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to The Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

ALCS is a membership organisation for writers run by its Members, for its Members.

Here you can find out all about the work we do to:

- Protect and promote the rights of authors writing in all disciplines
- Ensure authors receive fair payment for the various uses of their work

Lifetime membership of ALCS costs £25. This one-off fee ensures that you receive payment of any money that is due to you for use of your work.

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Hornby, children's author Cressida Cowell her latest book, *How to train your dragon* is out now as an animation by Dreamworks. poet Don Paterson, radio producer and bird enthusiast Tim Dee, broadcaster and novelist Louise Doughty, novelist Adam Foulds, journalist and biographer Valerie Grove, and novelist and artist Roma Tearne. There are a total of 15 events to choose from over the weekend with readings, discussions, children's events and a Poetry Cafe featuring local poets from Marlborough, Swindon and Reading. Other authors are: Anne Chisholm, Rachel Polonsky, Chris Wakling, Paul Sussman and Joshua Mowll.

"We're committed to literature and putting writing, rather than celebrity first," says Mavis Cheek, local author and Festival founder member. "In a world where mass media prevails it's easy to overlook the value of the well written word in all its forms and the importance of those that write. It is writers, be they novelists, poets, playwrights, script writers, journalists or biographers, who record our world and shape our culture. Without them there would be no content for mass media."

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Barbara Kingsolver wins Orange Prize

American writer Barbara Kingsolver was awarded the Orange Prize for Fiction yesterday for her sixth novel 'The Lacuna'.

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Welsh library embark on digital project

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Access Copyright "deeply troubled"

Canadian not-for-profit organisation Access Copyright are said to be "deeply troubled" at the modernisation of the Copyright Act

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Proposal at the Writers' Guild AGM

At their AGM on the 4th June, the Writers' Guild of Great Britain will discuss proposals including the setting up of a new collective body for the specific aim of licensing some types of digital services offered by the main UK broadcasters.

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