

The Worcestershire Literary Festival is coming soon...
17th - 27th June · www.worcslitfest.com

Hi everyone!

The Worcestershire Literary Festival 2011 is only a few weeks away and we have a bumper packed newsletter for you with updates on the programme of events which is now online, news about our next Learn : Eat : Perform workshop, news about "Parole Parlate" and other pre-festival events, news about our search to find Worcestershire's first ever adult Poet Laureate, the launch of Be: Magazine and much more.

The Festival Programme Is Now Online.

The programme for the festival is complete and the countdown has begun to the launch of the first ever Worcestershire Literary Festival. Please check out our [Events Page](#) to find out what's on when during June 17th to June 27th – **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO BUY NOW FOR MOST EVENTS USING PAYPAL.**

We will be continually adding events as soon as they are confirmed. If you or your organisation is based in Worcestershire and is holding an event that would fit in during the Festival and you would like to include it on our website as part of the WLF programme, please send details of the event to info@worcslitfest.com.

[You can read a message from the Festival Director Lisa Ventura here.](#)

The brochure for the Festival will be distributed next weekend in various locations throughout Worcester and Worcestershire, and so if you can spare any time to help us with this the WLF team will be by Bar 12 in the Cornmarket in Worcester at 11.00am on Saturday 14th May 2011. Even if you can only spare half an hour or an hour, your help to get the brochure out and about will be very much appreciated.

You can get a sneak preview of the brochure and download it as a PDF by visiting <http://www.worcslitfest.com/wlf-2011-brochure-sneak-preview/>.

A Bard For Worcestershire - Closing Date Extended Till Monday 16th May 2011

The judging panel for "A Bard For Worcestershire" will be meeting a little later than planned, therefore the closing date has been extended until **Monday 16th May 2011**, and all entries **MUST** be received in the Festival Office by 5pm on that date. So if you fancy becoming the County's first ever adult Poet Laureate you need to get your entries in to us very soon. Please visit [A Bard For Worcestershire](#) for more

information and how to apply. You need to submit two poems to us, one on the theme of “Worcestershire” and one of your own choice via poetlaureate@worcslitfest.com. Poems can be of any length and of any description.

Learn : Eat : Perform With Chris Redmond - Sunday 15th May 2011



The Worcestershire Literary Festival in association with Apples & Snakes is proud to announce the next in our series of “Learn : Eat : Perform” workshops, taking place at the Arts Workshop on Sunday 15th May 2011.

Starting at 11.00am, the morning will consist of a workshop by Chris Redmond, followed by lunch at Cafe Bliss and an open mic session to put into practise what you have learnt – hence Learn : Eat : Perform.

More Information About Chris Redmond:

Chris Redmond is a poet, musician and educator, raised in a musical family; writing, performing and playing from a young age. He spent his 20's playing drums in bands, touring the UK and Europe, whilst quietly honing his writing skills, fusing his love of both music and language.

From his first open mic, to playing to two thousand people at Shepherds Bush Empire, His poetry has always been about performance. Gigs include Glastonbury Festival, The Big Chill, Latitude, Cargo and The Jazz Café, both solo and with his band – fusing poetry, song and blistering broken jazz. He is the host and promoter of Tongue Fu – a poetry/music improv night in London and at festivals.

His poetry has been featured on BBC Radio 1, XFM, Resonance FM and SKY TV. He's released tracks on Soundseasy Records, Going Down Swinging CD/Anthology; and is featured on Sound Species' first album (Burnt Progress). His one-man show, The Lost Menagerie is supported by BAC.

Chris Redmond's style is disarmingly conversational, rich in imagery and layered in meaning. His intention is simple – to entertain, provoke and play.

“A wordsmith wizard, whose sublime art of storytelling in verse is impossible to ignore.” Poetry Book Society

Workshop Cost & How To Pay:

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

Buy tickets for the workshop below using paypal:

Learn Eat Perform Tickets



You don't need to have a paypal account to send the workshop fee.

You can also visit www.facebook.com/wlfshop to buy your ticket.

Or call the Festival Office & Booking Hotline on 0845 652 0621 between 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday for more payment options.

We hope to see you all on May 15th, and look out for an exciting LEP special event with Chris on Sunday 19th June during the Festival.

"Parole Parlate: The Spoken Word" With Matt Windle, Former Birmingham Young Poet Laureate - Thursday 2nd June 2011



"Parole Parlate : The Spoken Word" is back on Thursday 2nd June 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!

And even better...this one is a WLF pre-festival special event designed to hopefully whet your appetites for the festival proper next month!

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 June 2nd:

Beth "Knuckles" Edwards

Tony Judge

Gary Longden

Nicola Callow

Janet Smith

Music & Comedy from "The Very Grimm Brothers"

Chris Guidon

Ruth Stacey

Headlining the event will be Matt Windle, former Birmingham Young Poet Laureate

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.

Buy tickets now online using paypal.

Parole Parlate Tickets June 2nd



Please visit our facebook shop – www.facebook.com/wlfshop – to pay by Paypal

We will then email you an entry ticket on receipt of payment via paypal.

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 Ruth or Lisa via info@worcslitfest.com, leave a post on the wall of this event or visit 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 23rd June 2011 – A WLF Festival Special Event.

Thursday 7th July 2011 – we are delighted to announce that "Parole Parlate" will continue monthly even after the Festival is over.

Clip From Howard Bentham's Breakfast Show – BBC Hereford & Worcester

Howard Bentham and his team on BBC Hereford & Worcester put together this clip to promote our search for Worcestershire's first ever Poet Laureate and they have very kindly given us permission to include it on our website. Huge thanks to Howard, Mike Wyer and the team at BBC Hereford & Worcester for this.

You can listen to the clip below:

[Worcs Poet Laureate – From BBC Hereford & Worcester](#)

The Launch Of Be: Magazine

Be: Inspired - Be: Creative - Be: A Writer - Be: A Poet - Be: An Artist - Be: Anything You Want To Be!



The team behind the Worcestershire Literary Festival will be launching a brand new literary magazine in time for the Festival called Be: Magazine, and we hope to attract submissions and contributions from writers and authors in the UK and the world while also giving local and regional authors the chance to see their work in print.

We welcome submissions from all genres and writing types, and it is our aim in the future to be able to pay authors if their submissions are featured.

We will also be reviewing other literary, literature, poetry and spoken word events/festivals in the publication so that we can support other communities, organisations and events going forward.

If you would like to be part of this exciting new magazine, which is scheduled for launch online for the end of April 2011 and as a print version later this year/early 2012, please email us to info@bemagazine.co.uk

or call 0845 652 0621 for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you :)

Volunteer For Us

We are currently looking for volunteers to cover:

Stewarding

Ticketing

Office Administration

Leaflet distribution

Brochure distribution

Social media updating

Creating events in Facebook and other online promotional channels

If you would like to volunteer to help make the first ever Worcestershire Literary Festival a huge success, please download a copy of our Volunteer Registration Form and return it via email to Ruth Inglis in the Festival Office - ruth@worcslitfest.com.

[Download The Volunteer Registration Form](#)

Contact Us

If you would like to contact us or if you have any questions, please call Ruth Inglis in the Festival Office on 0845 652 0621 or 01905 24435. Alternatively you can email us via info@worcslitfest.com, or visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/worcslitfest.