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Gloucester Writers Festival Back

Following the success of the inaugural 2011 Gloucester Writers Festival, Lindy Dupree and The Gloucester Bookshop are delighted to announce that the Gloucester Writers Festival will be held May 4 – 6 this year.

Lindy Dupree said “we guarantee another weekend of stimulating and inspirational workshops, discussions and conversations. We are really looking forward to seeing some familiar faces back in 2012 and to meeting new guests to the Gloucester Writers Festival.

“This festival is for anyone who loves books – readers and writers alike. This year we are pleased to announce that the festival has been extended with workshops as well as a schools programme on Friday May 4. Friday evening there will again be the “Booklovers Barbecue” which was very popular last year. This is a rare chance to have a drink and chat with our writers.”

All workshops and panel sessions this year will be held at the Gloucester High School in Ravenshaw Street Gloucester.

A courtesy shuttle will be operating between the town centre and Gloucester High School during the festival.

Renew your passion, re-engage with past participants, ignite your fire and connect with the like minds. The Festival is small enough for participants to debate with luminaries, large enough for meaningful discussion.

Another popular part of last year’s Festival was “The Poets’ Sprint’. For the 2012 Gloucester Writers Festival this will be held on Saturday (after the last panel session at the High School) at the Gloucester Tennis Club.

“So far we have thirteen writers confirmed participating in workshops and panel discussions. The diverse programme has something of interest to people interested in books. The genres include popular fiction, travel, chicklit, speculative (which includes fantasy and more), historical, poetry and what’s going in the world of publishing. The popular “pitching session” will be held on Sunday for those who want to make a three minute pitch their book to a real publisher. This year there will be a panel who will rate all the pitches and award a prize to the book they think has the best chance of being published”, Lindy said.

Tickets for the 2012 Gloucester Writers Festival go on sale March 18 and can be purchased either on line through the website www.gloucesterwritersfestival.com or from The Gloucester Bookshop in Dennison Street. There is a 10% early bird discount for bookings made and paid for by March 31.

The Gloucester Writers Festival has more information about the festival with updates posted regularly on facebook and twitter.

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