

Writing Retreats 2017

Intensive tutor-led retreats

With Alison May and Janet Gover

Take time to write in peaceful surroundings, unhampered by the distractions of everyday life. Our retreats are all-inclusive allowing you to focus entirely on your writing. Emerge inspired and renewed with fresh insights into the writing process and your writing career.

Spring Writing Retreat

19 - 21st May, 2017

Whether it's your first novel or your tenth, this retreat is designed to help you focus on the work you have in progress or are about to start. Workshops and exercises will cover vital topics such as character and dialogue, plot structure and setting, point of view, themes and imagery.

Autumn Writing Retreat

6 – 8th October, 2017

This course is aimed at those who have completed, or nearly completed a novel and are getting ready to launch it into the world via traditional or self-publishing. Workshops will cover how to show not tell, defining your novel, editing and manuscript presentation, the elevator pitch and blurb, and building a writing career.

At both courses, each participant is invited to submit their work, for a detailed analysis and one-one-one discussion with our tutors to help you find your unique voice. You'll need to bring your laptop (or whatever you write on) and your work in progress. Also bring your questions and problems. We'll tailor the weekends to your needs.

For further information contact: alison@alison-may.co.uk or janet@janetgover.com

Your tutors:



Alison May is a qualified teacher and writes romantic comedies and award-winning short stories. She has a BA in Creative Writing from the University of Birmingham, and has taught creative writing for colleges and universities, writing conferences and literary festivals. www.alison-may.co.uk

Television journalist turned novelist, Janet Gover, writes women's fiction, romance and short stories. She has won, or been shortlisted for a dozen awards in the UK, US and Australia. Janet loves teaching and leads workshops at writing conferences in the UK and abroad. www.janetgover.com



It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in want of a wife.
 However little known the feelings or views of such a neighbourhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the considered the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters.
 "My dear Mr. Bennet," said his lady to him one day, "have you any business with that man?"

The Retreat:

Arrive late afternoon on Friday for a welcome dinner and a chance to meet everyone and talk about your writing. Saturday and Sunday morning will be a mix of tutored workshops, one-on-one meetings with tutors and free time to concentrate on your writing. You will receive an in-depth evaluation of the work which you have submitted. The retreat ends on Sunday afternoon with a session to help you take the lessons, energy and inspiration of the retreat with you when you return home.

Bring pens and notebooks. There's a lot of work to do and a lot of fun to be had as well. Dress however you wish and join the group in the evenings for informal discussions on the writing life.

The Venue:

Set in Tudor-style farmhouse built in the 1500s, Kings Court Hotel is in the heart of Shakespeare country, in the village of Kings Coughton, just seven miles outside Stratford-upon-Avon.

It features large en-suite rooms, and a bright airy conference centre, with plenty of places to sit and write. Free wireless internet is available.

The nearest train station is Stratford-Upon-Avon and there is easy road access from the M40.

Find out more at: <http://www.kingscourthotel.co.uk/>

The Cost:

The cost (all-inclusive) for each retreat is £345 per person, based on single occupancy en-suite rooms. If you book both retreats before April 1st, you'll receive the discounted price of £625.

Wheelchair accessible rooms are available. Twin share rooms may be available on request.

What people said last time:

'Excellent value. Excellent content. Really enjoyable, beneficial and worthwhile weekend.'

'I have learned so much more about the craft of writing and being a writer.'

'Excellent value for money.'

'Wonderful talks, critiques and most of all, encouragement'

For further information, or to make a booking, please contact:

alison@alison-may.co.uk or Janet@janetgover.com

Both Alison and Janet are mentors working with the highly regarded New Writers' Scheme run by the Romantic Novelists' Association.

