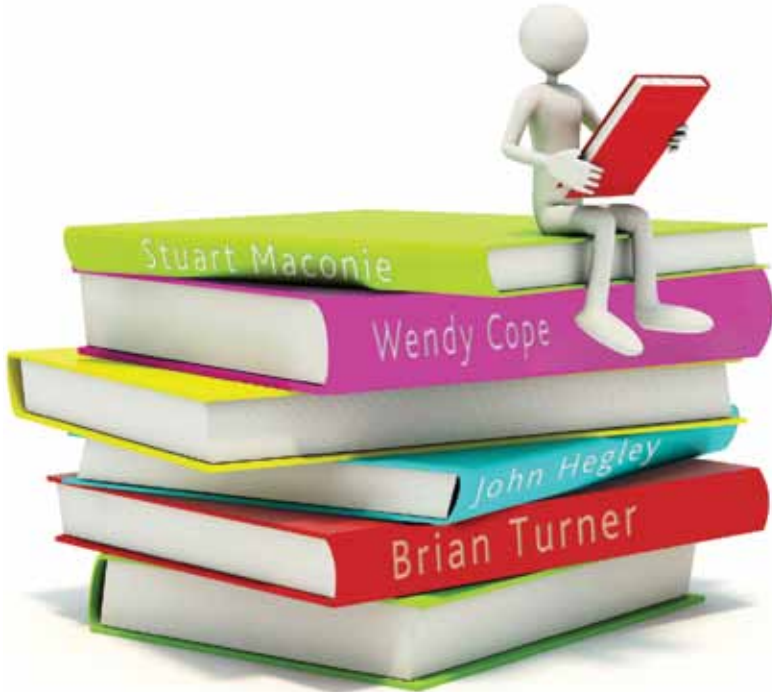




MORLEY LITERATURE FESTIVAL



12–18 October

2009



www.morleyliteraturefestival.co.uk

For details
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MORLEY LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2009



I am delighted, on behalf of the festival committee, to launch this year's Morley Literature Festival.

It is a culmination of many months of hard work and I am indebted to members of the committee and our festival director for all the hard work that has been undertaken to provide Morley with a festival to be proud of.

I hope you will give it your support and look forward to seeing you there!

Councillor Bob Gettings JP
Festival Chair



Welcome to the Morley Literature Festival 2009 programme.

We have an exciting and varied lineup of authors, workshops, events and activities for all ages, as well as a full schools' programme involving all seventeen of the Morley Family of Schools. Programming has, as ever, been a pleasure and I hope that you enjoy the events.

There are too many people to thank individually here, suffice to say a huge amount of effort and

preparation goes into organising the festival, and the committee and I are very grateful to those who helped to make it happen.

Jill Morris
Festival Director



As Mayor of Morley can I welcome you to the Morley Literature Festival.

The Friends of Morley Literature Festival have now been established for two years and have had a number of successful events.

Our main focus for 2009 is to raise awareness of the festival through the street market, book stall and book swap, which will take place in Morley town centre on Saturday 10 October. Please see www.morleyliteraturefestival.co.uk for further details. We also assist in the planning and running of the festival's schools' programme, which has grown phenomenally since 2007, and is vital in promoting literature and literacy to the next generation.

If you are interested in joining the Friends, please see the above website for further details, or speak to us at the festival.

Shirley Varley
Mayor of Morley and Chair, Friends of Morley Literature Festival

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**MONDAY
12 OCTOBER**

Morley Literature Festival Literary Luncheon with Mike Pannett

This year's festival launches in style with the annual Literary Luncheon, held at the Village Hotel.

Following a three-course lunch and coffee, guest speaker Mike Pannett will talk about and sign copies of his extremely popular first book *Now Then, Lad ...* and his new tales of Yorkshire policing, *You're Coming With Me, Lad*.

After a spell in the Metropolitan Police in London, dealing with riots, drug busts and knife and gun crime, Mike returned to his Yorkshire roots and somewhat less fraught policing duties: holding up traffic while escorting a lost mole across a road, chasing absconding bullocks and investigating sightings of the Ryedale Panther.

After appearing in various episodes of the BBC's *Country Cops*, Mike was inspired to write his first book about his adventures in the North Yorkshire force, and *You're Coming With Me, Lad* follows in the same vein, mixing stories of real-life rural policing with gentle humour.

Tickets: £20
Venue: The Village Hotel
Time: 12.00–3.30pm



LadyKillers

If women are supposed to be the weaker sex, then nobody told these four.

Between them, crime writers Lesley Horton, Priscilla Masters, Danuta Reah and Zoë Sharp have committed over sixty murders, and now they want to tell you how they did it.

The group will be appearing at Morley Library on the festival Monday, talking about their writing, plot twists, the psychological aspects of crime writing, how they conduct their research, and much more.

Tickets: £4, £3 concessions
Venue: Morley Library
Time: 7.00–8.30pm

www.ladykillers.com

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TUESDAY
13 OCTOBER

Dulcie Lewis

An hilarious and nostalgic look back to the good old days.



Dulcie Lewis's books are nostalgic Yorkshire treats.

Down the Yorkshire Pan recalls the era of tin baths, outdoor privies and mangles, castor oil and old wives' tales, with *A Flush in the Pan* continuing the light-hearted debate about the benefits of an indoor bathroom. *Not Just Yorkshire Pudding!* celebrates regional cooking (pies, puddings, game, cheeses, pasties, Wakefield rhubarb, Barnsley chops and Pontefract cakes) and *The A-Z of Traditional Cures and Remedies* guides modern readers through our ancestors' ailments and their often-dangerous cures.

Join Dulcie at Gildersome Conservative Club for an evening of Yorkshire banter.

Time: 7.00–8.30pm

Venue: Gildersome Conservative Club

Tickets: £5, including refreshments



Rommi Smith

Peace Heroes and Heroines

What does peace mean to you? Is it a word, a wish, a war, a reality, a place, a state, a person, an emotion, a feeling, a fiction, or a hope? Who are your peace heroes and heroines? This friendly, focused and informal writing workshop will contain lots of different exercises to spark your imagination and invite you to reflect on what peace means to you. For all abilities and levels of experience.

Rommi Smith is a poet and playwright who works to fuse spoken word and music together. She has held numerous prestigious national and international residencies, including, most recently, Parliamentary Writer in Residence. This year she is delighted to be judge for the Leeds Peace Poetry Competition.

Time: 7.00–8.30pm

Venue: Morley Library

Tickets: £4, £3 concessions

www.rommi-smith.co.uk

For details of how to buy tickets for the events, please see p. 9

WEDNESDAY
14 OCTOBER

Doctor Who Writers

Fans of *Doctor Who* – of all ages! – are in for a special treat at this year's festival:

Doctor Who writers Mark Morris, Robert Shearman, Simon Guerrier and Mark Michalowski will be hosting an event at Morley Library, talking about their work and answering your questions. It's sure to be hugely popular, so get there early!



Robert Shearman was one of the writers for the BAFTA-award-winning first series of *Doctor Who*, starring Christopher Eccleston. He is also a playwright and writer of short stories.



Mark Morris is author of almost twenty books, including four in the *Doctor Who* range, as well as a *Torchwood*

novel and several *Doctor Who* audio scripts.



Simon Guerrier has written novels, short stories, comic strips and audio plays for *Doctor Who*, as well as *Primeval*, *Robin Hood*, *Blake's 7* and *Sapphire and Steel*.



Mark Michalowski is author of four *Doctor Who* novels, and founding editor of Yorkshire's very own gay newspaper, *SHOUT!* He also writes short stories, and is currently working on a novel to tie in with the second series of BBC3 drama *Being Human*.

Time: 6.00–7.30pm

Venue: Morley Library, Baker Room

Tickets: £4, £3 concessions

Joolz Denby

For the past twenty-five years, Joolz Denby has been a wild card on the literary scene, treading a line from spine-chilling performance-poet to Orange Prize-nominated novelist. She remains an endearingly forthright figure, taking stories from life's darkest corners and lacing them with humour and the hint of better times to come. As such, her performances are never less than mesmerising.



Bradford's Joolz Denby has been a professional and award-winning writer of poetry and fiction, spoken-word artist, illustrative artist and photographer for over twenty-eight years. She is also

a professional tattoo artist and arts curator. Join her in Morley Town Hall for what is sure to be a very special evening's entertainment.

Time: 8.00–9.30pm

Tickets: £4, £3 concessions

Venue: Morley Town Hall

www.joolz-denby.co.uk

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**WEDNESDAY
14 OCTOBER**

**Readers' Group with
Linda Green**



Author Linda Green will be visiting the library to speak with Morley's readers' group about her work, and to discuss her latest book *10 Reasons Not to Fall in Love*.



Venue: Morley Library
Time: 7.00–8.30pm
FREE All welcome, but please read the book beforehand!

www.linda-green.co.uk

**THURSDAY
15 OCTOBER**

Juliet Barker



Historian Juliet Barker was educated at Bradford Girls' Grammar School and St Anne's College, Oxford, and still lives in Yorkshire.

A specialist in the middle ages and literary biography, her books include *The Brontës*, which won the *Yorkshire Post* Book of the Year Award, *Wordsworth: A Life and Agincourt*, the fourth-best-selling history book of 2006. Her forthcoming *Conquest*, due to be published in October 2009, rediscovers the now largely forgotten time when England ruled France. We're delighted to be welcoming Juliet to Morley Town Hall to talk about her new book, and previous work, on the festival's Thursday.

Supremely evocative and brilliantly told, this is narrative history at its most colourful and compelling – the true story of those who fought for an English kingdom of France.

amazon.co.uk

Time: 7.00–8.30pm
Venue: Morley Town Hall
Tickets: £4, £3 concessions

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**FRIDAY
16 OCTOBER**

**An Audience with
Brian Turner**



Morley Grammar School's very own Brian Turner is one of Britain's most successful and well-known chefs, regularly appearing on *Ready Steady Cook*, *Food and Drink*, *This Morning*, *Saturday Cooks* and *Saturday Kitchen*, as well as working at many prestigious restaurants, including *Simpson's-in-the-Strand* and *Claridge's*, London.

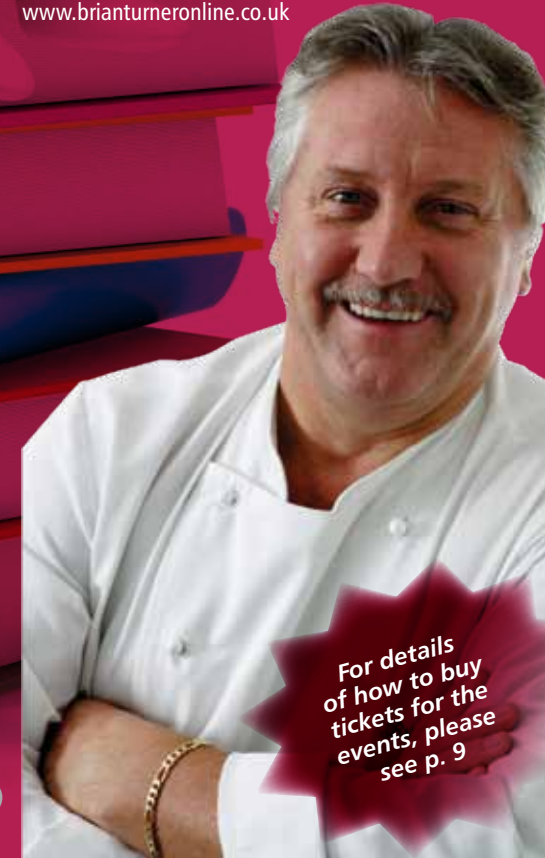
He's always been a champion of British food, and Brian's new book, *Great British Grub*, is a collection of 160 recipes, classic and

contemporary, from Yorkshire pudding and traditional roasts to childhood favourites, barbecues, high teas and, of course, rhubarb crumble. It's his definitive take on British meal times, including seasonal and holiday favourites; hearty fare served with humour and charm.

Join Brian in conversation with compère Steve Smith for an evening of culinary chat, sure to be a fantastic opening to the festival weekend.

Time: 7.30–9.30pm
Venue: Morley Town Hall
Tickets: £7, £5 concessions

www.brianturneronline.co.uk



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Overall Programme

Monday 12 October

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| Literary Luncheon with Mike Pannett | Village Hotel | 12.00–3.30pm | £20 |
| LadyKillers | Morley Library | 7.00–8.30pm | £4, £3 concessions |

Tuesday 13 October

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| Dulcie Lewis | Gildersome Conservative Club | 7.00–8.30pm | £5 |
| Rommi Smith | Morley Library | 7.00–8.30pm | £4, £3 concessions |

Wednesday 14 October

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| Doctor Who Writers | Morley Library, Baker Room | 6.00–7.30pm | £4, £3 concessions |
| Readers' Group with Linda Green | Morley Library | 7.00–8.30pm | FREE |
| Joolz Denby | Morley Town Hall | 8.00–9.30pm | £4, £3 concessions |

Thursday 15 October

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| Juliet Barker | Morley Town Hall | 7.00–8.30pm | £4, £3 concessions |
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Friday 16 October

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| Brian Turner | Morley Town Hall | 7.30–9.30pm | £7, £5 concessions |
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Saturday 17 October

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| Art Angels | Morley Library | 10.00am–4.00pm | FREE |
| Drighlington Book Launch | Morley Town Hall | 10.00–11.00am | FREE |
| John Byrne: Learn Cartooning Live | Morley Library | 11.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm | £4, £3 concessions |
| Stephen White: Leslie Overend | Morley Town Hall | 12.00–1.30pm | £4, £3 concessions |
| Wendy Cope | Morley Town Hall | 3.00–4.30pm | £7, £5 concessions |
| John Hegley | Morley Town Hall | 7.30–9.30pm | £7, £5 concessions |

Sunday 18 October

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| Robert Endeacott: Dirty Leeds | Morley Town Hall | 10.00–11.00am | FREE |
| Charlie Walduck | Morley Town Hall | 12.00–1.30pm | £4, £3 concessions |
| Ian Billings | Morley Town Hall | 2.00–3.30pm | FREE |
| Michael Bunting | Morley Town Hall | 3.30–4.30pm | £4, £3 concessions |
| Stuart Maconie | Morley Town Hall | 7.30–9.30pm | £7, £5 concessions |

Tickets for events are available from:

The *Morley Observer*, 40 Queen Street, Morley, Leeds LS27 9BR.
Tel. 0113 252 3456

and The Carriageworks, 3 Millennium Square, Leeds LS2 3AD.
Tel. 0113 224 3801

or on the door, but be aware some events may sell out.
Please check our website for further details.

The above listings were correct at time of printing, but please check the website before travelling.

NB Tickets for the literary luncheon and Dulcie Lewis are available from the *Morley Observer* office only.



**SATURDAY
17 OCTOBER**



Art Angels

The children's literary crafts specialists make a welcome return to Morley.

Bring your little angels along to Morley Library for some educational fun.

Venue: Morley Library
Time: 10.00am–4.00pm
FREE

www.the-art-angels.co.uk

Stephen White: Overend's Morley



Stephen White joined the *Batley News* and *Morley Observer* in September 1975.



It was here that he met Leslie Overend, legend of local photographic circles. Stephen published his first book of Leslie's photographs in 1992,

and since 1993 has contributed a picture a week to the *Morley Observer* for its popular Overend's Morley feature. He has also archived Leslie's huge collection of negatives and launched a website in his name in 2007. Last November he published a second book of Leslie's photographs. Stephen returns to Morley to give an illustrated talk with questions, audio excerpts and an exhibition of prints.



Time: 12.00–1.30pm
Venue: Morley Town Hall
Tickets: £4, concessions £3
www.leslieoverend.com

Drighlington Book Launch

2008's festival saw the launch of a local history project by Drighlington Parish Council, compiling a book of memories of the area's older residents.

All are welcome to join their celebration of the book's launch at 2009's festival.

Time: 10.00–11.00am
Venue: Morley Town Hall
FREE

John Byrne: Learn Cartooning Live!



Professional cartoonist John Byrne will be holding three workshops teaching the art of cartooning.

Open to everyone from 6–60 and beyond, whether you are someone who would love to draw, but hasn't picked up a pen for years, or an aspiring professional looking for practical information on how to turn your drawing abilities into a career, John's sessions are not to be missed! Buy your ticket early to avoid disappointment.

Times: 11am, 1pm and 3pm
Venue: Morley Library
Tickets: £4, £3 concessions
www.learncartooninglive.com

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**SATURDAY
17 OCTOBER**

Wendy Cope

Wendy Cope is without doubt the wittiest of contemporary English poets, and says a lot of extremely serious things.

Rowan Williams



Poet Wendy Cope's popularity is due to her lighthearted, comical style, and her eye for the mundane

yet familiar aspects of life: relationships, wishes, confusions, hopes, frustrations.

Her award-winning poetry is enhanced by several edited volumes of comic verse, as well as articles for *The Oldie*, *The Spectator*, *Contact*, and numerous magazines and newspapers. Her witty, wry writing and spot-on parodies have won her a wide readership and following for her regular BBC Radio 4 appearances.

If the idea of having a 'bloody good moan' over afternoon tea appeals to you, join Wendy for sandwiches and cake, and enjoy a hilarious, ironic set, with a question-and-answer session and book signing to round off.

Time: 3.00–4.30pm
Venue: Morley Town Hall
Tickets: £7, £5 concessions

John Hegley

Recurring themes include glasses, dogs and Luton ...



Performance poet, musician and songwriter John Hegley was born in Islington and brought up in Luton and Bristol.

After studying at Bradford University he began his performing career at London's Comedy Store in 1980, and received national exposure when he appeared on satirical comedy show *Carrott's Lib* in 1983 and on two sessions for John Peel in 1983 and 1984.

John has written a number of collections of poetry, including *Glad to Wear Glasses*, *Five Sugars*, *Please* and *My Dog is a Carrot*, and his writings range from the surreal to the humorous to the personal. Recurring themes include glasses, dogs and Luton, and in 1998 his poem 'Malcolm' came second in a BBC survey to find Britain's most popular comic poem. He was presenter of the television series *Word of Mouth* in 1990 and the BBC radio series *Hearing with Hegley* from 1996 to 1999.

John's headline event at Morley Literature Festival is sure to be one not to miss: his reputation as a master of timing and his ability to captivate an audience precedes him.

He has made the world of dogs, glasses, men's facecloths and garden sheds supremely his own.

Sue Hubbard

Time: 7.30–9.30pm Venue: Morley Town Hall
Tickets: £7, £5 concessions
www.johnhegley.co.uk

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

Robert Endeacott: *Dirty Leeds*



1961. Dirty Leeds is a struggling industrialised city in the north of England.

Dirty Leeds is the city's club, sometimes called a football team; its home ground Elland Road, rarely called a stadium. Dirty Leeds is the label given to Leeds United in 1964 by the FA for improper conduct on the field. Mud sticks. Robert Endeacott introduces his new novel, *Dirty Leeds*: the hidden history of Don Revie and his men as seen through the eyes of young Jimmy O'Rourke, brought up in the shadows of the hallowed turf.

Time: 10.00–11.00am
Venue: Morley Town Hall
FREE

www.tontobooks.co.uk

Charlie Walduck

Growing up in Barrow-in-Furness, painfully shy as a child and oversensitive for as long as he can remember, Charlie Walduck was drawn to food as an escape.

By his thirties he weighed nearly fifty stones, and had two options: lose weight or die. The easier option in his mind was to die, until his best friend took Charlie's life into her own hands by penning a letter to the *This Morning* show asking for help. With the nation watching,

Charlie began his weight-loss quest, eventually losing thirty stones in less than two years.

Join Charlie as he tells the inspirational story behind his weight-loss quest and reads from his new book, *Slimmer Charlie*.

Time: 12.00–1.30pm
Venue: Morley Town Hall
Tickets: £4, £3 concessions
www.slimmercharlie.com

Ian Billings

An inspiring children's comedian and author.



Children's writer, comic and poet Ian Billings will be at the festival on Sunday.

He'll bring his special brand of stand-up comedy for kids and their keepers. Set to be a superb afternoon's entertainment!

Time: 2.00–3.30pm
Venue: Morleian Room, Morley Town Hall
FREE
www.ianbillings.com

Michael Bunting



Michael Bunting's book *A Fair Cop* has created new interest in his case, in which, as a young policeman, he was found guilty of common assault and given a four-month prison sentence.

Michael returns to the festival to read from his book and update his audience about his case's latest developments.

Time: 3.30–4.30pm Venue: Morley Town Hall
Tickets: £4, £3 concessions
www.afaircop.co.uk

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SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

Stuart Maconie

A national treasure. The Times



Hugely popular TV and radio presenter, journalist, columnist, author and champion of popular culture Stuart Maconie's book *Pies and Prejudice*, an ode to the north of England, has sold phenomenally since its 2007 publication.

His follow up, *Adventures on the High Teas*, a look at middle England, is following suit. Now one of the UK's best-selling travel writers, his work has been compared to that of Bill Bryson and Alan Bennett, and takes a humourous, insightful, loving and sharply observed look at the England of the early twenty-first century.



Now a northerner often in exile, Lancashire-born Maconie lives in Birmingham and Cumbria. As well as hosting the Radcliffe and Maconie show with Mark Radcliffe on Radio 2 from Monday to Thursday and The Freak Zone on 6Music on Sunday afternoons, he regularly appears on TV and writes for *The Radio Times*, *Country Walking* and *Word* magazine, amongst many.

This October, Stuart will be visiting Morley to entertain his literature festival audience with stories of his travels, and to close 2009's festival in style.

He travels from Wigan Pier to Blackpool Tower and Newcastle's Bigg Market to the Lake District to find his own Northern Soul, encountering along the way an exotic cast of chippy Scousers, pie-eating woollybacks, topless Geordies, mad-for-it Mancs, Yorkshire nationalists and brothers in southern exile.

amazon.co.uk

Time: 7.30–9.30pm
Venue: Morley Town Hall
Tickets: £7, £5 concessions

www.stuartmaconie.com

MORLEY LITERATURE FESTIVAL SCHOOLS' Programme

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Find Your **TALENT**

Morley Literature Festival is dedicated to encouraging and promoting literacy by providing a programme of events within the Morley Family of Schools. This year's programme is in conjunction with Find Your Talent, a scheme that encourages children to explore different cultural and creative activities. For more information, go to www.findyourtalent.org.

The following authors are participating in 2009's schools' programme:



ANTONY DUNN



EMMA BARNES



EVERY PICTURE TELLS



TOM PALMER



ROMMI SMITH



DOROTHEA SMARTT



TRACEY SMITH



JOHN BYRNE



PENNY DOLAN



MARK MORRIS

Participating schools:

Bruntcliffe
Woodkirk
Birchfield
Churwell
East Ardsley
Gildersome
Newlands
Seven Hills
Westerton

Morley High
Asquith
Blackgates
Drighlington
Fountain
Hill Top
St Francis
Victoria

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Derek Landy

Wednesday 14 October



We are extremely lucky to have secured an event with Derek Landy, author of the hugely popular

Skulduggery Pleasant series, to which pupils in years 6, 7 and 8 from local schools have been invited.

A beguiling mix of horror, sci-fi, humour and mystery, the *Skulduggery* books feature the eponymous sharply dressed skeleton detective and his partner Stephanie Edgley battling to prevent an evil sorcerer from unleashing a weapon of terrible power on the world.

Derek Landy lives near Dublin, has also written two screenplays, and is a black belt in Kempo Karate. So watch out.

www.skulduggerypleasant.co.uk



Creative Writing Workshop with Livi Michael

Thursday 15 October

Calling budding teenage writers!

Pupils from Morley's secondary schools' creative writing groups have been invited to a special creative writing workshop with author Livi Michaels. Born in Manchester, Livi is the author of novels for adults and children. Her first children's novel, *Frank and the Black Hamster of Narkiz*, was published in 2002, which led to a series of Frank books. *The Whispering Road*, based on the history of the deaths of workhouse children in Manchester, was published in 2005, and her latest children's novel, *Sky Wolves*, was published in 2008. In addition to running reading groups, she teaches English and Creative Writing at Sheffield Hallam University.

If you don't attend a Morley school but are aged 12-18 and would like to participate, please contact jill@morleyliteraturefestival.co.uk.

Time: 4.00-6.00pm
Venue: Morley Library
FREE

For details of how to buy tickets for the events, please see p. 9

Street Market, Book Fair and Book Swap

Saturday 10 October 2009, 10.00am–4.00pm

Following the success of last year's event, Morley Literature Festival, Morley Chamber and Town Centre Management are pleased to be hosting the pre-festival street market, book fair and swap in 2009.

Morley town centre will be packed with stalls, street entertainment, children's fancy dress competitions, plus a festival ticket stall and book swap stand, run by the Friends of Morley Literature Festival. Bring along your old books and exchange them for new reads!

Further details will be in the Morley Observer and on our website, www.morleyliteraturefestival.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Morley Chamber

Morley Literature Festival would like to thank the following sponsors of 2009's festival:

