

**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!**

We had a very successful first ever Worcestershire Literary Festival in June 2011 and lots of very positive feedback and support, so the festival will be back again in 2012 from June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup>. During the last month we have been very busy streamlining some of our processes and our new structure will be officially announced tomorrow night at our Worcestershire Literary Festival 2012 Open Meeting.

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**Worcestershire Literary Festival 2012 Open Meeting – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011, 7.00pm upstairs in Little Venice Worcester.**

Plans and organisation for the 2012 Worcestershire Literary Festival is already under way and the newly formed Organising Committee have made great progress on how the WLF 2012 will take shape.

This public planning meeting will be a chance for you to come and find out about how the 2011 Festival went, suggest ideas for events that you would like to see in the 2012 Festival, register to host or hold an event and sign up to be involved in the organisation of the Festival.

If you can't make this meeting but you would still like to register an event for the 2012 Festival please call the Festival Office on 01905 24435 or email [info@worcslitfest.com](mailto:info@worcslitfest.com) to find out more.

We look forward to seeing you in Little Venice on August 1st.

**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**

We are delighted to be bringing Sebastian Peake back 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: Summer Special Event With Deanna Rodgers – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011, upstairs in Little Venice, 7.30pm**

“Parole Parlate : The Spoken Word” is back on Thursday 4th August 2011 for a summer special 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 August 4th:

Paul Jeffrey  
Mr Morrison  
David Calcutt  
Beth "Knuckles" Edwards  
Suz Winspear  
Doneck Dahl  
Al Barz  
John Lawrence  
Tom Feelgood

Plus a very special guest appearance by Deanna Rodgers, in association with Apples & Snakes.

For more information and how to buy tickets [click here](#).

**Meet The First Ever Worcestershire Poet Laureate – Theo Theobald**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011 Theo Theobald became the first ever Worcestershire Poet Laureate after beating off stiff competition from ten other finalists. The second place winner was Fergus McGonigal, and the third place winner was Heather Wastie.

Theo has been getting stuck into his new role as Worcestershire Poet Laureate with great gusto and has already been receiving invitations as part of his new role. Recently he appeared at The Mayor Of Worcester’s banquet where he recited his winning poem “Worcestershire Sauce”, and handed out a personalised bottle of Worcestershire Sauce to each of the guests from a consignment that was sent to the WLF office by Heinz/Lea & Perrins.

You can find out more about Theo by visiting [www.worcslitfest.com/poetlaureate](http://www.worcslitfest.com/poetlaureate).

Theo is available for appearances and commissions, so if you would like to get in touch with him email [poetlaureate@worcslitfest.com](mailto:poetlaureate@worcslitfest.com) or call the WLF office on 01905 24435.

**Worcester Live Appointed As Official WLF Box Office Partner and Provider**

The WLF is delighted to announce that they have appointed Worcester Live as their official box office provider and partner for the 2012 festival and for any ticketed events that they hold leading up to the festival next June.

Tickets for all WLF events can be purchased by calling 01905 611427 or in person by visiting the Worcester Live Box Office, Huntingdon Hall, CrownGate, Worcester WR1 3LD. For online purchases please visit the WLF website – [www.worcslitfest.com](http://www.worcslitfest.com) - and select the relevant event that you would like to buy tickets for.

We would like to give a very warm welcome to Worcester Live as our Box Office partner and provider.

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

The new WLF Organisational Structure will be officially announced on the evening of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at our Open Meeting at Little Venice in Worcester, but the Festival Organiser team have been very hard at work on formalising the new structure.

An update to this newsletter will be sent out after the meeting for anyone who can't make it and also posted on our website.

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 **Clement Servini, 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).

Look out for our second newsletter which will be released in mid-August.

With very best wishes,

The WLF Team