
CHORLEYWOOD LITFEST

November 10th – 16th 2014



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to Chorleywood LitFest 2014

WELCOME – to the NINTH Chorleywood Literary Festival where books come alive!

As usual we have a stellar line up of wonderful authors with a variety of great stories to tell.

In this brochure you will find details of all the events that will take place in this great week of culture brought to you by Chorleywood Bookshop. From the story of Noah's Ark, through Thomas Cromwell, Charles I and II, the Ottomans and Byzantines, up to the present day royal family, there is history. We have novels from actor Sheila Hancock and Louise Doughty, prose from poet Wendy Cope, travel, brain surgery and psychology, a return visit by best selling author Jodi Picoult, a Literary Walk as well as creative writing and an Indie Author Fair. There is surely something for everyone here.



The best things about the Chorleywood Literary Festival (according to a customer) are: you don't have to go on the M25 to get there, you can sleep in your own bed, you can meet your friends there, you can eat a meal before you set out and have a drink afterwards and you don't need to go to London (or Cheltenham or Hay).

Whether or not you have ever been to a literary event before there should be something here to entice you.

We are grateful to our sponsors *Sewell & Gardner*, *Heron Financial*, *The Grove*, *Archer Rusby and Distinctly* whose generosity helps to bring this wonderful cultural event to our town. Please use them when you can.

Now - get those dates in your diary and book your tickets early to save money.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sheryl, Morag, Martin and the Festival team

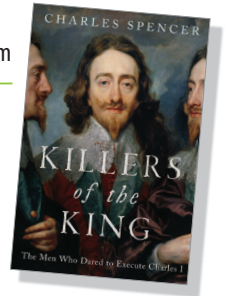


Monday 10th

Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Charles Spencer

Killers of the King The Men Who Dared to Execute Charles I



Come along to the opening event of the ninth Chorleywood Literary Festival. Meet Charles Spencer, well-known figure, bestselling historian and compelling speaker. His talk, about his fourth history book, *Killers of the King - The Men Who Dared to Execute Charles I*, a fascinating account of a little known period of history, is bound to be both enlightening and entertaining.

In January 1649, after seven years of fighting in the bloodiest war in Britain's history, Parliament had overpowered King Charles I and now faced a problem: what to do with a defeated king, who refused to surrender? Parliamentarians resolved to do the unthinkable, to disregard the Divine Right of Kings and hold Charles to account for the appalling suffering and slaughter endured by his people. A tribunal of 135 men was hastily gathered and the death sentence passed. When his son Charles II was restored to

the throne, he set about enacting a deadly wave of retribution against those lawyers, judges and officials responsible for his father's death.

Tickets £8 before November 1st
£10 after November 1st

Tuesday 11th

Russell School 7.30pm

Louise Doughty

Apple Tree Yard
'One book for Chorleywood'



The idea of 'One book for Chorleywood' is perhaps best described as a giant book group. It is an opportunity to read the book ahead and then meet the author to discuss it. How did she come up with the plot, the characters, and how has she coped with its success? The book we have chosen is a real page turner and was picked as a Richard and Judy Summer Read.

Apple Tree Yard is narrated by a scientist from the dock of the Old Bailey where she is on trial. The story switches from

the dock to the events that brought her there. It is a novel of mystery, adultery, sex, murder and deception; a psychological thriller as well as a court room drama.

Hilary Mantel said of Louise Doughty's book "There can't be a woman alive who hasn't once realised, in a moment of panic, that she's in the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong man. Louise Doughty leads her unnerved reader into dark territory. A compelling and bravely written book."

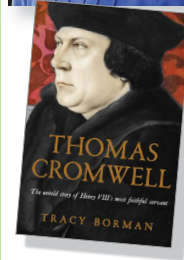
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Wednesday 12th

Russell School 7.30pm

Tracy Borman

Thomas Cromwell: The untold story of Henry VIII's most faithful servant



Tracy Borman tells us in this fascinating book that Thomas Cromwell was a party animal. Of course he was the man who helped bring about the dissolution of the monasteries and masterminded Henry's divorce from Catherine of Aragon but he was also a generous host. 'He wasn't just a serious humourless bureaucrat.

He's somebody you'd quite like to have at a dinner party. He's great fun,' she says. Dr Borman explores the lives, loves and legacy of the man who changed the shape of England forever.

Tracy Borman is Chief Executive of the Heritage Education Trust, a charity which encourages children to visit and learn from historic properties. Last year, she was also appointed joint Chief Curator (with Lucy Worsley) for Historic Royal Palaces, the charity which manages Hampton Court Palace, the Tower of London, Kensington Palace, Kew Palace and the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

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Thursday 13th

Chenies Manor 12.15 for 1pm

Literary Lunch with Jodi Picoult



Best selling author Jodi Picoult comes to the beautiful Tudor Chenies Manor to have lunch and tell us about her new book which concerns a thirteen year old girl, Jenna, whose mother disappeared when she was three. She tracks down the detective who worked on the case and enlists the help of a psychic. Despite their wish not to get involved they find themselves persuaded by Jenna's stubborn and persuasive character, following leads, and slowly what happened to her mother becomes clear. It is a tale of a mother's love for a child and the child's love for her mother.

There will be a drink on arrival followed by a delicious two course meal prepared by The Peppermill.

Tickets £45 to include a copy of the new hardback book *Leaving Time*

Friday 14th

Memorial Hall 7.45pm

Sheila Hancock

Miss Carter's War



Sheila Hancock is the author of several autobiographical volumes and *Miss Carter's War* is her first novel. An actor, she has performed in a huge number of films, TV shows and is a regular contestant on Radio 4's *Just a Minute*.



It is 1948 and Britain is struggling to recover from the Second World War. *Miss Carter* has lost her parents, worked for the Special Operations Executive, and returns to England to study at Cambridge.

She goes on to become an English teacher with a mission – to fight social injustice, prevent war and educate her girls. Through friendships, love lost and found, from the peace marches of the fifties to the rise of Thatcher's Britain, Sheila Hancock has created a portrait of Britain through the eyes of a very singular woman.

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Saturday 15th

Memorial Hall 12 Noon

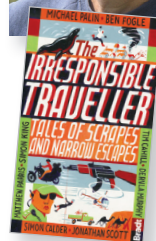
Hilary Bradt

The Irresponsible Traveller



Published to coincide with Bradt's 40th anniversary, *The Irresponsible Traveller* is a light but edgy collection of travellers' tales.

Bradt has built a reputation over 40 years for publishing books covering the road less travelled.



This collection celebrates exactly the sort of writing and storytelling about 'unusual' travel experiences that has helped to establish the company as a firm favourite amongst adventurous travellers. Featuring contributions from Hilary Bradt, Michael Palin, Ben Fogle and Jonathan Scott, the title is a perfect book to dip in and out of.

This event is sponsored by Silver Travel Advisor which is a travel advice and reviews site dedicated to the over 50's. It's free to join.

Are you are over 50 and love to travel?

If the answer is yes, visit silvertraveladvisor.com!



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Saturday 15th

Scribblers in the City

A guided walk through the historic City of London featuring locations familiar to some of the world's greatest writers, the haunts of their world-famous fictional characters - and a glimpse into the old London which so inspired them.



Walk down virtually any street in the City of London and you'll be treading to the echo of steps made by the most famous names in literary history; Chaucer, Shakespeare, Pepys, Dickens, Betjeman, TS Elliott, Kenneth Graham, Defoe - they all lived, wrote, were inspired, and sometimes misbehaved themselves in the City a bit too.

For centuries the City has been the backdrop for their stories, plays, musings, and poems and the inspiration for the world in

which their characters come to life. Today's City regularly features as the location for many block-buster films.

City of London Guide and Lecturer, Vivien Schrage-Powell, has created a walk which takes you through the heart of the City of London, focusing on many of these locations, the writers associated with them, and some fascinating hidden literary secrets and surprises along the way.

This walk is definitely suitable for the entire family! Literary references will range from the "classics" to children's favourites - using a variety of locations within the City of London to set the scene.

The walk begins at Farringdon Station and ends at Monument Station.

Meet at Farringdon Station at 11am. Tickets £10, £5 for school age children. Buggies free.

Saturday 15th

Memorial Hall 3pm

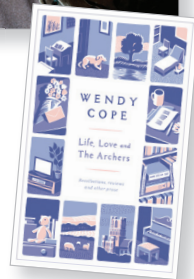
Wendy Cope

Life, Love and The Archers

An exciting prose collection from beloved poet Wendy Cope. A book for anyone who's ever fallen in love, tried to give up smoking, or consoled themselves they'll never be quite as old as Mick Jagger!

With her sharp eye for human foibles and unflinching sense of humour, Wendy Cope has long been one of the nation's best-loved poets. Now, thanks to this carefully curated prose collection consisting of a lifetime of published and unpublished work, readers can finally meet the Enid-Blyton-obsessed schoolgirl, the ambivalent daughter, the amused teacher, the sensitive journalist, the cynical romantic, the savagely funny television critic. Reflecting on a wide range of subjects from addictions to weddings, Cope proves that she's a master of the one-liner as well as the couplet, the arch review and the sonnet.

Wendy Cope was a primary school teacher before becoming a freelance writer when her first book of poems, *Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis*, was published in 1986.

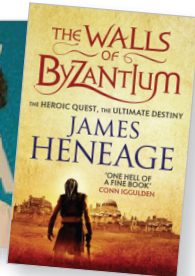
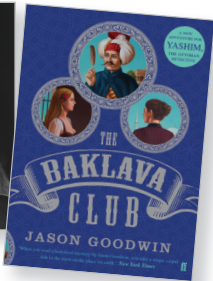


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James Heneage and Jason Goodwin

Enemy at the Gates: the Ottomans and the Byzantines



Jason's book, *The Baklava Club*, is set in Ottoman Istanbul.

James Heneage founded the Ottakkers chain of bookshops. He chaired the Cheltenham Literary Festival and went on to found the Chalke Valley History Festival.

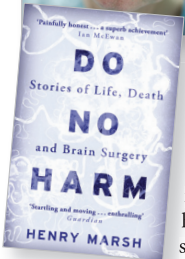
These two authors have teamed up to provide an enthralling presentation of the two sides of this epic clash in history. They tell the story of the Ottoman threat to Europe from 1400 to 1700 – three hundred years of fear and loathing. An area of history not known to most, James' book, *The Walls of Byzantium*, is set in the decades before the fall of Constantinople when the Ottoman Turks were at the gates of Christian Europe.

Jason Goodwin studied Byzantine history at Cambridge, has walked from Poland to Istanbul and won the John Llewellyn Rees prize for the account of that journey, *On Foot to the Golden Horn*.

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Henry Marsh

Do No Harm - Stories of Life Death and Brain Surgery



If you believe that brain surgery is a precise and exquisite craft, practised by calm and detached surgeons, this gripping, brutally honest and highly personalised account will make you think again.

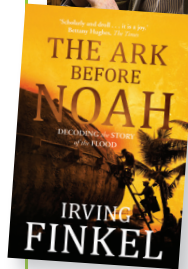
Henry Marsh, one of the country's leading neurosurgeons, describes the fierce joy of operating, the profoundly moving triumphs, the harrowing disasters, the haunting regrets and the moments of black humour that characterise a brain surgeon's life.

He has been the subject of two major documentary films, *Your Life in Their Hands* and *The English Surgeon*.

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Irving Finkel

The Ark Before Noah, Decoding the story of the Flood



This is the most astounding story. Irving Finkel is the Assistant Keeper of Ancient Mesopotamian (i.e. Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian) script, languages and cultures in the British Museum. One day a man brought in a tablet asking what it might be. It took Irving Finkel nearly

30 years to persuade the man to let him have it long enough to translate it. When he did, it turned out to be a cuneiform tablet with a blueprint for the Ark. Written a millennium and a half before Jewish scholars wrote the Book of Genesis, more than 4000 years ago, it is one of the most important archeological finds ever made.

A successful attempt to build the Ark according to the blueprint has recently been undertaken by Channel 4.

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Sunday 16th

British Legion Hall 10.00am - 1.00pm

Creative Writing

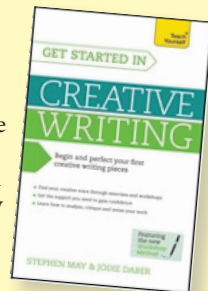
with Stephen May, author of *Teach Yourself Get Started in Creative Writing*.



Award-winning novelist Stephen May will run a lively, stimulating and practical course for fiction writers. Suitable for shy beginners as well as those who have projects under way, Stephen will cover character, structure,

dialogue and setting as well as techniques to keep your momentum going.

Stephen May is the author of three novels including *Life! Death! Prizes!* which was shortlisted for the Costa Prize and the Guardian's Not The Booker Prize. His latest novel is *Wake Up Happy Every Day* (Bloomsbury). He is also the author of *Write A Novel And Get It Published* (Hodder)



Tickets £25 to include a copy of the book worth £10.99

Indie Author Fair

Sunday 16th

British Legion Hall 2pm - 5pm

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Meet over 40 writers: Children's & YA authors, bestsellers, poets, writers of adult fiction and non-fiction, an author collective and members of The Alliance of Independent Authors. Get involved with our human library or children's story time. Or browse the books while having afternoon tea. You might discover a hidden treasure...

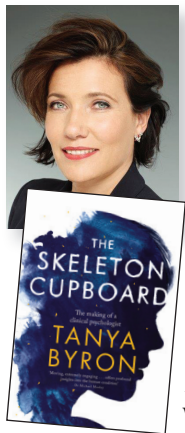
Readers, booklovers and those passionate about literature, this is for you.

Sunday 16th

Memorial Hall 2.30pm

Professor Tanya Byron

The Skeleton Cupboard – the making of a Clinical Psychologist



Tanya Byron is Edge Hill's first and current University Chancellor as well as a practising Consultant Clinical Psychologist, writer and broadcaster. Best known for her work as a child therapist on television shows, *Little Angels* and *The House of Tiny Tearaways*, she also broadcasts for BBC *Newsnight* and is a presenter on Radio 4.

Her books include *Your Child Your Way* and *Your Toddler: Month by Month*. She writes a weekly column in *The Times* and contributes to *Good Housekeeping* magazine.

The *Skeleton Cupboard*, is her story of training to become a clinical psychologist, revealing the frightening and challenging lives of all mental health staff in a gripping and darkly humorous way.

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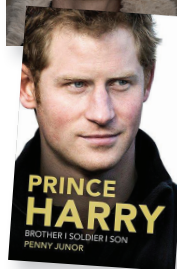
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Sunday 16th

Memorial Hall 5pm

Penny Junor

Prince Harry: Brother, Soldier, Son



This is the Prince Harry you've never read about before. Published in celebration of his thirtieth birthday, *Prince Harry: Brother, Soldier, Son* tells the story behind the tabloid headlines; the maverick Prince, who can be impetuous and unpredictable.

How he grew from the little boy walking behind his mother's cortege, who broke our hearts, to a leader of men, acclaimed biographer Penny Junor explores how Prince Harry survived the loss and chaos of his childhood. With his unique talents, charm and bloody mindedness, this

soldier, pilot and adventurer has become a passionate champion of the wounded and disabled.

Penny Junor is a writer, broadcaster and author of many bestselling biographies including those of both the Prince and the Princess of Wales and two British Prime Ministers.

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The 2014 Chorleywood Literary Festival Dominian Short Story Competition

The annual Dominian Short Story competition this year is on the theme of BRAVERY.

To enter: write a story of not more than 800 words entitled "Living Up to the Challenge".

Download a form from either the Festival website or the Chorleywood Bookshop website and submit with your story and £2 entry fee to Chorleywood Bookshop.

The writing competition is run in memory of Dr Jack Dominian and his wife Edith.



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There will be a festival cafe for refreshments and snacks between events.

FESTIVAL BOOKSHOP

During the festival events there will be a bookshop on site where you will be able to purchase books by the LitFest authors. There will be book signings after all events.

BUYING YOUR TICKETS

Tickets are available online at www.cwlitfest.org or from Chorleywood Bookshop, 4 New Parade, Chorleywood WD3 5NJ. 01923 283566 and Gerrards Cross Bookshop, 12a Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross SL9 7QE. 01753 885429

REFUNDS

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Getting there...

By Train

Metropolitan Line and Chiltern Railways to Chorleywood Station. Please check www.tfl.gov.uk for timetables and engineering works.

By Bus

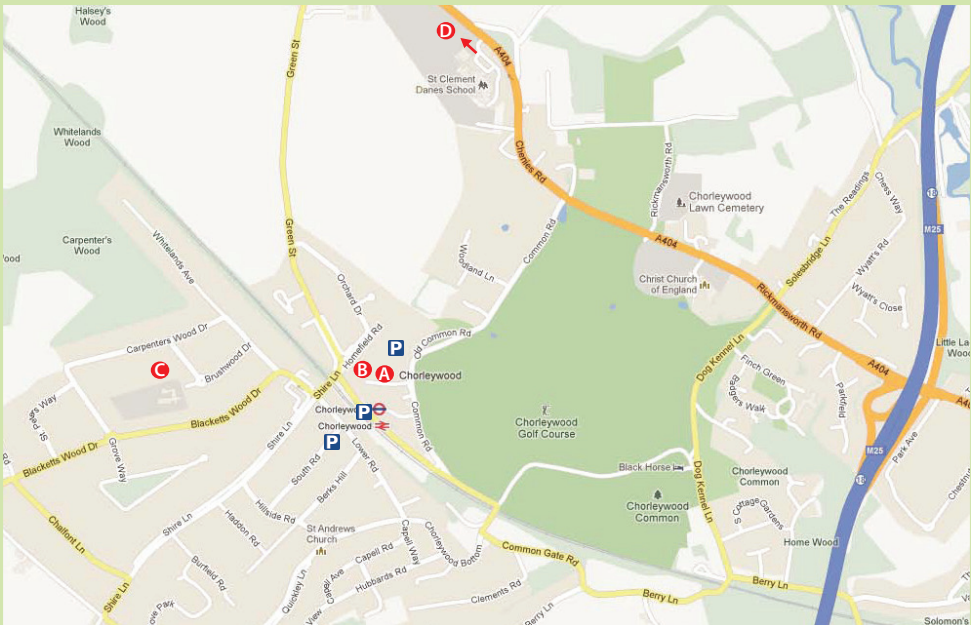
Route 336 from Amersham and Rickmansworth.

By Road

M25 Junction 18, A404 towards Amersham.

Parking

There is ample car parking at Russell School. There is a car park at The Memorial Hall and British Legion Hall. Extra parking can be found in the Ferry Car Park, Lower Road or the Station Car Park.



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