

WELCOME TO THE FIFTH LITERARY FESTIVAL AT CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE
THURSDAY 7TH TO SUNDAY 10TH MAY

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TO VIEW THE FULL PROGRAMME AND BOOK TICKETS.

FRIDAY 8TH MAY — VE DAY FAMILY EVENTS

Magazine-making Workshops 2.00, 3.15 £11
Join the **Scoop** team and make your very own magazine. Fill it with poetry quizzes, comic strips, stories and pictures to take home. Ages 7+

Lucy Strange & Anna Faragher 3.00 £7
Meet the authors of adventure stories *The Umbrella Mouse* and *Our Castle by the Sea*. Hear what life was like for children and animals in WWII. Ages 7+

Tiger Who Came to Tea Party 3.00 £7
Come for tea with everybody's favourite Tiger. There'll be party games, activities, storytelling and a very special visitor! Ages 3+

Short Story Winners 4.05 **Free for ticket holders**
Rachel Sellers will read the winning entries from this year's Short Story Competition and award prizes.

The Power of Stories 4.30 £7
Join award-winning children's author PERS TORDAY for an animated, interactive look at how he became a writer. Ages 7+

Waiting for Anya All day **Free to ticket holders**
Drop in and watch the new WWII film based on Michael Morpurgo's book back to back screenings throughout the day.

The Nightingale 10.30-2.15 £7
A funny musical show for all the family in the Orangery gardens. Bring a broly if wet. Ages 3+

Aardman Animations 10.30-11.45; 2.00 £11
Make your own character from *Shaun the Sheep*, *Farmageddon* in three hands-on clay modelling workshops, led by an expert model maker. Ages 6+

Megalith Myths Workshop 11.15 £11
Calling all budding writers! Join award-winning author **Lucy Strange** in this creative writing workshop and create your own myth to take home. Ages 7+

Michael Morpurgo 11.45 £14/£7
Join the nation's favourite storyteller, the award-winning author of *War Horse*, as he talks about his bestselling WWII stories. Ages 7+

Benji Davies 11.45 £7
Meet Tad, the smallest tadpole in a big pond in an interactive event with an award-winning author-illustrator. Ages 3+

VE Day Street Party 12.45 **Free to ticket holders**
On the the 75th anniversary of VE Day, well have WWII singing, dancing and music from the **VE Daymes**, lindy hop dancers, **Mick Howard** and *The Last Post* at 3.00. Bring a picnic or buy food from our stalls.

How to be a Spy Workshop 1.00 £11
Meet real-life heroes that inspired **Anna Faragher's** award-winning story *The Umbrella Mouse*. Learn to write secret messages in code and invisible ink. Ages 7+

Pippi Longstocking Storytelling Show 1.45 £7
Danyah Miller performs her quirky, playful storytelling show with audience participation, introducing Pippi, the strongest girl in the world. Ages 4+

SATURDAY 9TH MAY — ADULT EVENTS

Speeches and Letters That Changed the World 10.30 £14
Inspiring speeches and letters from ancient times to today — heroic, diabolical, poignant or chilling. Performed by actors **Geoffrey Stratfield**, **Olivia Williams**, **Rachel Sellers** & **Peter Basham**.

The Women Who Flew For Hitler 10.30 £14
Clare Mulley tells the extraordinary story of two women at the heart of Nazi Germany, with vivid insights into attitudes to women, class and race during WWII.

Poetry Workshop: On the Cusp 10.30 £30
Emma Harding leads this lively 3hr workshop looking at poems on thresholds, turning points and borders, inspiring you to create your own.

Clothes and Other Things that Matter 12.00 £14
Ex-editor of *Vogue* **Alexandra Shulman** explores the meaning of clothes, how we wear them and the stories they tell.

The Mountbattens: Lives and Loves 12.00 £14
Andrew Lowmies' portrayal reveals their complex marriage, power, glamour, infidelity and disaster.

Hamnet 2.00 £14
Maggie O'Farrell brings us her heart-wrenching story behind Shakespeare's most famous play.

Disability Panel 2.00 £14
Lord Shinkwin, **Amrit Patel**, **Paul Polman** and **David Forbes-Nixon** discuss disability in the workforce and seek solutions to daily challenges.

Oral Storytelling Workshop: Tell Your Own Story 2.00 £25
Julia Wheeler helps you mine your life for ideas and inspiration to share in telling your own story.

Churchill: Walking with Destiny 3.30 £14
With access to new sources **Andrew Roberts** shows Churchill as we've never seen him before.

The Fall of the House of Byron 3.30 £14
Emily Brand follows the fate of Byron's ancestors from glamour and wealth, through scandal and impropriety to disaster.

Writing Crime 5.00 £14
Bestselling crime writer **Peter James** talks to ex-Metropolitan Police Commander **John Sutherland** about real and fictional crime.

Rough Magic/We Swim to the Shark 5.00 £14
Two young women, **Lara Prior-Palmer** and **Georgie Codd** battle their fears to overcome perilous challenges on horseback and in water.

Festival Drinks Party 7.00 £20
Mix and mingle with authors and guests over drinks and canapés at Stonehall Park, Chiddingstone Hoath.

SUNDAY 10TH MAY — ADULT EVENTS

A History of Building Britain 10.30 £14
Christopher Somerville and stonemason **Andrew Ziminski** discuss the stories behind Britain's great buildings: cathedrals, mills, engine houses and aqueducts.

Skill Life Drawing 10.30-12.30; 2.30 £18
A unique opportunity to draw objects from the Castle's Japanese collection guided by artist **Gilly Lovegrove** in three sessions.

Writing Workshops 10.30-2.00 £25
Sarah Salway will look at ways to craft and shape your words to write new things, inspired by the Castle's magical setting.

Dominion: The Making of the Western Mind 12.00 £14
Tom Holland explains the enduring and transformative influence of Christianity on Western thought.

The Poetry Pharmacy Returns 12.00 £14
William Sieghart prescribes poems for all manner of spiritual ailments, offering comfort, delight and inspiration for all.

Poetry Pharmacy One-to-Onesessions 1.30 3.00
Free to ticket holders
Book a 15-minute consultation with **William Sieghart** who will prescribe a poem to meet your needs.

Mum & Dad 2.00 £14
Joanna Trollope explores the issues felt by three generations in a modern family thrown into upheaval when Gus suffers a stroke.

Under the Wire 2.00 £14
War reporter **Paul Conroy** tells the tragic story of Marie Colvin's last days reporting from the front line in Syria, and his own escape.

Living with the Gods: The Gods That We Need 3.30 £14
Neil MacGregor looks at the beliefs which shape our lives and the different ways societies imagine their place in the world.

The Well-Gardened Mind 3.30 £14
In our urbanised and technology-based lifestyles, **Sue Stuart-Smith** suggests an urgent need to rediscover our relationship with the earth.

Romanfests: Modern Lessons from Classical Politics 5.00 £14
Asa Bennett and **Andy Bell** discuss what today's politicians can learn from Roman politics. Enjoy their inside track on the current political situation.

Charles II's Mistresses/Cromwell's Protectorate 5.00 £14
Historians **Linda Porter** and **Paul Lay** contrast the very different worlds of Oliver Cromwell's Protectorate and the hedonistic court of Charles II.

THURSDAY 7TH MAY — SCHOOLS DAY

Starring:
Michelle Paver, **Onjali Rauf**, **Guy Bass** & **Pete Williamson**, **John Gordon-Reid**, **Really Big Pants Theatre Company** and **Mr Dilly's World of Wonder**. Local schools and home educators can apply for tickets on our website.