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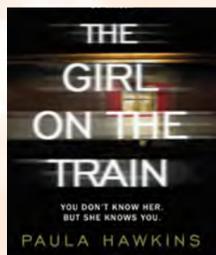
CHISWICK BOOK FESTIVAL



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Girl on the Train



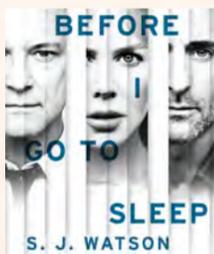
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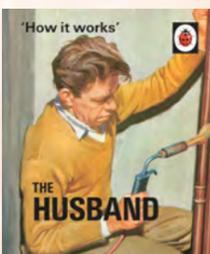
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Mark Lawson



Church and Parish Hall, Bath Road, London, W4 1TX
By Turnham Green tube station

Other venues include Chiswick House, Chiswick Library,
The Tabard Theatre (and pub) and the Andrew Lloyd Webber
Foundation Theatre at the Arts Educational Schools (ArtsEd)

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Author Programme: Jo James
Festival Administrator: Jill Sinclair

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WELCOME TO THE CHISWICK BOOK FESTIVAL 2016

The 8th Chiswick Book Festival brings together top authors and their readers for an inspiring and entertaining long weekend of fiction, history, politics, economics, crime, thrillers, biography, audiobooks, comedy, food, wine, children's books and more.

Since 2009, the Chiswick Book Festival has raised more than £50,000 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 recording of many Talking Books, including *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller, *Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites*, *Parade's End* by Ford Madox Ford and *The Invisible Woman* by Claire Tomalin. Read more at www.RNIB.org.uk/books.

InterAct Stroke Support, which commissions actors to read to stroke patients. The Festival helps to fund its work at Charing Cross Hospital, contributing some two months of reading each year. Read more at www.interactstrokesupport.org.

Doorstep Library, which brings books and the magic of reading to the homes of children in some of London's most disadvantaged areas. Its work improves not just reading skills, but confidence, social integration, academic performance and 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** (£12 per day or £20 for both days) or a **Children's Festival Pass** (£5) excluding:

Victoria: A Life in Fact & Fiction	£10 (Thursday - Chiswick House)
Jacqueline Wilson	£3 (Friday - Church)
Paula Hawkins & SJ Watson	£10 (Friday - Andrew Lloyd Webber Theatre, ArtsEd)
Cressida Cowell	£3 for this session alone (Saturday - Church)
	Admission also included in Children's Festival Pass
Quick Pitch	£10 per session (Saturday - The Snug, Tabard pub, 12 mins each)
Andy Hamilton talks to Mark Lawson	£10 (Saturday - Church)
Books & The City: Girls on Tour	£10 (includes glass of bubbles, Saturday - Parish Hall)
Fiction and the Fall of Nazi Germany	£3 or £1.50 for members (Monday - Chiswick Library)

Please note: Admission to Day Pass and Children's Festival Pass events is subject to venue capacity.

BUYING BOOKS

A team from Waterstones' Chiswick branch will sell copies of the authors' books after each event and most authors will stay after their talks to sign books.

VENUES, TRAVEL & TIMINGS

Sessions take place in Chiswick House in Burlington Lane, W4; St Michael & All Angels Church & Parish Hall, Arts Educational Schools (ArtsEd); The Tabard Theatre (and pub) in Bath Road, W4; and Chiswick Library at 1 Duke's Avenue, W4 2AB. Sessions are usually an hour long, with a 15-minute change-over time. Turnham Green (District Line) is the nearest tube station. Buses go up Chiswick High Road and/or Turnham Green Terrace. Parking: on meters towards Chiswick High Road on Saturday (some 4-hour meters); free north of the Bath Road on Saturday and Sunday.

DISABLED ACCESS

The Burlington Pavilion at Chiswick House, St Michael & All Angels Church and Parish Hall, ArtsEd 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 and home-made cakes will be sold in the Festival Marquee outside the Parish Hall. Drinks will be on sale before the evening sessions at Chiswick House and in the Church. There are many restaurants, cafes, wine bars and pubs within a few minutes' walk.

PRE FESTIVAL EVENTS

Tuesday 13 September, 6pm-8pm: A Taste of Poetry

Educate your taste buds with the Stanza Chiswick Group by sampling poems on plates and in glasses. Followed by open mic.
The Chiswick Bookshop, 12 Turnham Green Terrace. Free (but RSVP to s.krysiak@thechiswickbookshop.co.uk)

Wednesday 14 September 2016, 7pm-9pm:

The Chiswick Calendar talks to Chiswick Authors

Join **Bridget Osborne** and The Chiswick Calendar to celebrate the wealth of talent that Chiswick has to offer and kick off the Festival in style at our Local Authors Party at Waterstones Chiswick. The first 100 people to arrive will be greeted with a complimentary Sipsmith summer cocktail.
Waterstones, 220-226 Chiswick High Road. Free admission.
See Festival website for more details.
Or go to www.thechiswickcalendar.co.uk

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2016



6pm for 7pm: Victoria: A Life in Fact and Fiction. A special event in the Burlington Pavilion in the splendid surroundings of Chiswick House & Gardens, which Queen Victoria visited.

Queen Victoria is shrouded in myth and mystique and the story of her life continues to fascinate. **A.N. Wilson**, author of the critically acclaimed biography *Victoria: A Life*, and **Daisy Goodwin**, writer of the forthcoming ITV series

Victoria starring Jenna Coleman (above), explore the surprising contrasts between the Queen's public and private lives. Chaired by Festival Director **Torin Douglas**.

Supported by Hubbard Pegman & Whitney Bar open and books on sale from 6pm The Burlington Pavilion, Chiswick House, £10

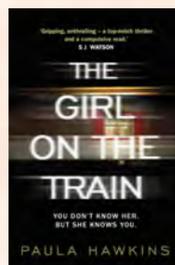
FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

5pm-6pm: Jacqueline Wilson

Former Children's Laureate **Dame Jacqueline Wilson** is one of the nation's best-loved children's writers, known for characters such as the feisty Tracy Beaker and the irrepressible Hetty Feather. She will talk about some of her most popular stories and give a sneak preview of her next book *Clover Moon*. Chair: **Rebecca Jones**, BBC arts correspondent. *Please note there will be no book signing after this event. Printed book plates with Jacqueline's signature on will be available from the bookshop.*

Supported by Fleet Tutors St Michael & All Angels Church, £3 (not included in Children's Festival Pass)



7:30pm-8:30pm: The Girl on the Train & Before I Go to Sleep: From Page to Screen
Paula Hawkins and SJ Watson have both received critical acclaim for their bestselling crime novels. The film of *The Girl on the Train* will be released in October starring Emily Blunt. Can it replicate the box office

success of *Before I Go to Sleep*, starring Nicole Kidman and Colin Firth? Chaired by **Joe Haddow**, producer of the Radio Two Book Club.

Supported by Savills. Bar open from 6:45pm The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre, ArtsEd, 14 Bath Road, W4 1LY, £10

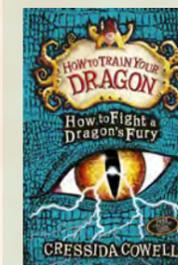
Information correct at time of going to press on 28th July 2016. Programme and other details subject to change. More events may be added - see Festival website, posters and notice boards for updates.

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2016

11:15am-12:15pm: Incomplete Shakespeare

Join the *Guardian's* parliamentary sketch-writer **John Crace** and **Professor John Sutherland** for an hour of laughter and irreverence, as they present a witty take on some of the Bard's greatest plays, digested to a few thousand words.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, Saturday Day Pass

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL



11:15am-12:15pm: Cressida Cowell: How to Train Your Dragon - the Final Chapter

Bestselling author **Cressida Cowell** talks about the LAST book in the series, *How to Fight a Dragon's Fury*, and gives some top tips on becoming an author or illustrator, behind-the-scenes details about how the books became films, and a lesson in Dragonese. **Supported by Young Veterinary Practice St Michael & All Angels Church, £3 or with Children's Festival Pass**

12:15pm: Cressida Cowell will present the prizes for the Chiswick Book Festival Young People's Poetry Competition

Now in its 6th year, the competition attracts entries from many local schools, and is supported by ChiswickW4.com
St Michael & All Angels Church, free

FESTIVAL SUPPORTERS

Many thanks to the local firms who have sponsored events or given their services free, particularly to our Diamond partners: Savills; Waterstones Chiswick, who sell the authors' books; Sofa Workshop, who sponsor the Festival Marquee; and Chiswick Auctions, who offer book valuations. We are also very grateful to Hubbard Pegman & Whitney, Leith School of Food & Wine and other companies who sponsor individual sessions; to Fosters Bookshop, who sponsor the quiz; to ArtsEd, the Tabard Theatre and pub, Chiswick House & Gardens Trust and Chiswick Library, for hosting events without charge; to Chiswickbuzz.com, ChiswickW4.com and TheChiswickCalendar.co.uk for their coverage of the Festival; and Jenny Yen of westeastdesign.co.uk, who designed this leaflet.

Special thanks to all our participating authors, their publishers, the chairs, and the many hardworking volunteers, whose support helps us raise money for our reading-related charities and without whom Chiswick Book Festival would not be half as enjoyable or successful!

Watch for updates to this list at www.chiswickbookfestival.net



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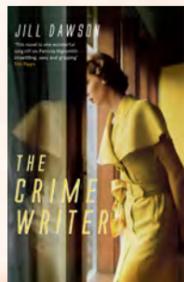
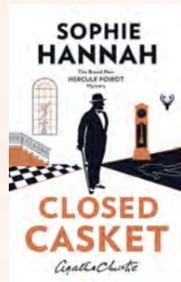
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Chiswick Auctions: Experts will give free valuations of your books in the Marquee during the weekend. For times, see posters and website.

12pm-2pm: Quick Pitch: Session 1

One of the UK's leading Literary Agents, **Luigi Bonomi**, wants to hear you pitch your novel. You have ten minutes! Luigi will use his long experience in publishing to tell you if your book has a chance - and how you can make it more appealing. Please arrive on time, we cannot admit latecomers. Visit www.chiswickbookfestival.net for further details of how to book, and what you will need to bring with you.

The Snug, The Tabard pub, £10 per appointment



12:45pm-1:45pm:

Queens of Crime: Agatha Christie v Patricia Highsmith
Jill Dawson's latest novel *The Crime Writer* weaves the biography of Patricia Highsmith with a tantalising tale of mystery and madness. **Sophie Hannah** continues the legacy of super-sleuth Hercule Poirot by penning novels in Agatha

Christie's name. Together they debate which of the two is the real Queen of Crime. Chaired by **Colette McBeth** of *Killer Women*.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, Saturday Day Pass

12:45pm-1:45pm: Britain, Brexit and Beyond

As the dust settles on the referendum result and the British public comes to terms with life outside the EU, we discuss what next for our Parliament? Investigative journalist **Martin Williams** (*Parliament Ltd*), parliamentary sketch-writer **John Crace** (*I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*), biographer **Sonia Purnell** (*Just Boris*) and former Shadow Foreign Secretary **Hilary Benn** MP discuss the likely short and long-term changes to British politics. Chaired by **Julian Worricker**, BBC News

St Michael & All Angels Church, Saturday Day Pass

2pm-4pm: Quick Pitch: Session 2

Children's and YA agent **Louise Lamont**, of LBA, will help demystify the process of finding an agent and getting your work published. (See Quick Pitch: Session 1 above.) Please visit www.chiswickbookfestival.net for further details of how to book and what you will need to bring with you. **The Snug, The Tabard pub, £10 per appointment**



2pm-3pm: Worth Dying For: Flags

In a world gripped by turmoil and uncertainty, the flag has become ever more significant as an instrument of patriotism, unity and difference. Author and former Sky News diplomatic editor **Tim Marshall** explores the power of flags and their role in driving and sustaining global conflict. **St Michael & All Angels Church, Saturday Day Pass**

2pm-3pm: You Heard it Here First: Outstanding Debuts

We showcase some of this year's hottest debut novels. **Cathy Rentzenbrink** talks to authors **Janet Ellis** (*The Butcher's Hook*), **Joanna Cannon** (*The Trouble with Goats and Sheep*), and **Barney Norris** (*Five Rivers Met on a Wooded Plain*), about their hotly anticipated bestsellers and why they should be on your must-read list for 2016.

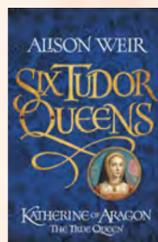
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CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

2pm-3pm: World of Norm

Norm knew it was going to be one of those days when he woke up and absolutely nothing happened. You'd think Norm would know better by now, wouldn't you? ABSO-FLIPPING-LUTELY. **Jonathan Meres** introduces - in a worldwide exclusive preview - *May Be Recycled*, the eleventh title in his award-winning series, *The World of Norm*.

The Tabard Theatre, Children's Festival Pass



3:15pm-4:15pm: Six Tudor Queens: Katherine of Aragon
In *Katherine of Aragon: The True Queen*, the first in her *Six Tudor Queens* series, acclaimed historian **Alison Weir** tells the dramatic and poignant story of Henry VIII's first wife, set against the backdrop of a world of splendour and brutality.

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3:15pm-4:15pm: Our Man in the Middle East: Keeping the Flag Flying

Sir Alan Munro was the UK's ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1989 to 1993, including the Kuwait crisis, and before that Under-Secretary of State for the Middle East and Africa. His entertaining book *Keep the Flag Flying: A Diplomatic Memoir* is now out in paperback. The session is chaired by the former BBC Gaza correspondent **James Rodgers**, author of *Headlines from the Holy Land*.

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3:15pm-4:15pm: Reading Out Loud: the Audiobook Boom

Audiobooks can not only bring a story and characters to life; they also play a huge role in introducing books to new audiences - from individuals with reading difficulties to those juggling busy lifestyles. **Caroline Raphael**, independent radio producer and former Radio 4 commissioner, is joined by actor **Daniel Weyman**, **Laurence Howell** (Audible) and **Rupert Morgan** (RNIB Talking Books), as they consider the significance and appeal of this increasingly popular format.

The Tabard Theatre, Saturday Day Pass

4:30pm-5:30pm: Churchill: Behind the Myth

Winston Churchill is such a towering figure, it is easy to forget those who worked to help him bring victory in World War II. **Roger Hermiston's** latest work *All Behind You*, *Winston* explores the definitive role played by those who made up the Prime Minister's coalition government. **Sonia Purnell's** biography *First Lady* argues that Clementine Churchill was integral to some of her husband's most crucial decisions of war. Chaired by **David Shreeve**.

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4:30pm-5:30pm: How it Works... Ladybird Books for Grown-Ups

The hilariously witty *Ladybird Books for Grown-Ups* series offers a wry and funny critique of modern life and current trends. **Joel Morris** and **Jason Hazeley**, the best-selling authors behind Ladybird's tongue-in-cheek guides for adults, talk to journalist and LBC presenter **Beverley Turner** about the publishing phenomenon of these fantastically funny little books.

St Michael & All Angels Church, Saturday Day Pass

4:30pm-5:30pm: Divided Britain: Can the Economic Gap be Closed?

Britain today is one of the most unequal of all rich nations, and much more divided than four decades ago. **Stewart Lansley** asks whether Britain can be made a more equal and inclusive nation, or do we now have to live with ever-rising inequality?

The Tabard Theatre, Saturday Day Pass



5:45pm-6:45pm: A Life in Wine: Hugh Johnson & Jancis Robinson

In honour of the 40th edition of *Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book*, acclaimed British wine critic **Jancis Robinson** talks to the world's best-selling wine writer **Hugh Johnson** about his extraordinary career and his life in wine.

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5:45pm-6:45pm: Benjamin Franklin in London

For most of his life, the founding father of the United States, Benjamin Franklin, was a loyal British royalist. In this new biography, selected as BBC Radio 4's *Book of the Week*, historian **George Goodwin** has created an enthralling portrait of the man, the city and the age.

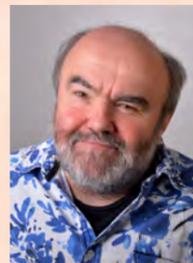
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6:45pm-7:30pm: Festival Drinks in the Gabriel Room

7:30pm-8:45pm: Books and the City: Girls on Tour

Unwind with an evening of fun as best-selling novelists **Santa Montefiore**, **Penny Parkes**, **Milly Johnson**, **Jane Costello** and **Juliet Ashton** join chair **Isabelle Broome** to take a humorous look at what it means to be a 'modern woman' today. Ticket includes a glass of bubbles on arrival.

Supported by: Books and the City, Simon & Schuster
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £10



7:30pm-8:30pm: Andy Hamilton in Conversation with Mark Lawson

Legendary comedy scriptwriter and performer **Andy Hamilton** is well-known for TV shows like *Power Monkeys*, *Outnumbered*, *Drop the Dead Donkey* and *Mock the Week* and Radio 4's *Old Harry's Game*. He talks to journalist, broadcaster and author **Mark Lawson** (*The Allegations*) about his debut novel *The Star Witness*.

St Michael & All Angels Church, £10

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2016

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

11:15am-12:15pm: Join **The Really Big Pants Theatre Company** for a fast, fun twist on traditional tales. Help with a very special spell, ride on a flying carpet and battle some bad manners! Perfect for primary aged children.

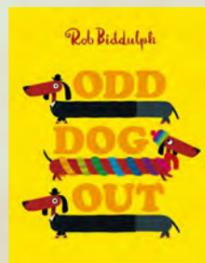
The Tabard Theatre, Children's Festival Pass

11:15am-12:15pm: Publishing Journeys: The Experts' Guide

Associate Editor of *The Bookseller* **Cathy Rentzenbrink** hears from Penguin's Communications Director **Amelia Fairney**, literary agent **Jo Unwin**, author **Eva Holland** (*The Daughter's Secret*), and Unbound founder and author **John Mitchinson** as they share their expertise and discuss the many routes to publication.

St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, Sunday Day Pass

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL



12:30pm-1:30pm: Rob Biddulph: Odd Dog Out

The prize-winning author of *Blown Away* **Rob Biddulph** introduces his new picture book *Odd Dog Out*. Come and meet Rob, watch him illustrate some of his best-loved characters, play games, and even try out some drawing for yourself!

Supported by Trotters. Ages 3 to 7 approx.
The Tabard Theatre, Children's Festival Pass

12:30pm-1:30pm: Foodie Question Time

From seasonal cooking to unusual ingredients, our expert panel of authors has the answers. Journalist and broadcaster **Lucy McDonald** (*Crumbs TV*, *The Crumbs Family Cookbook*) - is joined by chef and food stylist **Oliver Rowe** (*Food For All Seasons*), food writer **Joanna Blythman** (*Swallow This*), *MasterChef* 2014 champion **Ping Coombes** (*Malaysia*) and *Great British Bake Off* finalist **Holly Bell** (*Recipes from a Normal Mum*), as they tackle your culinary conundrums. And there's a place on the food writing course at **Leiths School of Food and Wine** to be won! See posters and website for details.

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12:30pm-1:30pm: The Outsiders

Comedians **Mark Watson** (*The Place That Didn't Exist*) and **Will Smith** (*Mainlander*) enjoy considerable success on the stand-up circuit, but in turning their hands to fiction have proved they have a darker side. Join them as they discuss the concept of 'the outsider' and themes of loneliness, isolation and a lack of belonging through their writing. Chaired by writer and presenter **Viv Groskop**.

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1:45pm-2:45pm: 1666: Plague, War and Hellfire

1666 was a watershed year for England. An outbreak of the Great Plague, the eruption of the second Dutch War and the catastrophic Great Fire of London all struck the country in rapid succession and with devastating repercussions. 350 years on, historian **Rebecca Rideal** sheds light on this crucial turning point in English history.

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1:45pm-2:45pm: Memoir Confidential: Writing the Self

The results can be candid and inspiring, but writing an honest and revealing self-portrait can be a daunting challenge. Editor **Francesca Main** is joined by **Nina Stibbe** (*Love, Nina*), **Cathy Rentzenbrink** (*The Last Act of Love*), and **Sali Hughes** (*Pretty Honest*) as they discuss their markedly different approaches to writing their memoirs.

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CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

1:45pm-3pm: The Apprentice Witch Creature Workshop

Join author **James Nicol** to learn about some of the fantastic animals from *The Apprentice Witch* and to create some very magical and marvellous creatures for your own stories and drawings.

Marquee, free drop-in activity

1:45pm-2:45pm: Somme: Into the Breach

One hundred years on, the enduring impression of the Battle of the Somme is of the tragic loss of life and the heroic stoicism of troops who walked towards their death. But **Hugh Sebag-Montefiore** shows the extent to which the Allied armies were in fact repeatedly able to break through the German front lines, weaving a remarkable portrait of life at the Front.

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3pm-4pm: Mudlarking: London in Fragments

Searching the banks of the Thames at low tide has a long tradition. Once, small boys grubbed a living from scrap; today this pastime unearths relics of the past, from Roman tiles to elegant Georgian pottery. Discover the magic of mudlarking in this illustrated talk by **Ted Sandling**.

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3pm-4pm: Berlin 1939: The Fateful Year

With Europe on the brink of war, the political stakes in 1939 could not have been higher for Germany and its neighbours. Novelists **Jane Thynne** (*Faith and Beauty*) and **James MacManus** (*Midnight in Berlin*) discuss their individual explorations of the attempt on Hitler's life and the appeal of capturing Berlin's evocative sense of place. Chaired by **Professor Adrian Stevens**.

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3pm-4pm: Victoria Hislop in Conversation with Jane Garvey

Feel the sun on your skin and the wind in your hair as **Victoria Hislop** takes you on an enchanting visual journey in her latest illustrated novel, *Cartes Postales from Greece*. Chaired by **Jane Garvey** of Radio 4's *Woman's Hour*.

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4:15pm-5:15pm: Anatomy of a Thriller: Spies, News and War

Charles Cumming has been called 'the heir to Le Carré' and Colin Firth is to play his creation Thomas Kell on TV. Ex-Radio 4 *Today* producer **Peter Hanington** has had rave reviews for his first novel *A Dying Breed*. Former Army officer **Harry Parker** (*Anatomy of a Soldier*) lost both legs in Afghanistan and turned the experience into a novel. Together they analyse what makes a great thriller.

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4:15pm-5:15pm: Shappi Khorsandi

One of the UK's top comedians **Shappi Khorsandi** discusses her debut novel, *Nina is Not OK*, a dark, funny and sometimes controversial coming-of-age tale that brilliantly captures the angst and humour of teenage life. Chaired by writer and comedian **Deborah Frances-Whyte**.

St Michael & All Angels Church, Sunday Day Pass

MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2016

6pm: Savage Continent: Fiction and the Fall of Nazi Germany

Four writers of novels set in World War II discuss the powerful themes underpinning their works: **Ben Fergusson**, **Jason Hewitt**, **William Ryan** and **Jane Thynne**. Chaired by Festival Director **Torin Douglas**.

Chiswick Library, Duke's Avenue, W4 2AB, £3, £1.50 for Library members