

Guernsey Literary Festival – bigger and better than ever

The programme for the fourth Guernsey Literary Festival, which will take place from 16–20 September 2015, is getting more exciting by the day.

In our last issue we told you about Will Self, Sophie Hannah, A L Kennedy and Korky Paul, all speakers at the next Guernsey Literary Festival. Since then the organising committee has confirmed some new names, and it looks like there will be something for everyone.



Ben Crystal and his father, **David**, have teamed up to write *You Say Potato*, a book about accents and what they say about us. Ben is an actor who gives workshops on performing Shakespeare around the world; David is a linguist, writer, editor, lecturer and broadcaster. Covering everything from reconstructing Shakespeare's accent to the rise and fall of Received Pronunciation, the Crystals were a huge hit at Hay-on-Wye last year.



Carl Mørck series of thrillers have topped the bestseller lists in many European countries and have been translated into more than 40 languages.



Jussi Adler-Olsen is a Danish author, publisher, editor and entrepreneur. Fans of Scandinavian crime writers like Jo Nesbø and Stieg Larsson should really try Jussi's novels. His Department Q and



life took her all around the world and she gained a deep insight into this troubled writer and the women he loved, married – and deceived.



behind the scenes, particularly housemaid Sarah. She tackles subjects not touched upon by Austen: the slave trade, war and the unpalatable truths lurking beneath the public face of Georgian society.



editor John Simpson, which inspired his book *Simpson & I: Between Two Worlds*. Born in Bulgaria, Oggy has worked in more than 40 countries and in the world's main war zones.

Naomi Wood is the author of *Mrs Hemingway*, which features in this issue's book review. Naomi's extensive research for her creative interpretation of Ernest Hemingway's

Jo Baker is the author of *Longbourn*. As fans of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* will know, Longbourn House is the home of the Bennets, and Jo imagines the

Oggy Boytchev is a British journalist and independent producer with more than 20 years' experience at the BBC in London. Until recently he was producer for BBC World Affairs



Neil Innes is an English writer and performer of comic songs, best known for his collaborative work with Monty Python and for playing in the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band and later The Rutles.

The Festival will feature its usual busy schedule of talks and workshops, a community and education programme, and events aimed specifically at children and young adults. Remaining true to its philosophy of being all-inclusive, the hugely popular music night at the Fermain Tavern will return. Other highlights will include a graphic novel exhibition, a business breakfast and an Alice in Wonderland-themed event in the Market buildings.

As the LitFest's reputation as a friendly, intimate affair spreads throughout the literary world, its ability to attract well-known and interesting authors is growing. Tickets will go on sale in mid-June – snap them up quickly!

For more information visit: www.guernseyliteraryfestival.com

