

BUCKINGHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 June 2019

2019 Programme

Adrian Wooldridge | Alison Baverstock | Annabel Leventon
Annabelle Dowler | Castle Theatre Company | Charles Cumming
Charles Ellingworth | Christopher Lee | Conn Iggulden | Elif Shafak
Euan Cameron | Fanny Blake | Felipe Fernández-Armesto | Georgina Godwin
Gilly Tomkins - Gangsta Granny | Harry Baker | Jane Wenham-Jones
Julie Summers | Kathy Slack | Leslie Cavendish | Local Authors Hub
Louis de Bernières | Luke Jennings | Maggie Gee | Matthew Stadlen
Nick Hewer | Omar Mezziane | Sir Anthony Seldon | Sunny Ormonde
Susannah Stapleton | Terry Waite | The Archers
Victoria Hislop | Violet Moller

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Welcome

How exciting to be welcoming you to BuckLitFest.

Our fourth Festival in the beautiful market town of Buckingham offers a feast of talent, wit, discourse, and knowledge - all of which promises great fun and infinite variety. We are also very pleased to be launching our 'Local Authors Hub' in the Festival Tent; a venue for authors to promote their books and meet publishing experts.

We hope you will enjoy our events from cookery to crime, from philosophy to prosperity, Spartan history to the Beatles' hairdresser.

The organising committee: Heather Adams, Mike Bryan, Chloe Woodhead, Christopher Woodhead, Vivienne Wordley.

Patrons: Carolyn and Robert Cumming, Sir Anthony Seldon.

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Tuesday 4 June



Harry Baker: Poetry World Slam Champion, Maths Graduate, Full Time Poet

8-9pm Tue 4 June
Stowe School
Tickets £7 (Under 16 Free) **1a**

Harry Baker's *Love Poem for Lonely Prime Numbers* has been translated into more than twenty languages and his performances with their signature mix of hope, heart and humour have taken him all over the world, gaining fans along the way from Jacqueline Wilson to Ice Cube. His TEDx talks on his poetry, the power of self-acceptance and his love for German and Maths have been viewed more than four million times.

Following on from his debut collection *The Sunshine Kid*, Harry will be performing a selection of old favourites and brand new poems.

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Wed 12 June



Gluts & Gluttony Summer Feast

7-10pm Wed 12 June
Cherry Tree Lodge, Puxley,
NN12 7QR
Tickets Tickets £45 (inc
welcome cocktail & nibbles,
4-course supper, 2 glasses of
wine) **2a**

Join supper club host and kitchen gardener, Kathy Slack of **Gluts & Gluttony** for a seasonal feast created from her allotment harvest. Enjoy the bounty of the British summer from the G&G garden and from local makers, growers and farmers in the area. Enjoy a seasonal cocktail and nibbles on the lawn, then migrate to communal tables in the conservatory for a homegrown 4-course feast, each course piled high on sharing platters and full of vibrant colours and flavours - vegcentric but not vegetarian. Kathy will talk about the food - how it's grown and cooked - and there will be two glasses of wine per head, too!

The Summer Feast is kindly hosted by Charles & Mary-Anne Dixey.

We will email everyone who has booked a ticket to discuss any food intolerances, allergies, etc.

Thurs 13 June



Pub Quiz Night

6.30-10pm Thurs 13 June
The Woolpack, Well Street
MK18 1EP
Tickets £15 per person **3a**

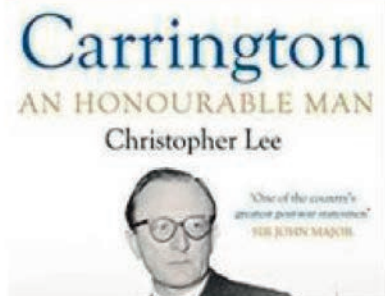
Bring along a team of 4 or join one on the night and test your knowledge of all things general and local for a night of great fun.

Tickets £15 per person to include supper (with vegetarian option) and a drink.

Quiz 7pm
Supper 7.45pm
More Quiz 8.30pm
Results and prizes 9.30pm



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Festival Friends receive
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Christopher Lee with Anthony Seldon The Honourable Politician? Lord Carrington

2-3pm Fri 14 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £7

4a

Lord Carrington was Foreign Secretary when the Argentinians invaded the Falklands. Absent in Israel, he promptly resigned since it was, he said, a point of honour. Seen by many as the last of his breed in politics, an honourable man committed to public service.

Writer, historian and broadcaster Christopher Lee will be in conversation with Anthony Seldon discussing Lord Carrington's life and honourable politicians in general.



Victoria Hislop In conversation with Georgina Godwin

3.30-4.30pm Fri 14 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £10

4b

Sunday Times Number One bestselling author, Victoria Hislop, will be joining Georgina Godwin to discuss her work and her affection for the Mediterranean.

Her first novel was inspired by a visit to Spinalonga, the abandoned Greek leprosy colony. *The Island* then became an international bestseller with more than 5 million copies sold worldwide. Now, firmly established as one of our best-loved authors, she returns to Greece for her gripping new novel, *Those Who Are Loved*, set against the backdrop of German occupation, the subsequent civil war and a military dictatorship.

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The Buckingham Bookshop | 01280 820365

Friday 14 June



Adrian Wooldridge In conversation with Matthew Stadlen Prosperity

5-6pm Fri 14 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £7

4c

Where does prosperity come from and how does it spread through a society? What role does innovation play in creating prosperity and why do some eras see the fruits of innovation spread more democratically and others, including our own, find the opposite?

The Economist's political editor, Adrian Wooldridge, will be in conversation with LBC's Matthew Stadlen to explore how creative destruction can lift living standards.



Louis de Bernières In conversation with Matthew Stadlen

6.30-7.30pm Fri 14 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £10

4d

Join the internationally acclaimed novelist and poet, Louis de Bernières who will be in conversation with radio and television presenter Matthew Stadlen. Louis's much loved first novel, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* became a modern classic and was turned into a major Hollywood film.

His latest book, *So Much Life Left Over*, is a breathless, often heart-tugging tale of love, loss, guilt and regret set in the 1920s.

He also has a new selection of short stories, *Labels and Other Stories*.



BUCKINGHAM'S COMMUNITY CINEMA

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF **THE FilmPlace**





Annabelle Dowler, Sunny Ormonde with Jane Wenham-Jones
The Archers Women

10-11am Sat 15 June
 The Vinson Building
 Tickets £10

5a

Calling all BBC Radio 4 Archers fans.

Join Sunny Ormonde, who plays the gin-loving Lillian, and Annabelle Dowler - the feisty eco-warrior Kirsty.

They will be talking to Jane Wenham-Jones about the strong female characters that dominate the long-running radio soap, and share anecdotes from behind the scenes at *The Archers*.



Maggie Gee and Fanny Blake

10-11am Sat 15 June
 The Radcliffe Centre
 Tickets £10

5b

Two of Britain's most celebrated novelists, Maggie Gee and Fanny Blake will explore the inspiration behind their writing.

Maggie Gee has published fifteen books and is Professor of Creative Writing at Bath Spa University. Her latest book is a black comedy-thriller whose six foot one inch heroine, teacher Monica, rampages through a country where terrorism has become routine.

Fanny Blake was a publisher for many years, now a writer, her latest novel, *An Italian Summer*, is a gripping novel about family secrets.



Conn Iggulden
401BC: The Spartans

11.30am-12.30pm
 Sat 15 June
 The Vinson Building
 Tickets £10

5c

Conn Iggulden is one of the most successful authors of historical fiction writing today.

He returns to the Ancient World with *The Falcon of Sparta*, based on one of history's most epic stories of adventure.

Described by the *Sunday Express* as 'his finest novel to date, brings alive the extraordinary world of ancient Persia, as well as the ruthless nobility of the Spartans.'



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Violet Moller A Journey Through the History of Knowledge

11.30am-12.30pm
Sat 15 June
The Radcliffe Centre
Tickets £5

5d

Violet Moller traces the journey taken by the ideas of three of the greatest scientists of antiquity - Euclid, Galen and Ptolemy - through seven cities and over a thousand years. In it, we follow them from sixth-century Alexandria to ninth-century Baghdad, from Muslim Cordoba to Catholic Toledo, from Salerno's medieval medical school to Palermo, capital of Sicily's vibrant mix of cultures, and - finally - to Venice.

Her book, *The Map of Knowledge*, won the Royal Society of Literature Jerwood Award for Non-Fiction.



Felipe Fernández- Armesto Out of Our Minds: Why Humans Have So Many Ideas

1-2pm Sat 15 June
The Radcliffe Centre
Tickets £5

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Award-winning historian, lecturer and the author of several bestselling books, Felipe Fernández-Armesto will explain why we have minds - not just brains - and through groundbreaking insights in cognitive science why humans are a uniquely productive species of thinkers and what our ideas might yet accomplish.

Bad ideas are often more influential than good ones and the oldest are some of the best; ideas of Western origin often issued from exchanges with the wider world; and the pace of innovative thinking is under threat.



Julie Summers Hidden Secrets in Britain's Country Houses

1-2pm Sat 15 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £7

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Julie Summers, author of *Our Uninvited Guests*, will lift the veil on some of the secret goings on in country houses close to Buckingham during the Second World War.

Explosive tales from Aston Abbots, pattering feet at Waddesdon and hush hush comings and goings at Upton House are among some of the stories she will tell in this lavishly illustrated talk.

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Omar Meziane Cooking for Fitness

2.30-3.30pm Sat 15 June
The Radcliffe Centre
Tickets £7

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The UK's top sports performance chef Omar Meziane - the man who cooked the England football team to success during the 2018 World Cup - has teamed up with rugby superstar James Haskell to create *Cooking for Fitness*, a unique recipe book to help boost your training performance and achieve your body goals whatever your sport.

Listen to Omar as he provides tips and techniques to fuel your training the smart way, boost your performance and achieve your body goals.



Elif Shafak In conversation with Matthew Stadlen

2.30-3.30pm Sat 15 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £10

5h

The award-winning British-Turkish novelist will be discussing her remarkable writing and her intensely powerful new novel *10 Minutes 38 Seconds in this Strange World*.

Elif Shafak is an advocate for women's rights, LGBT rights and freedom of speech, an inspiring public speaker and twice a TED Global speaker, each time receiving a standing ovation. In 2017 she was chosen by Politico as one of the twelve people who would make the world better.

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Luke Jennings & Charles Cumming with Georgina Godwin *Assassins and Spies*

4-5pm Sat 15 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £10

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Join two of our nation's favourite thriller writers to discuss assassins and spies. Booker Prize nominated author Luke Jennings is currently enjoying the limelight thrown on the award-winning TV series *Killing Eve* which is based on his Villanelle novels.

Bestselling author, Charles Cumming, is described by *The Observer* as 'the best of the new generation of British spy writers'.



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Euan Cameron & Charles Ellingworth The Darkest Days of France

4-5pm Sat 15 June
The Radcliffe Centre
Tickets £5

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Novelists Euan Cameron and Charles Ellingworth both came later in life to historical fiction following successful careers in journalism, publishing and property.

They will discuss their new novels both of which deal with the damage and fallout from war torn Europe.

Euan Cameron's first novel, *Madeleine*, delves into a lost family history in France during the Second World War while Charles Ellingworth's new novel, *A Bitter Harvest*, follows the changed lives of three women coming to terms with the effects of the First World War.



Nick Hewer In conversation with Georgina Godwin

5.30-6.30pm Sat 15 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £10

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The star of *Countdown* and *The Apprentice*, Nick Hewer will be discussing his new memoir *My Alphabet*, from A for 'Apprentice' (of course) to Z for 'Zed list celebs'.

Along the way, he discusses 'Determination' and how to get it, offers insights from growing 'Old', and reveals his greatest 'Regrets'.

As one of Lord Sugar's closest advisers, Nick Hewer was recruited onto *The Apprentice* and quickly developed a reputation for his wry sense of humour, while his astute insights won him a cult following.

When he became the new presenter of *Countdown* in 2012, ratings went through the roof.



BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE
Online: www.bucklitfest.org
By phone: 01280 820365
In Person: Bookshop and Old Gaol





Leslie Cavendish & Annabel Leventon *Hair, There and Everywhere: it's Rock and Roll*

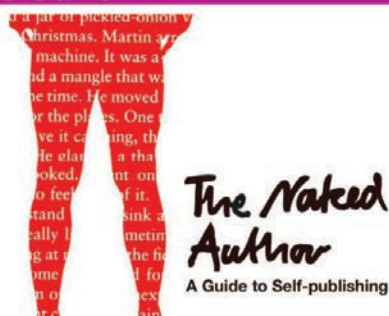
10.30-11.30am Sun 16 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £7

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The Beatles and the rock musical *Hair* are tangible symbols of the sixties' psychedelic dream of peace, love and playful rebellion.

Let Leslie Cavendish, the hairdresser to the Beatles, and Annabel Leventon, Actress of the Year for her lead role in the original London production of rock musical *Hair* lead you by the hand to rediscover life in the fast lane of the sixties and seventies.

Hair is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019 with a national tour.



Alison Baverstock & Fanny Blake *The Naked Author: A workshop for would-be writers*

10.30-11.30am Sun 16 June
The Radcliffe Centre
Tickets £10

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Between them, Fanny Blake and Alison Baverstock have worked in senior positions for various key publishing houses, undertaken diverse freelance roles, written about the industry and conducted groundbreaking research into the jobs and motivations of those involved. Just as important, they are both published authors - and have worked on the other side of the fence as reviewer, judge and mentor.

Here they share their understanding of industry practices, consider non-traditional ways of reaching readers - and explore how you can improve your chances of getting published. Straightforward, practical advice from those who have experienced the frustrations of trying to get published as well as lived the dream.



Meet Gangsta Granny

12-1pm Sun 16 June
The Vinson Building
Tickets £2

6c

Visits to grandma are a bore for Ben - until he discovers she's an accomplished international jewel thief and has been plotting to steal the crown jewels all her life. Meet actress Gilly Tompkins who starred as Gangsta Granny on National tour and in London's West End. Discover how Gilly gets into character for the stage shows, the fun moments the actors have shared with the author and enjoy readings from some of David Walliams' best-loved books. There will be a Q&A - where you can ask Gilly anything about being an actress and of course Gangsta Granny. Just so you know - Gilly may need some help reading the books!

Age 7 + Children must be accompanied by an adult - at least one adult for every 4 children



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Susannah Stapleton The Adventures of Maud West, Lady Detective

12-1pm Sun 16 June
The Library
Tickets £5

6d

Once famed as 'the woman Sherlock Holmes', Maud West opened her London detective agency in 1905 and her exploits grabbed headlines around the world. Interweaving tales from Maud's own 'casebook', Susannah Stapleton investigates the stories Maud West told about her work to uncover the reality of life as a female private detective in the Golden Age of Crime.

Buckingham has a special place in Susannah's heart; she started writing in her spare time while living in the Corinthian Arch at Stowe and working with the National Trust on the estate and at Claydon House.



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Terry Waite Out of the Silence

12-1pm Sun 16 June
The Radcliffe Centre
Tickets £10

6e

Terry Waite has had a varied career having been a hostage negotiator but also a hostage himself.

During five years of solitary confinement he began to write in his head as he had no pencil or paper. The book that he wrote *Taken on Trust* became an international bestseller.

He will describe his experiences and talk about how he kept mentally alive during his isolation; he will also describe some of the humorous events which took place during his travels with Archbishop Robert Runcie.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Tue 4 June 8pm	UGLAND AUDITORIUM, STOWE	Harry Baker	1a
Wed 12 June 7-10pm	CHERRY TREE LODGE PUXLEY, NN12 7QR	Gluts & Gluttony	2a
Thu 13 June 6.30 - 10pm	THE WOOLPACK, WELL ST. MK18 1EP	Pub Quiz	3a

FRIDAY 14 JUNE

VINSON BUILDING	
2.00-2.30pm	Christopher Lee & Anthony Seldon 4a
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3.30-4.00pm	Victoria Hislop 4b
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- Sunday 16 June

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5c	Violet Moller 5d
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SUNDAY 16 JUNE

	VINSON	RADCLIFFE	OTHER
	10.00-10.30am		
	10.30-11.00am	Leslie Cavendish & Annabel Leventon 6a	Alison Baverstock & Fanny Blake 6b
	11.00-11.30am		
	11.30-12.00pm		
	12.00-12.30pm	Gangsta Granny - Gilly Tompkins 6c	Terry Waite 6e
	12.30-1.00pm		Susannah Stapleton THE LIBRARY 6d
	1.00-1.30pm		

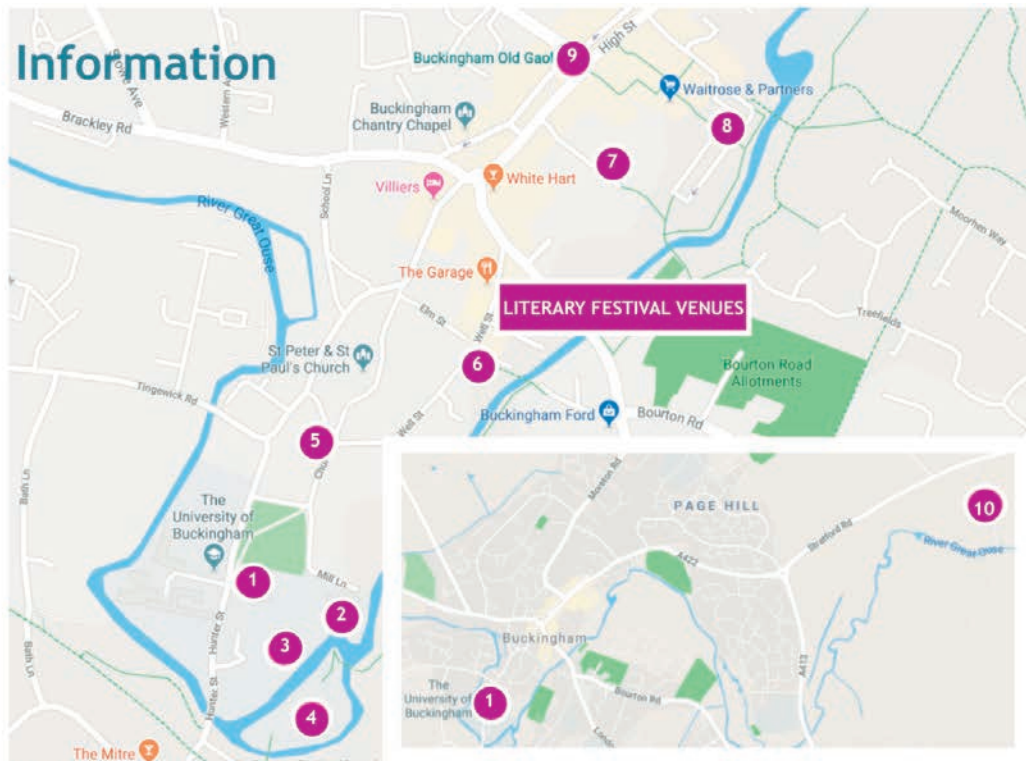
SUNDAY 7 JULY

	2.00-2.30pm			OLD MILL HOUSE Gates open for picnics Castle Theatre Co. <i>Love's Labour's Lost</i> Perf 5 - 8pm
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Tickets are available

- **Online** from the Festival website www.bucklitfest.org
- **From** the University Bookshop, Hunter Street, MK18 1JL | 01280 820365
- **From** The Old Gaol, Market Square, Buckingham Buckingham MK18 1EG | 01280 823020

Information



Venues

- 1 The Vinson Centre, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, MK18 1EG. University Bookshop, in the Vinson Centre. **TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE**
Toilets and Refreshments available.
- 2 The Tanlaw Mill, University of Buckingham, MK18 1EG. Toilets and Refreshments available.
- 3 The Festival Tent, University of Buckingham.
LOCAL AUTHOR HUB
- 4 Parking - Island Car Park, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, MK18 1EG
- 5 The Radcliffe Centre, Church Street, MK18 1BY
Toilets and Refreshments available.
- 6 The Woolpack Pub, Well St, MK18 1EP. **PUB QUIZ HERE**
- 7 The Library, Verney Close, MK18 1JP
- 8 Parking - Cornwall's Meadow, off High Street, Buckingham, MK18 1RP
- 9 The Old Gaol, Market Square, MK18 1JL.
TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE
- 10 The Old Mill House, Maids Moreton, MK18 7AR

All Buckingham venues are within a 15 minute walk.

How to get here:

By Train - To Milton Keynes and then taxi. Journey time from London 1hr 45mins

By Car - to Hunter Street, Buckingham, MK18 1EG. Parking is available and free of charge.

Approximate drive times:

from Oxford, 45 mins, from London, 1hr 30 mins, from Birmingham, 1hr 15 mins, from Cambridge, 1 hr 30 mins

By Bus - X5 from Oxford or Cambridge/Milton Keynes, X60 from Aylesbury, Bletchley, Bicester.

Box office:

Ticket purchases before and during the Festival, subject to availability, from:

The Festival Website: www.bucklitfest.org

The University Bookshop, Vinson Centre, Hunter Street, MK18 1EG, 01280 820365

The Old Goal, Market Square, MK18 1JL, 01280 823020

Information: Festival Office 01280 820399



New for 2019 - The Local Authors Hub

This year we welcome a collection of Local Authors to promote their work and to share the journeys that they have taken in order to get their books from the spark of an idea to the finished product: mistakes made, light bulb moments, what they feel is the most essential part of the process and the dos and don'ts.

We hope that this will not only provide a platform for Local Authors to promote their work but also encourage any would-be writers to come along and be inspired; whether they are just beginning with their story or close to the final draft.

Throughout the day we will be holding free 15 minute, Pop-up Talks on a wide variety of topics, including:

- **The importance of editing**
- **Getting non-fiction work published**
- **The role/value of the literary agent**
- **Website - why you should have one**
- **Self-publishing - the pros and cons**
- **Publicity & marketing - ten essential tips**
- **Creative writing courses - help or hindrance?**
- **The agony of writing - more pain more gain!**

Both publishing professionals and Local Authors will share their experience and advice, plus there will be the opportunity for a more personal conversation with the 'pros' in our Author Surgery area.

Saturday 15 June

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Local Authors Appearing



Amanda Malben



Paula Kitching



Anne Fletcher



Steve Horner



Stephen Collier



Monica Withrington



Julia Thorley



Steven Neil



Justin Davis



Bill Samuel



Morgen Bailey



Sarah Veness

BUCKINGHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL outreach

Creating lifelong readers...

Meeting an author in person is a powerful way to enthuse youngsters and inspire them to explore the world of books and reading. By offering a programme of high-impact, dynamic events with amazing authors and performers, BuckLitFest aims to help create lifelong readers - and hopefully some successful, new writers, too!

Bucklitfest has worked with many schools in the area including Buckingham Primary School, The Royal Latin, The Buckingham School, George Grenville Academy, Thornton College, and St James & St John.

In the last year we have arranged a number of successful events including:

 MG Leonard  John Dougherty  Castle Theatre Company
 Mark Stevenson  Really Big Pants



If you would like an author or speaker to visit your school in future, please email info@bucklitfest.org and we'll be in touch.

And if you would like to support the Schools Outreach programme financially, please contact Vivienne or Chloe - viviennewordley@aol.com or info@bucklitfest.org

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Castle Theatre Company
Love's Labour's Lost

Sunday 7 July 2019

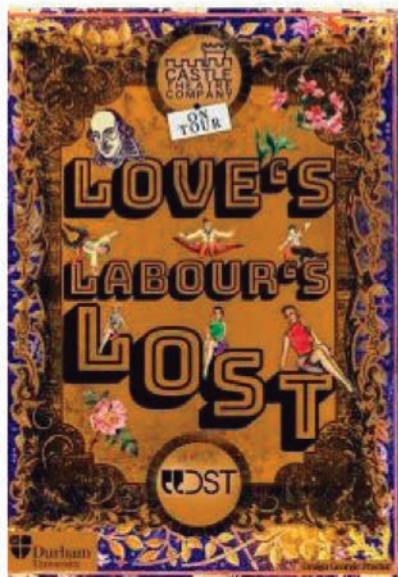
Gates open 2.30pm for parking
and picnics

Performance 5-7pm

Old Mill House, Maids Moreton
MK18 7AR

Tickets £15 Adults £5 Child

7a



After their sparkling performance of *Twelfth Night* last year, the company return to Robert and Carolyn Cumming's delightful gardens at the Old Mill House by the Great Ouse in Maids Moreton with an original take on Shakespeare's timeless comedy.

For over 30 years Castle Theatre Company has toured the south of England and the USA, performing on the lawns of stately homes, gardens and abbeys. Renowned for their high-standard as well as youth and vigour, an afternoon of light-hearted family entertainment is guaranteed.

Gardens open from 2.30pm for parking and picnics
Running time approximately 2 hours
with an interval of 20 minutes



Sunday 7 July

Castle Theatre Company

Highlights from previous performances

