



Hastings Litfest '19

August 30 – September 1 2019

“In Other Words”

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www.hastingslitfest.org

Welcome to LitFest '19

Our theme this year is *"In Other Words"*, which includes sci-fi and dystopian fiction, works in translation and finding your voice in a new country or society. *"Doctor Who and the Sound of Fear"* (see page 11) - a journey into science fiction sounds and stories - is just one of our exciting events looking at literature and writing through a slightly unexpected lens.

Following the success of last year's workshops we are delighted to offer a range of compelling practical sessions for budding writers (page 9). We've also listened to your feedback and added more events for children and families, including the world premiere of *The Caterpillar and The Blackbird* from Narradance (page 4) and an opportunity to forage on the East Hill with renowned "found food" writer Dave Hamilton (page 7).

This year we are also proud to say that we are working closely with Get Hastings Reading, a new campaign to encourage literacy and to celebrate the joy and power of reading and writing.

We are very excited to have so many household names on our programme, including Alice Roberts, Tracey Thorn and Lucy Cooke, but as we put together the programme, we also became very interested in seeking voices and stories that have been lost or hidden over time (see our three historians, page 4, Kevin Le Gendre, page 7 and Tessa Boase, page 9). We hope you enjoy discovering them as much as we have.

Happy Litfest!

Marcia Woolf and Sam Davey

Festival Directors



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**Please note – children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
at all Lifest events.**

Programme at a glance: Friday Aug. 30

10.00-11.30	Kate O’Hearn – Heroines and Monsters Join internationally best-selling author and friends for stories and questions.	Hastings Central Library - free events for children and families
14.00-15.30	Kate Wiseman – Gangster school – draw and write about your own heroes and villains.	St Mary in the Castle
16.00-17.00	Author Christopher Priest – on his life and works An audience with the multi-award winning author.	
18.00-19.00	Richard Blair – talking about his father George Orwell . A rare insight into the life, works and on-going influence of one of the 20th century’s greatest writers, from his adopted son.	
15.00-16.00	Hanna Jameson – author of <i>The Last</i> Join Hanna as she reads from and discusses her new novel <i>The Last</i> - a high concept murder mystery set at the end of the world.	The White Rock Hotel (NB – events take place in different rooms)
15.00-16.00	Dr David Lewis – The Psychology of a Dictator At the end of the first world war, Adolf Hitler was blind and broken in a sanatorium – this fascinating talk from psychologist and historian Dr David Lewis uncovers Hitler’s early life and disturbing road to power.	
17.00-18.00	Duncan Barrett – The Real Guernsey Literary and Potato-Peel Pie society – Guernsey under Nazi Occupation.	
18.30-19.30	Ted Powell – The Truth about Edward VIII? Historian Ted Powell discusses the charismatic but troubled monarch, his relationship with America, his affair with Wallis Simson and the abdication – and paints a rather different picture from the one usually presented.	

East Sussex College Saturday August 31

10.00-16.00	<p>Book fair – all day in the Atrium at East Sussex college – come and meet local authors and booksellers – and hear many of them reading from their work.</p> <p>FREE ENTRY</p>
13.00-14.30	<p>Writing for well-being – find out how to unleash your creativity and improve your well-being – this a free workshop (but spaces are limited, please go to the web site to book).</p>
10.00 – 12.00	<p>Danuta Kean, <i>Guardian</i> journalist and books editor of <i>Msexia</i> chairs a panel of authors, publishers and agents as they consider the questions and issues that may well determine the future of publishing.</p>
13.00 – 14.00	<p>Tracey Thorn in conversation – A chance to hear the musician, novelist and columnist talk about her life and her new book <i>Another Planet</i>.</p>
14.45 – 15.45	<p>Poet, novelist, short story writer and broadcaster Kei Miller reads from and discusses his new collection of essays <i>The Most Important Things</i>.</p>



The future of publishing



Tracey Thorn



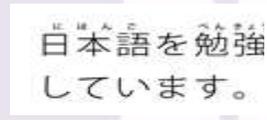
Kei Miller

Events at The Stade Hall, 31 August

10.-00- 11.00	Lesley Glaister , author of <i>Aphra's Child</i> , in conversation with novelist and publisher Tabby Stirling .
12.00- 13.00	Award winning author Sally Gardner in conversation with poet, playwright and author Catherine Johnson .
14.00- 15.00	Publisher and author Tabby Stirling in conversation with local writer Andrea Samuelson .
16.00 – 17.00	Local author, poet and comedian VG Lee reads from her latest collection and talks about starting writing in her forties.
18.00- 19.00	Join author and founder of the Polari Salon Paul Burston in conversation with literary critic Suzi Feay . Paul will be discussing his new psychological thriller <i>The Closer I Get</i> , which is largely set in Hastings.
19.30- 20.30	Don't Stop The Carnival - Talk and Live Music by Kevin Le Gendre and Guest Musician This event based on the new book by journalist, writer and broadcaster Kevin Le Gendre (BBC Radio 3's Jazz Line-Up, MusicWeek) which presents the story of Black music in Britain and the people who made it.
21.00 - late	LitFest is proud to end Saturday at the Stade with the wonderful - Salena Godden - one of Britain's foremost poets, whose electrifying live performances have earned her a devoted following.

Even more events on Saturday Aug. 31

09.00 and 13.00	Foraging walk on the East Hill with found-food guru Dave Hamilton .	Meet on the Stade
10.00- 11.30	The “ Creature Creation ” Workshop, with author Angela Hulbert - Free event for children aged 5-9.	Hastings Library
14.00- 15.39	“ Moonstruck ” with local poet, illustrator and writer Ed Boxall Free event for children aged 5-9.	
10.00- 12.00	Dystopian fiction panel – join authors, actors and academics to discuss dystopian and speculative fiction. Ticket price includes a showing of the film <i>1984</i> after the panel.	Kino Teatr
16.30- 18.00	“ Otherwise unchanged ” -Poet, former world judo champion and tetraplegic Owen Lowery explores themes of art, literature, military history, love, and football.	
10.30- 12.00	The Kotan Chronicles of Genzō Sarashina Dr Nadine Willems , lecturer in Japanese History, and Paul Rossiter of <i>Isobar Press</i> introduced by Antony Mair . A fascinating introduction to the life and work of a working-class Japanese poet in the early 20th Century. Poems read in translation.	The White Rock Hotel



Events on Sunday September 1st

10.00- 11.00	The unexpected truth about animals with TV producer and presenter, author and explorer Lucy Cooke .	St Mary in the Castle
12.00- 13.00	Species that changed the world - with evolutionary anthropologist Professor Alice Roberts . Discover how three of our best-loved species have helped shape the human world.	Suitable for families (children 12+)
10.00- 11.00	<i>Women of Westminster</i> – <i>100 years of women in Parliament</i> . Author Rachel Reeves MP in conversation with Danuta Kean .	The Royal Victoria Hotel
12.00- 13.00	<i>Mrs Pankhurst's Purple Feather</i> - <i>Fashion, Fury and Feminism – Women's Fight for Change</i> . Local author Tessa Boase discusses her hugely successful book the foundation of the <i>Royal Society for the Protection of Birds</i> .	The Royal Victoria Hotel
10.00- 12.00	LITTLE IDA'S FLOWERS - Theatre Rotto's puppets, shadows and marionettes bring the little girl's toy room magically to life. There will be a puppet making workshop for children after the performance (Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian).	The Printworks
14.00- 1.00	Closing celebration and awards. With LitFest Patron Sir David Hare . The results of the three LitFest writing competitions and the launch of the LitFest Anthology, published in association with The Stirling Press .	Royal Victoria Hotel

Workshops for writers – for details, prices and booking, visit
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30 Aug.	Writing difference – developing characters with Char March.	11.15 – 13.30 Jerwood Gallery
	Preparing your novel for submission – with literary Agent Hannah Sheppard.	14.00 – 16.45 Jerwood Gallery –
31 Aug.	A guide to self-publishing (full day) – with novelist Glyn Harper.	11.15 – 16.00 Jerwood Gallery
	Writing science fiction – with Sci-fi author and script writer Simon Guerrier.	10.00 - 12.30 The White Rock Hotel
	Poetry workshop – with award winning poet Kim Lasky.	14.00 - 16.30 The White Rock Hotel
	Writing comedy for the stage (full day) – with Playwright and actor John Knowles.	10.00 – 17.00 Upstairs at the Jenny Lind
	The art and science of punctuation – how to use punctuation to make your work more engaging and readable – with author and journalist Maggie Alderson.	14.30 – 17.00 The White Rock Hotel
1 Sept.	Puppet making with Theatre Rotto Theatre Rotto will be giving a performance of Little Ida’s Flowers to be followed by puppet making for children 5+ (inc. in ticket price).	10.00 – 12.00 The Printworks

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30 Aug.	<i>The Caterpillar and the Blackbird</i> – Free dance & poetry event for children. All children will be given a free colouring book containing a copy of the poem.	14.00 St Mary in the Castle
	The Captain of the Lost Waves – steampunk music and poetry.	19.30 St Mary in the Castle
	The Telling – medieval music ensemble, sharing the story of 12 th century troubadour Beatriz de Dia.	19.30 Opus Theatre
	<i>The Prestige</i> – introduced by author of the book that inspired the film, Christopher Priest.	19.30 Kino Teatr
	The Naked Punk – poetry and polemic from Penny Pepper.	19.00 The Printworks
31 Aug.	<i>1984</i> the film – introduced by actor Suzanna Hamilton (who played the part of Julia).	13.00 Kino Teatr
	Michael Pennington – One man show from the co-founder of the RSC.	19.30 Opus Theatre
	The LitFest Big Night Out – Paul Burston, Suzy Feay, Kevin Le Gendre and Salena Godden share words and music.	18.00 The Stade
1 Sept.	<i>Little Ida and the Flowers</i> – puppet show from Theatre Rotto.	The Printworks

Events at Kino – Teatr

Tickets available from Kino Teatr www.kino-teatr.co.uk

30 August	15.00 – 17.00	<i>Doctor Who and the Sound of Fear....</i> Join Doctor Who composer Mark Ayres and writer Simon Guerrier for a fantastic voyage into the strange, unearthly sounds of space and time. Families welcome.
	19.30	An author’s introduction to <i>The Prestige</i>. Author Christopher Priest introduces the screening of the 2006 film, starring Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale, David Bowie and Scarlett Johansson.
31 August	10.00 - 12.00	Panel on Dystopian Fiction Dystopian fiction draws not only on ideas that such as totalitarian governments and anarchism, but also on topics that are becoming a pressing concern for us today – such as pollution, global warming and technology. Join our panel to discuss.
	13.00 - 15.45	Film screening: Michael Radford’s <i>1984</i>. Actress Suzanna Hamilton introduces dystopian classic <i>1984</i> – and her role as anti-heroine Julia.
	16.30 – 18.30	<i>Otherwise unchanged</i> – with Owen Lowery. Join Owen as he shares a short film and readings from his work which explores themes of art, literature, military history, love, and football. Owen is a poet and former world judo champion who suffered a severe spinal injury in 1987 and is now tetraplegic.

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