Jo, and writing fiction set in small towns (all of which they have both done in recent novels) and generally why crime-writing is such good fun. Chaired by **Torin Douglas**
Chiswick Library, 1 Duke's Avenue, W4 2AB
£3 or £1.50 for library members

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