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### **Folkestone Book Festival 2009**

This year's Folkestone Book Festival promises a packed week of entertainment.

The Festival runs from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at Quarterhouse, Folkestone's new performing arts centre, with a selection of events taking place at other venues around the town.

The full programme will be released in September. In the meantime, here's a taster of some of the authors you can expect to see:

- Explorer and adventurer Sir Ranulph Fiennes talking about his family history
- Vic Reeves discussing his book, "The Vast Book of World Knowledge"
- Ion Trewin and Jane Clark speaking about Ion's biography of Alan Clark
- Actor Bill Pertwee talking about his time in "Dad's Army" as ARP Warden Hodges
- "Archers" favourite Charles Collingwood entertaining audiences about his time playing the character Brian on the show since 1975.

There will also be a special Festival Preview evening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30 pm featuring actress Leslie Caron talking about her colourful life followed by a screening of the classic 1958 film, Gigi in which she starred.

For more information please contact the box office at Quarterhouse on 01303 858500 [www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk).

Folkestone Book Festival is organised by The Creative Foundation, which is introducing an increasing number of arts events and festivals throughout the year, and is managing the renovation of buildings in the Creative Quarter for use by artists and businesses in creative industries.

Friends of the Book Festival receive priority booking for events at the Festival. For information on joining the Friends please contact Jo Olliver on 01303 247773 or email [info@friendsoffolkestonebookfest.co.uk](mailto:info@friendsoffolkestonebookfest.co.uk).

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