

2nd Chipping Norton Literary Festival

The second Chipping Norton Literary Festival takes place **18th to 21st April**, with more than 50 talks, discussion panels and workshops from authors you know and love.

Among the many authors involved in this year's festival are Richard Dawkins,

Lionel Shriver, Jack Straw, Graeme Garden, Fern Britton, Tracy Chevalier, Rachel Joyce, Peter James and Val McDermid.

Talks will take place in several venues across Chipping Norton, including the Theatre, the Crown and Cushion hotel, the Blue Boar and Jaffe and Neale bookshop and cafe. A range of free children's events has been planned in the Methodist Church, supporting the extensive schools programme which puts a well-known author into every single school in the



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Chipping Norton Schools Partnership, at no cost to the schools. If you are an aspiring writer you will be well catered for, with a series of 'how to' sessions covering subjects such as writing for television, creating 'real' characters, building your story and writing

historical fiction.

Soak up the atmosphere in our literary cafe, follow the live twitter screens and bring books for our free book swap, or get a book signed by your favourite author. Immerse yourself in words for the region's biggest festival.

Full programme details are available on www.chiplitfest.com. Tickets are available now from The Theatre, Chipping Norton, on: 01608 642350.

Helen Granger
Venue Coordinator

Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

On **Wednesday, April 10th** the Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society will hold a lecture entitled *Venice and her Music* by Janet Canetty-Clarke.

On **Wednesday, May 8th** the lecture by Valerie Woodgate is *A Personal Heaven: the paintings of Stanley Spencer*.

Lectures take place at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford, OX18 4XF and begin at

11.00am, with coffee and tea available 10.15am to 10.45am.

Non-members are very welcome to attend (suggested donation £8). For further information please visit our website www.cotswolddfas.org or email us on info@cotswolddfas.org

Robin McCulloch

Artweeks

The Wychwood Art Group are exhibiting for this Artweeks, **18th to 27th May** in St. Nicolas Church, Chadlington. Penny Fulljames is exhibiting her latest works in Asthall Manor and will also be exhibiting for a weekend show at Appleton Village Hall.