

## **Re: Alan Durant's Residential Writing Course in France**

Thank you for your interest in our creative children's literature writing course. Please find some more details, our conditions and a booking form below. The course offers an opportunity to write in a relaxed atmosphere; share ideas with others; meet other people with similar goals; learn from an experienced and award-winning writer; have fun and sample a little of northern France.

### **Provisional programme**

(Due to planning the programme in advance, it is likely that some changes will occur.)

**DAY ONE:** Travel to Crecy-en-Ponthieu (one hour's drive south of Calais). Arrival approx 6.00 pm for tea and introductions. Evening meal and introduction to the course, participants and Alan Durant.

**DAY TWO:** Breakfast. Group writing activity and course projects set. Individual tutorial times throughout the day with AD. Independent writing time. Lunch. Writing support from AD. Evening meal. Sharing of favourite children's books.

**DAY THREE:** Breakfast. Group writing activity. Independent writing time. Lunch. Writing support from AD. Evening meal. Readings by Alan Durant

**DAY FOUR:** Breakfast. Independent writing time. Lunch. Writing support from AD. Meal out at local restaurant – price not included in price of course.

**DAY FIVE:** Breakfast. Participants to finish writing project with writing support from AD. Lunch. Each participant to read individual work to conclude project. Evening meal and celebration.

**DAY SIX:** Breakfast and goodbyes. Return travel.

### ***Cost***

The course fee is £485. The booking form should be sent to Jinny Durant, 53 De Montfort Road, Brighton BN2 3AW (UK) with a deposit of £150 (cheques made out to Mrs Jeanne Durant). The deposit must be paid before a booking can be confirmed. The balance is due 6 weeks before the course starts. If we do not receive balance when due, we reserve the right to offer a place to someone else. Allocation of places is strictly on a first come first served basis. Unless otherwise stated meals at the house are included in the price of the course. Crecy has two banks and ATM machines should you wish to obtain euros for extra costs.

### ***Travel***

We will organise a free lift for you, but it is your responsibility to take out adequate travel insurance (see Insurance/Loss below). Cars will be travelling from south-east England. If you make your own way to Crecy, we will reduce your course fee by £70. The nearest station in France is Abbeville and we can arrange to collect participants from there.

### ***Cancellations***

Cancellations will be accepted up to 6 weeks before the course takes place, but your deposit will be returned less a £50 administration fee. If a place is cancelled after this time, the deposit of £150 becomes non-refundable.

### ***Accommodation***

The writing course takes place at Alan and Jinny Durant's French family home. Participants will be offered either a twin or triple room to share with other members of the course. Bathroom facilities are shared.

### ***Insurance/Loss***

It is a condition of the course that each participant take out his/her own individual, comprehensive travel insurance to cover medical costs, lost baggage etc., as we cannot accept any responsibility for loss, damage, personal injury/death or expense sustained during a participant's stay or travelling time. This insurance is inexpensive and can be easily arranged through many high street banks/brokers or the Post Office.

**Booking Form**

Please complete and return with your deposit (cheque payable to Mrs Jeanne Durant) to Jinny Durant, 53 De Montfort Road, Brighton BN2 3AW. (Phone: 01273 278125 or 07905 764748 or email [jinydurants@gmail.com](mailto:jinydurants@gmail.com))

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE: MOBILE:

I enclose a deposit of £150/full course fee £485 (please indicate)

I have special dietary needs:

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To help with room allocation, please complete:

Male/Female 16-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+ (please circle)

Please tell us if you have any particular/access requirements/needs:

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I have taken out my own personal liability and medical insurance.(please tick)

*We will do our best to help you with travel so please delete as applicable:*

I would like to have a lift to Crecy and back to England./ I will be making my own travel arrangements.

I am particularly interested in this course because (please complete to help us meet your needs):

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I am interested in writing Picture Books/ Young Fiction/ Teenage Fiction. (please circle)

I found out about this course from:

I have read and agree to abide by the above-mentioned terms and conditions:

SIGNED.....DATE