



## **HENLEY LITERARY FESTIVAL**

Founded in 2007, the Henley Literary Festival has firmly established itself as one of the UK's most popular literary festivals, bringing together punters and pundits from far and wide in an annual meeting-of-minds set across its stunning riverside hometown.

The 2016 Henley Literary Festival hosted a bumper line-up of talks, Q&As, performances and workshops to mark its 10th year – seeing the return of some most celebrated names alongside flourishing new talent, top children's authors and literary greats.

Old friends Amanda Jennings, Rick Stroud and Lucy Worsley all returned while Mog creator Judith Kerr, actor Derek Fowlds, Guardian columnist Gary Younge, crime writer Val McDermid, Agnes Grunwald-Spier and guitarist Wilko Johnson made their Henley Literary Festival debuts. From the world of politics we saw David Laws, Ann Widdecombe and Ken Livingstone; the Henley Children's Festival line-up included the likes of Julian Clary and Nadiya Hussain; Royal experts Ingrid Seward and Dickie Arbiter marked the Queen's 90th birthday, alongside novelists Harry Parker, Kit de Waal and Abir Mukherjee who discussed their hotly anticipated debuts.



### **Henley Children's Literary Festival**

Running alongside the Henley Literary Festival each Autumn, the Children's festival is an unmissable chance for budding bookworms to come face-to-face with their favourite authors. Over the past few years, we've seen some sensational stars take the stage – from the internationally adored Judith Kerr and Michael Morpurgo to Julia Donaldson and *Great British Bake Off* star Nadiya Hussain.

As well as a jam-packed line-up of public events, we also run a special programme just for schools which has seen the likes of Julian Clary and Philip Ardagh inspire hundreds of pupils from the local area and even London schools.

Plus, in 2016 we joined forces with publisher Buster Books to create a fantastic free activity corner in our Festival Hub. Open to all, it brought a new way for young festival-goers to get involved, get creative and be inspired by books, with everything from finger painting, Egyptian mummy-making (using loo rolls!), a monster masterclass with author Tim Collins

**If you'd like to bring your school along to our events, email [jade@henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk](mailto:jade@henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk) or call 01491 575 748**

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