

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Fees (Jan - Dec 2012)

£10.00 per person

Meetings entrance fee

Members £4

Non-members £7.50

Students - free

Why you should join

Save on entrance fee to events

Priority advance ticket facility

Free regular journal - BookTalk

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ABOUT US

Our president Margaret Drabble, Malcolm Bradbury, Ronald Blythe et al launched the Suffolk Book League 30 years ago to spread the love of books and reading.

Since then we have sponsored short story competitions, run study days, arranged for authors to visit prisons, helped literacy groups, supported talks at University Campus Suffolk and brought many popular and distinguished writers to speak in Suffolk.

Our guests have included Patricia Duncker, Doris Lessing, Marina Warner, Max Hastings, Posy Simmonds, Helen Dunmore, Alexander McCall Smith, Louis De Bernieres, Sarah Waters and Hilary Mantel.

Our website will give you a fuller picture of all we do to encourage the reading of books in every section of society. Reading matters!

Suffolk Book League welcomes non-members to its events.

Meetings start at 7.30pm

Doors open at 7.00pm

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Aminatta Forna has written a memoir of her father and two novels. Her latest *The Memory of Love* is a story of friendship, war and obsessive love. It won the Commonwealth Writers Best Book Award 2011 and was short-listed for the Orange Prize and the Warwick Prize. Aminatta's work has also won prizes in the USA, Dublin and Germany.

www.aminattaforna.com



Kathleen Jones has published 10 books including six biographies. Her work shows an amazing range. She has written about people as different as Catherine Cookson, Christina Rossetti and the first woman to write specifically for publication Margaret Cavendish, Duchess of Newcastle. Her latest biography of Katherine Mansfield has been described by Jacqueline Wilson as the 'best...yet'.

www.kathleenjones.co.uk



Liz Calder has conquered in a world of men and was THE publisher of the last four decades. She published John Irving and Angela Carter. We can thank Liz for Booker Prize winners *Midnight's Children* and *Hotel du Lac*. She was one of the founders of Bloomsbury and is now a partner in Full Circle Editions which exists to meet the growing demand for beautiful, collectable books.

www.fullcircle-editions.co.uk



Jane Harris has written two best selling novels *The Observations* and *Gillipsie And I*, which was selected by both the Independent and the Sunday Times as a top summer read. Jane has also written two Bafta nominated film scripts. The horrors of the alternative comedy circuit cured her of her ambition to be a stand-up.

www.janeharris.com



John Stubbs' biography of John Donne won the Jerwood Award for non-fiction. His latest book *Reprobates: The Cavaliers of the English Civil War* is a swaggeringly splendid analysis that shows that there was more to the "romantic but wrong" cavaliers than red breeches, dash and support of a rather nasty would-be royal despot. It was short-listed for 2011 BBC Samuel Johnson Prize.

JAN

No meeting

FEB

Friday
24 February

Aminatta Forna

Ipswich Institute,
Tavern Street

MAR

Wednesday
14 March

Kathleen Jones

St Joseph's College,
Belstead Rd, Ipswich

APR

Wednesday
4 April

Liz Calder

Ipswich Institute,
Tavern Street
AGM 7pm

MAY

Wednesday
9 May

Jane Harris

St Joseph's College,
Belstead Rd, Ipswich

JUN

Thursday
14 June

John Stubbs

Ipswich Institute,
Tavern Street

JUL

No meeting

AUG

No meeting

SEP

Tuesday
11 September

Jeremy Page

Ipswich Institute,
Tavern Street

OCT

Tuesday
30 October

Amanda Foreman

St Joseph's College,
Belstead Rd, Ipswich

NOV

Wednesday
14 November

Julia Jones

Ipswich Institute,
Tavern Street

DEC

Tuesday
11 December

Anne Sebba

St Joseph's College,
Belstead Rd, Ipswich

Jeremy Page is an ex-scriptwriter and film editor for FilmFour and the BBC. His first novel *Salt* was short listed for the Jelf First Novel Award and the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book. His latest novel *The Wake* was short listed for the New Angle Prize last year. Both his novels have strong East Anglian interest.



Amanda Foreman is the internationally best selling, award winning historian and author of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire and now the magnificent *A World on Fire An Epic History of Two Nations Divided* which provides a completely fresh perspective on the American Civil War. It's so compelling you'll find it the shortest 988 page book you'll ever read.

www.amanda-foreman.com



Julia Jones is the expert on the hugely popular detective novelist Margery Allingham and has written her biography. Her new work on Margery's father Herbert Allingham was published last year. As befits an author who spent most of her childhood aboard *Peter Duck* on the Deben Julia would like to write thrilling adventures like those of Swallows and Amazons. In *The Salt-Stained Book* and *A Ravelled Flag* she has.

www.golden-duck.co.uk



Anne Sebba, the historian told us about the outrageous American Jennie Churchill on her last visit. Now she has written about an even more shocking American. *That Woman: a life of Wallis Simpson Duchess of Windsor* uses recently discovered material to throw new light on the woman who would be queen. Or would she?

www.annesebba.com



Meetings start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm



Talk by
Jim Kelly
winner 2010 New Angle Prize
University Campus Suffolk
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Wednesday 17 October
www.jim-kelly.co.uk