



CHISWICK BOOK FESTIVAL

9-15 SEPTEMBER 2021



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Suzannah Lipscomb



Sarfraz Manzoor



Clare Balding



Ed Balls



Nancy Tucker



Suzette Llewellyn



Alan Johnson



Mary Ann Sieghart



St Michael & All Angels Church & Hall,
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George IV, Chiswick Playhouse,
Chiswick Cinema, ArtsEd and local schools.

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WELCOME TO THE CHISWICK BOOK FESTIVAL 2021

The 13th Chiswick Book Festival brings together top authors and their readers for inspiring and entertaining events in a variety of genres - fiction, history, politics, crime, biography, TV, food, workshops and children's books. This leaflet is just a taster! See the full programme and author details on our website: www.chiswickbookfestival.net.

The Chiswick Book Festival is a non-profit-making community event. Since 2009, it has raised more than £100,000 for charities and St Michael & All Angels Church, which hosts and runs the Festival as part of its community outreach. This year it will continue to support St Michael & All Angels, two reading charities - InterAct Stroke Support and Doorstep Library - and The Felix Project, which saves surplus food and delivers it to charities and schools in London.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

ONLINE through TicketSource at: www.chiswickbookfestival.net
BY POST for those unable to book online: pick up the Advance Booking Form at St Michael & All Angels Church, Bath Road, London W4 1TX.

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 them.

EVENTS

All events last one hour unless otherwise stated. Some children's events are shorter. Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult, each with their own ticket.

WORKSHOPS AND CHISWICK WRITERS WALKS

Details of festival workshops and Chiswick Writers guided walks can be found at www.chiswickbookfestival.net

COVID-19 SAFETY

We have allowed one hour between events to allow for cleaning and social distancing. Please help us comply with the rules of the Government and the Church as they apply in September. See full details on the website.



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PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

7pm-9pm: Local Authors Party

Torin Douglas and Jo James showcase the wealth of local talent that Chiswick has to offer. Each author gets just two minutes, making this a fast, fun and fascinating evening.
Boston Room, George IV, £5 (including first drink)

WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

6pm-7pm: Chiswickbuzz Book Club: Two Hitlers and a Marilyn

Adam Andrusier discusses his acclaimed new book with members of the Chiswickbuzz Book Club. It's a comedy coming-of-age memoir about autographs, collecting and celebrity obsession. 'Hilarious and moving.' David Baddiel.
Via Zoom. Admission free, but tickets must be booked online

THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2021



6pm for 7pm: The Mitford Sisters, Chiswick & The Pursuit of Love
Emily Mortimer, writer/director of the BBC's *The Pursuit of Love*, talks via video from New York to fellow Mitford fan Jane

Thynne, with Jessica Fellowes, author of the *Mitford Murders*, and Bridget Osborne of The Chiswick Calendar, who discusses the Chiswick links of Nancy and Deborah Mitford.
Supported by The Arts Society Chiswick. Books on sale from 6pm. The Garden Pavilion, Chiswick House, £15

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2021

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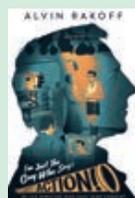
4:30-5pm: Poetry Competition Prize Giving

Clare Balding will present the prizes for the 11th Chiswick Book Festival Young People's Poetry Competition. Supported by ChiswickW4.com.

St Michael & All Angels Church. Admission free, but tickets must be booked online via Festival website. Priority booking for prizewinners and their families.



5:15pm: Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going!
Clare Balding talks about her first non-fiction book for children which aims to empower and inspire young people to be unafraid of failure. Age 7+.
St Michael & All Angels Church, £5



6:30pm: Alvin Rakoff: I'm Just The Guy Who Says Action
From *Z Cars* and the BBC Shakespeare, to discovering Sean Connery and Alan Rickman, the Emmy-winning director (and Chiswick neighbour of Richard Briers) has seen it all. He shares memories of Laurence Olivier, Peter Sellers and more.
Andrew Lloyd Webber Theatre, ArtsEd, £10

8pm: The Prime Ministers We Never Had

Steve Richards talks about eleven individuals who never quite made it to Number 10, including RA Butler, Denis Healey, Michael Heseltine and Jeremy Corbin.
St Michael & All Angels Church, £10

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2021

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10am: Really Big Pants Theatre Company: Clare and Cory Share a Story
Join this acclaimed theatre company on their fifth appearance at the Chiswick Book Festival for a glorious story of sharing, exploring, and daring. Age 3-7 years.
Orchard House School, £3



10am: The Duke of Windsor: Traitor King
Historian Andrew Lowrie discusses the revelations in his book which follows events in the years after the abdication of Edward VIII.
Boston Room, George IV, £8

11am: How to Spend a Trillion Dollars

If you had \$1 trillion to spend, you could solve the problem of the pandemic... and eradicate malaria... and maybe cure all disease. Or you could end global poverty. Author Rowan Hooper discusses potentially world-changing ideas.
Chiswick Playhouse, £8

11:15am: Murder She Wrote: Women and Crime

Writers Louise Candlish (*The Heights*), Nancy Tucker (*The First Day of Spring*) and Charlotte Philby (*The Second Woman*) talk about their chilling crime novels.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £8



11:30am: Still Breathing: 100 Black Voices on Racism

EastEnders actress Suzette Llewellyn and *Casualty's* Suzanne Packer discuss their collection of essays based on the experiences of 100 black British people with two contributors, Pat Younge and Sharon Walters.
St Michael & All Angels Church, £8

11:30am: Surrogate: Susan Spindler

Documentary filmmaker Susan Spindler talks about her acclaimed novel *Surrogate* which examines sensitive issues of ageing, fertility and motherhood. Interviewed by Julia Langdon.
Chiswick Cinema, Screen 3, £8

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11:45am-12.30pm: Storm Dragon: Dianne Hofmeyr

Join author Dianne Hofmeyr for *Storm Dragon* storytelling (with lots of joining in) and craft fun, making your own storm dragon in paper collage. Age 4-9 years.
Orchard House School, £3

12pm: Finding Home

Join debut novelist Louise Hare (*This Lovely City*) and Costa Short Story Award winner Luan Goldie (*Homecoming*), as they talk about their new books exploring the experience of belonging to
Cathy Rentzenbrink.
Boston Room, George IV, £8

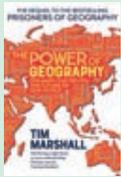
1:15pm: They: Sarfraz Manzoor

20 years after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, journalist Sarfraz Manzoor addresses the divisions between British Muslims and Non-Muslims as explored in his book *They: What Muslims and Non-Muslims Get Wrong About Each Other*.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £8

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1:30-2:15pm: Animalympics: Josie Dom

Join Josie Dom for a fun *Animalympics* sporty event! We'll be warming-up animal-style and having an Animalympics parade. Chance to win an Animalympics medal too! Age 4-11.
Orchard House School, £3



1:30pm: The Power of Geography: Tim Marshall
The author of international bestseller *Prisoners of Geography* **Tim Marshall** talks about his latest book, taking us into ten regions that are set to shape global politics and power.
St Michael & All Angels Church, £8

1:30pm: How to Make A Living From Writing
Join writer **Amita Murray** and psychologist and life coach **Corinne Sweet** as they give inside tips and advice on how to make money from your writing. Bring paper and pen!
Chiswick Playhouse, £8



1:30pm: Cathy Rentzenbrink - Everyone Is Still Alive
Cathy Rentzenbrink discusses her stunning first novel, *Everyone Is Still Alive*, a story of grief, working motherhood, the mental load, envy, fear and status, but it's also about love, friendship, community and how we figure out what really matters.
Chiswick Cinema, Screen 3, £8

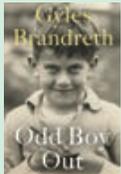
2pm: Inheriting a Manuscript
Samantha Norman shares the challenges of writing her novels *Winter Siege* and *Death and the Maiden*, started by her mother, the historical novelist Ariana Franklin.
Boston Room, George IV, £8

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3:15-4pm: Sam Copeland
The author of the *Charlie Changes* series and *Uma and the Answer to Absolutely Everything* takes you on a hilarious journey of discovery into the wild world of disgusting animals. Age 6-11 years.
Orchard House School, £3

3:15pm: Fine Romance: Elizabeth Buchan & Marika Cobbold
Romance is in the air as best-selling novelist **Elizabeth Buchan** talks about her tragic love story *Two Women in Rome* set in post-war Italy, and **Marika Cobbold** discusses romance closer to home in her novel *On Hampstead Heath*.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £8



3:30pm: Gyles Brandreth: Odd Boy Out
TV and radio personality **Gyles Brandreth** delves back into his childhood memories as he shares moments from his autobiography *Odd Boy Out*.
St Michael & All Angels Church, £8

3:30pm: Historical Fiction: 1922, 1945 and 1958
Two writers of historical fiction describe how they delve into the past. **Mary Chamberlain** wrote about post war Europe in *The Forgotten*. **Gill Paul**'s *The Collector's Daughter* goes back to 1922 and the discovery of the lost tomb of Tutankhamun.
Chiswick Cinema, Screen 3, £8

4pm: Westminster Secrets: Andrew Mitchell MP
Former Government minister **Andrew Mitchell** unveils his political memoir *Beyond A Fringe*, filled with hilarious anecdotes and insider gossip from the heart of Westminster including his candid account of the 'Plebgate' fiasco.
Boston Room, George IV, £8

5:15pm: Two Minutes to Midnight: The Cold War
Roger Hermiston talks to **Iain MacGregor** (*Checkpoint Charlie*) about his account of the year 1953, eight years after the end of WWII, when The Cold War had entered its most deadly phase.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £8



5:30pm: Black and Blue: Policing and Prejudice
Parm Sandhu became the highest ranking female Asian officer in the Met. She dealt with racial and gender discrimination, and eventually found herself facing a spurious charge of gross misconduct. Journalist **Stuart Prebble** worked with her on their book *Black and Blue* which tells a story of a quest for justice.
St Michael & All Angels Church, £8

6:30pm: Charities Focus
Meet and celebrate the teams behind the Festival's inspirational charities: InterAct Stroke Support, Doorstep Library and The Felix Project.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, admission free

7:15pm: The Spy Novel after le Carré
Former Radio 4 *Today* producer and thriller writer **Peter Hanington**, whose new book *A Cursed Place* is just out, joins the author of spy novel *JUDAS 62*, **Charles Cumming**, to discuss the future of the spy novel following the death of John le Carré.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £8



7:30pm: Ed Balls - Appetite
Former Shadow Chancellor, and winner of *Best Celebrity Home Cook*, **Ed Balls**, shares his love of home cooking in his part-autobiography part cookbook *Appetite: A Memoir in Recipes of Family and Food*.
St Michael & All Angels Church, £10

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

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10:15-11am: Chitra Soundar - Nikhil and Jay
Listen to author **Chitra Soundar** tell a story from the Nikhil and Jay series of books, and join in a workshop to draw your family tree! Age 5+.
CBPPS Nursery, £3

10:30-11.30am: Zoe Antoniadis: Cally and Jimmy writing workshop
Join **Zoe Antoniadis** on a journey of story discovery, learning how to plot a tale, and plan a brand-new story during the session. Ages 6-11.
Chiswick Playhouse, £3

12pm: London Clay: Journeys into the Deep City
Join **Tom Chivers** to discover hidden pathways and islands beneath London as explored in his book, *London Clay: Journeys into the Deep City*.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £8

12:15pm: Life on the NHS Frontline
Two doctors talk about life in the NHS. **Dr Jim Down**'s book *Life Support* provides a personal account of the reality of life during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Dr Amir Khan**'s *The Doctor Will See You Now* tells of the highs and lows of life as a GP. Chaired by **Hugh Pym**.
St Michael & All Angels Church, £8

12:15pm: The Rebel Daughter: English Civil War
Historian and local author **Miranda Malins** reviews her novel *The Rebel Daughter*, set in 1643 during the Civil War.
Chiswick Playhouse, £8

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12:15-1pm: Astrid Lindgren's Pippi Longstocking: Storytelling by Danyah Miller
A playful and quirky one-woman storytelling performance with audience participation, to introduce children to 'the strongest girl in the world'. Age 4+.
Boston Room, George IV, £3

1:45-2:30pm: Frederick the Fox: Kim Ansell, Lisa Read
Fun with author **Kim Ansell** and illustrator **Lisa Read** in a creative reading and craft event based on their beautifully illustrated *Frederick the Fox* book. Age 4+.
CBPPS Nursery, £3

2-3pm: Neal Zetter and Joshua Seigal: Performance poets
Join award winning children's authors and poets **Neal Zetter** and **Joshua Seigal** for a joint hour of fun. Age 5-11 years.
Boston Room, George IV, £3



2pm: Dreams of a Different World: Dystopia, Spies, Dissent - and Middlemarch!
Jane Thynne (writing as **C.J. Carey**) talks about *Widowland*, her vividly imagined story of a Nazi Britain that might have been. She is joined by **Anne Sebba** whose *Ethel Rosenberg: A Cold War Tragedy* tells the full story of the 37-year-old housewife and mother who was executed as a Soviet spy.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £8

2pm: What is History Now?
On the 60th anniversary of EH Carr's influential book *What is History?*, historian **Suzannah Lipscomb** talks to **Julia Wheeler** about *What is History Now?*, addressing how we interpret history today, including the history of faith, disability and racism.
Chiswick Playhouse, £8



2:15pm: Alan Johnson: The Late Train to Gipsy Hill
Former Home Secretary **Alan Johnson** talks about his debut novel, the thriller *The Late Train to Gipsy Hill*.
St Michael & All Angels Church, £8

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4-4:45pm: Rob Biddulph: Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City
Join Guinness World Record-breaking, award-winning and bestselling author/illustrator **Rob Biddulph** and hear about *Peanut Jones*, the first book in a new series. Age 9+.
Boston Room, George IV, £3

4pm: The Authority Gap: Mary Ann Sieghart
Journalist and radio presenter **Mary Ann Sieghart** talks to former *Woman's Hour* presenter **Jane Garvey** about her book *The Authority Gap*, which looks at how to address systematic sexism.
St Michael & All Angels Parish Hall, £8



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4:15pm: Anthony Burgess: Why No Blue Plaque in Chiswick?
When English Heritage said no to a blue plaque for Anthony Burgess on his former home in W4, **John Walsh** wrote "If Anthony Burgess doesn't merit a blue plaque, then few do". With other speakers, he'll look at how plaques are awarded and who deserves one, if not Burgess?

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021



7pm: Hogarth: Life in Progress
Dr Jacqueline Riding has written a major new biography of Chiswick's most famous son, William Hogarth. Where better for her to talk about it than the new Weston Studio at Hogarth's House? She is interviewed by **Val Bott**, chair of the William Hogarth Trust.
Weston Studio, Hogarth's House, £8

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021



7pm: Rory Cellan-Jones: Always On - Hope and Fear in the Social Smartphone Era
From the launch of the iPhone to the unstoppable rise of social media; the liberation, disruption and oppression of the smartphone era is enthrallingly recounted by the BBC's technology correspondent and Ealing resident, **Rory Cellan-Jones**.
William Barry Theatre, University of West London, £10

WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

7pm: Ealing Fiction Panel
After last year's sparkling evening with four Ealing novelists, we present a new lineup for 2021. Check website for full details.
William Barry Theatre, University of West London, £8



8.30pm: A Gentleman in Moscow - Virtual wine tasting with Victoria Daskar
Sign up to receive a copy of *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles; four bottles of wine inspired by the book (delivery included); link to virtual wine tasting and discussion (1 hour).
Via Zoom £110; including donation to Chiswick Book Festival. Booking and link at www.chiswickbookfestival.net

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