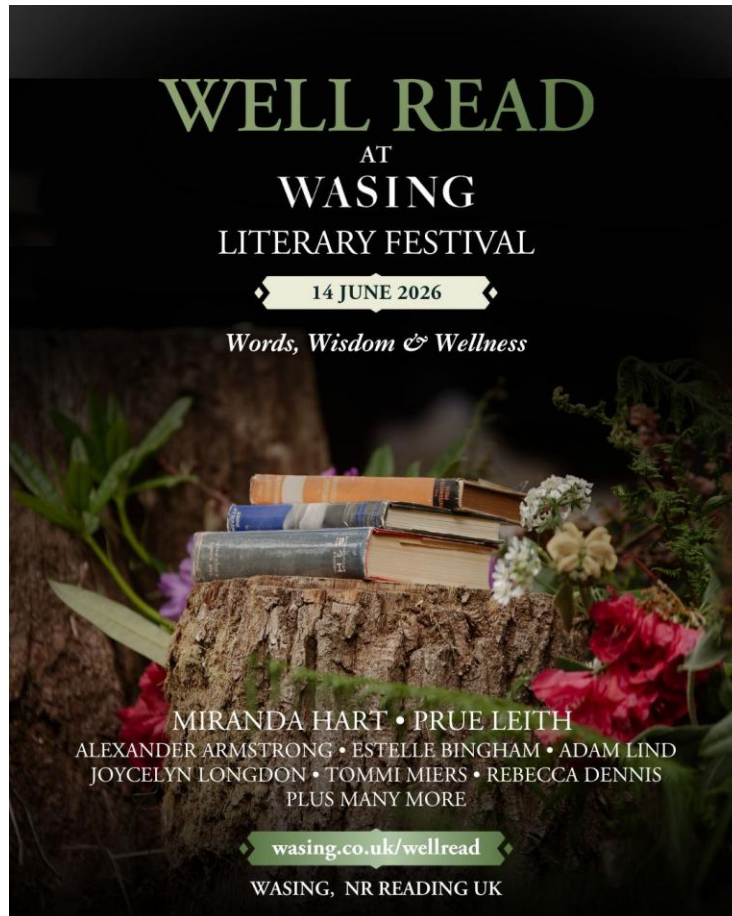


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Wasing Estate Announces the Return of Its Acclaimed Literary Festival

Well Read at Wasing



**A Unique Celebration of Words, Wisdom & Wellness in an
Enchanting Natural Setting**

**Featuring Miranda Hart, Prue Leith, Alexander Armstrong,
and more**

**Sunday 14 June 2026
Wasing Estate, Berkshire**

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Wasing Estate is delighted to announce the return of **Well Read**, a literary festival that invites acclaimed writers, nature lovers and wellness enthusiasts to gather in a spectacular woodland setting in the heart of Berkshire.

Taking place on **14 June** within the Estate's ancient woodlands, Well Read goes beyond the traditional literary festival, offering a captivating blend of talks, conversations, readings and panel discussions alongside live music, immersive outdoor experiences and wellness activities. A phenomenal line-up of authors, including headliners **Miranda Hart**, **Prue Leith**, and **Alexander Armstrong**, will debate, inspire and entertain.

At the centre of the festival is an extensive range of broadcasters, best-selling authors, actors and presenters, sharing their wisdom, expertise and practices around personal growth, resilience, health and wellbeing, food, and the emotional power of classical music. Notable names include:

Miranda Hart, a multi-award-winning writer, comedian and actor, best known for her much-loved and multi-award-winning TV sitcom *Miranda*, as well as her BAFTA-nominated role of Chummy in BBC 1's hit show *Call the Midwife*. Notable acting roles include Nancy in Paul Feig's blockbuster *Spy* alongside Melissa McCarthy, Barbara in Lee Mack's *Not Going Out* and Miss Bates in Working Title's *Emma* alongside Anya Taylor-Joy and Bill Nighy. She has published seven books including #1 Sunday Times Bestseller *I Haven't Been Entirely Honest With You*, National Book Award for Non-Fiction winning *Is it Just Me?*, and most recently *The Christmas Tree that Loved to Dance*, a joyful short story for adults.

Prue Leith, an award-winning restaurateur, writer and broadcaster, best known for her role as a judge on the much-loved, award-winning television series *The Great British Bake Off*. Alongside running acclaimed restaurants and cookery schools, she has published eight novels, a memoir and 14 cookbooks, with her latest book *Being Old and Learning to Love It*. Also known as a judge on *The American Baking Show*, *The Great British Menu* and *My Kitchen Rules*, she also presents her own series, *Prue Leith's Cotswold Kitchen*. Prue has long been involved in education and charitable work, with honours including a DBE, 12 honorary degrees or fellowships, the Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman of the Year award, and a Michelin star for her restaurant, *Leith's*.

Alexander Armstrong, an English comedian, author, actor, TV and radio presenter, and bass-baritone singer, best known as one half of the comedy duo Armstrong and Miller, who starred in four series of *The Armstrong and Miller Show*. In 2020, he succeeded John

Suchet as host of Classic FM's weekday mid-morning programme. He is a regular on BBC's *Have I Got News For You* and hosts the hugely popular TV quiz show *Pointless*. More recently, he has presented *Alexander Armstrong in...* for Channel 5, visiting destinations including Sri Lanka, South Korea, and Iceland. In 2024, he published his debut children's novel *Evenfall: The Golden Linnet*, with the sequel *Evenfall: The Tempest Stone* releasing in February 2026.

Alongside further names like **Eleanor Mills, Satish Kumar, Sarah Langford, Lucy Cooke, Jonathon Porritt** and many more, topics will range from midlife empowerment, nature and sustainability to travel, regenerative farming, zoology, environmental activism and indigenous wisdom, truly offering something for everyone.

Miranda Hart says:

I'm really excited to be joining the Well Read Literary Festival at Wasing Estate this summer. It's a beautiful place where nature frankly shows off! I am sure being surrounded by such beauty will bring a calming effect to reflect, to laugh and tell the stories that shape who we are. I am looking forward to sharing the treasures I have pocketed from the unexpected twist in my life story of dealing with long-term health issues. Despite all, I now feel able to live freer and with more meaning and joy. Here's to having SUCH FUN with you in the forest (sounds a bit weird!)

Prue Leith says:

I'm so looking forward to being part of the Well Read Literary Festival. It's such a breathtaking place, and the perfect setting to talk openly about the challenges, taboos, and unexpected joys of growing older. I'll be sharing stories about family, friends, love, loss - and, of course, food - and celebrating all the ways we can live life to the full at every stage. It promises to be a wonderful event in the most magnificent setting.

Curator of Well Read, Di Dugdale, says:

At Wasing, we've always believed in the transformative power of nature, and Well Read encapsulates that belief. Returning for its second year, I'm so excited to be introducing an incredible line-up of authors and experiences that will offer our guests a rare opportunity to step away from the pace of modern life and reconnect - with self, each other, and the natural world. Set in our beautiful woodlands, this festival brings people together through literature, wellness, food, and nature, and I hope it remains a special place for inspiration and connection for many years to come.

In addition to thought-provoking talks, attendees can participate in **breathwork with Rebecca Dennis, wild swimming** in the estate's tranquil lake, take time in the healing **Woodland Sauna** and join **forest bathing** and **Reishi Sound Bath** sessions for deep relaxation and clarity. There will also be restorative **Elemental Yoga** and an uplifting

dance workshop with Olivier Award-nominated West End choreographer **Lynne Page**, with **live music** from globally renowned artist, **Luzmira Zerpa**, performing alongside '*Barrister for the Earth*' **Monica Feria Tinta**.

To celebrate the creativity in us all, TikTok sensation **Li Kim Goh** will hold **Fold It Calm: Origami Talk and Demonstration**. A lifelong origami enthusiast, illustrator, and designer, Li will share classic models and her own creations, guiding attendees through simple, relaxing techniques that help clear the mind and ease stress.

Well Read is also designed to be as fun and enriching for children as it is for adults, and Wasing are thrilled to partner with **Mud & Guts**, an outdoor adventure company, to offer a range of children's activities. With their hybrid of bushcraft tutoring, natural world education and games, Mud & Guts aims to connect children with the great outdoors. Everything from **den building** to **fire lighting** to **animal tracking**, these activities will allow children to enjoy the thrill of adventure in a hands-on, educational, and immersive way. Adding even more excitement, award-winning children's book author and illustrator **Yuval Zommer** will invite children to explore the natural world through his magical stories and colorful illustrations, sparking curiosity and imagination.

Spaces for all of these events can be booked at www.wasing.co.uk/wellread

Food is also a highlight, with **Well Fed** serving a delicious selection of dishes, featuring Wasing beef from the estate's on-site organic farm, alongside adaptogenic coffees from London Nootropics to nourish both body and mind.

Finally, Well Read is curated in partnership with the award-winning **Hungerford Bookshop**, who will also host a pop-up bookstore in the woodland yurt where ticket holders can discuss all things literary, meet authors and guest speakers for book signings following their on-stage appearances and place book orders.

Well Read is more than just a festival - it is an opportunity for personal transformation. Whether you're seeking inspiration, relaxation or a stronger connection with nature, this event promises a rich, immersive experience that will leave you refreshed and inspired.

Full Well Read Line-Up:

- Miranda Hart
- Prue Leith
- Alexander Armstrong
- Lucy Cooke
- Eleanor Mills
- Estelle Bingham
- Sarah Langford
- Satish Kumar
- Henry Mance
- Joshua Dugdale
- Tommi Miers
- Susannah Simons

- Adam Lind
- Rebecca Dennis
- Tristan Gooley
- Monica Feria Tinta
- Jonathon Porritt
- Joycelyn Longdon
- Hannah McInnes
- Jackie Higgins
- Nicola Chester
- Lucy Lapwing
- Luzmira Zerpa
- Thomas Daniell
- Maura Barber-Oosterhuis
- Jess Horne
- Li Kim Goh
- Tiffanie Darke
- Clover Stroud
- Lynne Page
- Tania Park
- Yuval Zommer
- Monica Bazzani
- Chloe Watts

Event Details:

- **Dates:** June 14, 2026
- **Location:** The Woodland, Wasing Estate, Aldermaston, Berkshire RG7 4LY

Tickets are available now at www.wasing.co.uk/wellread

Ticket Prices:

Early Bird Phase 1 – £49

Teenagers (13-16yrs) – £25

Children (0-12) – Free

Optional extras:

Sauna Sessions £25 | Woodland Meditation £9 | Wild Swimming free

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Note to editors:

About Wasing Estate:

Wasing exists to cultivate Deep Connection; to self, to one another, and to the natural world around us. It is a place where we are reminded of what really matters, inspired by

the beauty of nature; where every gathering and celebration is held with the deepest of intention.

The Estate is home to one of the finest wedding venues in the country and is a stunning space where exceptional events are hosted, including immersive musical experiences in woodland amphitheatre, The Mount, and stunning enclave, The Woodland, nestled deep in the heart of the countryside.

At Wasing, sustainability and a deep connection to the natural world lie at the heart of everything on offer, from the organic farm, which supports the 'Estate to Plate' ethos, to Wasing Wellbeing, where guests reconnect through rejuvenating retreats and wild swimming. By blending natural beauty with exemplary hospitality, Wasing delivers meaningful, lasting and inspiring experiences for all who visit.