

**Worcestershire Literary Festival 2012 - June 15th to 24th**  
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**Hello and welcome to the latest newsletter from the Worcestershire Literary Festival Team!**

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**Learn : Eat : Perform Autumn Series Of Poetry/Performance Poetry Workshops**

The Worcestershire Literary Festival in association with Apples & Snakes is proud to announce the second in the Autumn 2011 series of Learn : Eat : Perform workshops, with a highly anticipated one run by Jo Bell on Sunday 20th November 2011.

More Information About Jo Bell:

Jo Bell pops up everywhere in the contemporary UK poetry scene. She is a poet, project manager, producer and promoter. Since 2006 she has directed National Poetry Day in the UK. This year she was the co-programmer of Ledbury Poetry Festival, the UK's largest, with Jonathan Davidson.

She has been a poet in residence for Glastonbury Festival and for the Royal Derby Hospital. Collaborations include work within the Companion Stones project, and live poetry shows with other artists. She produces and performs poetry shows such as Fourpenny Circus, nominated for the Ted Hughes Award in 2010. She is a former Cheshire Poet Laureate and her play First Person about the explorer Gertrude Bell was performed at Chester Literature Festival. She was the co-creator with David Calcutt of the hugely popular eavesdropping/ writing project Bugged and is poetry editor at the online journal, Word Gumbo.

[www.bell-jar.co.uk](http://www.bell-jar.co.uk)

Workshop Cost & How To Pay:

This workshop costs £6.00 in advance, or £7.00 on the door on the day.

Visit our website - [www.worclitfest.com](http://www.worclitfest.com).

Or visit our facebook shop - [www.facebook.com/worclitfest](http://www.facebook.com/worclitfest).

Or call the Festival Office & Booking Hotline on 01905 24435 between 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday for more payment options.

PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED.

Future Workshops:

Learn : Eat Perform will take place on the third Sunday of each month and so future dates for your diary are:

Sunday December 15th - workshop led by Rob Gee.

Sunday February 19th - workshop led by Luke Kennard

**Gormenghast: The Life & Work Of Mervyn Peake by his son Sebastian Peake – TICKETS ON SALE NOW – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011, The Fownes Hotel Worcester, 7.30pm**

It is less than a week until Sebastian Peake makes a welcome return to Worcester on Saturday 29th October 2011, 7.30pm at The Fownes Hotel to reprise his talk “The Life And Work Of Mervyn Peake”. For more information and to buy tickets [click here](#).

Tickets can be purchased via our box office Worcester Live on 01905 611427, by visiting the Worcester Live box office in the Crowngate Shopping Centre in Worcester or online by visiting [www.worcslitfest.com/gormenghast-sebastian-peake-talks-about-the-life-work-of-mervyn-peake/](http://www.worcslitfest.com/gormenghast-sebastian-peake-talks-about-the-life-work-of-mervyn-peake/).

**Parole Parlate: November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 With Special Guest Scott Tyrell**

“Parole Parlate : The Spoken Word” is back on Thursday 3rd November 2011 and is a dedicated spoken word and “music that tells a story” platform. If you would like the chance to read your short stories, poems, prose, try out your performance poetry or music that tells a story, this evening is for you!

Hosted by Little Venice in Worcester, there will be a full bar service, cakes/snacks and you can of course take advantage of their full menu and enjoy their delicious pizzas, pastas or salads. Try out their £7.95 menu which includes a main course and a drink.

Already confirmed to perform on November 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Nicola Callow

Beth "Knuckles" Edwards

Huw Parsons

Richard Tyrone Jones

Andrew Owens

Eugina Herlihy

John Lawrence

Bobby Parker

Sammy Joe

Plus a very special featured performance poet slot by Scott Tyrell, in association with Apples & Snakes.

#### ENTRY FEE AND HOW TO PAY

The entry fee for this event is £3.00 on the door, but if you pay in advance using Paypal the entry fee is reduced to £2.00.

Please visit our facebook shop – [www.facebook.com/worcslitfest](http://www.facebook.com/worcslitfest) to pay via paypal or via our website [www.worcslitfest.com](http://www.worcslitfest.com).

We will then email you an entry ticket on receipt of payment via paypal. NB – if you are purchasing more than one ticket, please enter the amount you need in the quantity section on the paypal page.

Please note that all money raised will go towards funding these events and future Worcestershire Literary Festival events.

#### TAKING PART AND PERFORMING

If you would like a slot to perform on one of these dates please let us know by emailing [info@worcslitfest.com](mailto:info@worcslitfest.com), leave a post on the wall of this event or visit [www.facebook.com/worcslitfest](http://www.facebook.com/worcslitfest) and leave a post on the wall.

Performers get free entry, a choice of an alcoholic or soft drink and cake for taking part.

#### ADVANCE INFORMATION

“Parole Parlate : The Spoken Word” is on the first Thursday of every month, so advance dates for your diary will be:

Thursday 5th January 2012

Thursday 2nd February 2012

Thursday 1st March 2012

Thursday 5th April 2012

Thursday 3rd May 2012

Thursday 7th June 2012

Thursday 21st June 2012 – Worcestershire Literary Festival “Parole Parlate” Special

Note that there will be NO event in December 2011!

#### **Be: Magazine Launch**

Be: Magazine, the official publication of the Worcestershire Literary Festival, will launch at the beginning of November as an A4, full colour glossy magazine. It will be packed with interviews,

writing tips, useful articles and much more, plus a selection of poetry and short stories.

The magazine will be available in various locations throughout the County and advertising opportunities are available. Please visit the website [www.bemagazine.co.uk](http://www.bemagazine.co.uk) to find out more.

## **WLF Organisational Structure & Volunteer For Us**

We are always looking for volunteers to help with promoting the Festival, brochure, leaflet and poster distribution and a variety of other tasks. To get involved fill out the form below and return it to **Worcestershire Literary Festival, County House, St. Mary's Street, Worcester, WR1 1HB** or via e-mail to [info@worcslitfest.com](mailto:info@worcslitfest.com).

### **[Volunteer for us](#)**

## **Register An Event For The WLF 2012**

If you wish to register an event for the Worcestershire Literary Festival 2012 please visit [www.worcslitfest.com/register-your-event-for-2012/](http://www.worcslitfest.com/register-your-event-for-2012/). Please ensure all forms are completed fully and returned to the Festival Office by **Wednesday 29th February 2012** at the very latest. Please also note that we cannot consider an event for our programme without a completed registration form, and that once the full programme is finalised in March 2012 no further additions to the programme will be permitted.

Please return your completed forms to: Event Registration, Worcestershire Literary Festival, County House, St. Mary's Street, Worcester, WR1 1HB **or via e-mail to** [info@worcslitfest.com](mailto:info@worcslitfest.com).

## **WLF Mailing List**

Want to sign up to our mailing list and receive the latest news, updates, offers and information about the forthcoming Worcestershire Literary Festival? Simply send an email to [mailinglist@worcslitfest.com](mailto:mailinglist@worcslitfest.com) with SUBSCRIBE in the subject bar to start getting updates from the WLF team.

## **Contact Us**

If you would like to contact us or if you have any questions please call the Festival Office on 01905 24435. Alternatively you can email us via [info@worcslitfest.com](mailto:info@worcslitfest.com), visit our website [www.worcslitfest.com](http://www.worcslitfest.com) or visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/worcslitfest](http://www.facebook.com/worcslitfest).

Please note our new phone number which is **01905 24435**, and the Festival Office is open from 9.00am till 5.30pm Monday to Friday. If there are any occasions where the office has to close there is an answering service where you can leave messages, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you would like to make an appointment to meet Lisa Ventura, Festival Director, please call 01905 24435 or email [info@worcslitfest.com](mailto:info@worcslitfest.com).

With very best wishes,

The WLF Team