



# Writer's Retreat

**When:** 16-19 May 2008 (Friday afternoon through lunch on Monday)

**Writers-in-Residence:** Julia Golding and Shoo Rayner

**Programme:** Arrive on **Friday** for a casual dinner and an evening of relaxing with your peers.

On **Saturday and Sunday**, have a lie in or go stroll in the 10 acre grounds before breakfast is served. Then, after breakfast, use some of that morning energy to work on your individual creative projects. Julia Golding, award winning author of *The Diamond of Drury Lane* and the *Cat Royal* series, among others, will talk to us about researching, writing and marketing her novels. Shoo Rayner, author and illustrator of hundreds of children's books, will talk about school visits, marketing and selling online, and digital illustration. Creative exercises will infuse each day and you have the option to have your work critiqued by your peers. All meals are provided and there is a bar for drinks.

On **Monday**, Tessa Strickland, co-founder of Barefoot Books, will talk about how the publishing house was started, its future and how to submit. Lunch will be served before everyone returns to their own creative abodes!

**Cost:** Cost for four days and three nights of great food, lodging and a productive social ambience, is £270 per person.

**Where:** Pendrell Hall, Near Wolverhampton, "This imposing 19th century victorian country house is set in 10 acres of landscaped gardens in beautiful rural Staffordshire. Wood panelling, unique fireplaces and an impressive foyer create an ambience which is stylish and welcoming." There are good transport options and you can visit [www.pendrell-hall.org.uk](http://www.pendrell-hall.org.uk) to learn more!

**Be aware . . .** places are limited so email Sue Hyams at **membership@britishscbwi.org** to reserve a place now!

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## Booking Form

Name .....  
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Are you a published illustrator or author? (please circle one)  
Yes                      No

How did you hear about the conference?  
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- I am a SCBWI or SOA member, and I have enclosed a cheque for the full amount of £270.
- I am a non-member, and enclose a cheque for £320.
- I am not a SCBWI member, but I would like to become a member at this time and benefit from the lower registration rate. I enclose a cheque for £305, which also covers one year's SCBWI membership (£30) and a one-time initiation fee (£5).
- I am a SCBWI or SOA member, and I have enclosed a cheque for £70 deposit. Balance to be paid by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008

- Please enclose a SASE envelope for confirmation of registration and a map.
- Please do NOT send booking form by registered mail.
- Please remember there are no refunds unless the conference is cancelled.
- The programme is subject to change without notice.

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your SASE and your cheque made payable to the SCBWI, by **29<sup>th</sup> February 2008** to:  
**Sue Hyams, 56 Ackroyd Road, London, SE23 1DL**  
Spaces will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and SCBWI-BI members will be given preference.

*YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO PAY £70 DEPOSIT BY FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008, BUT THE BALANCE MUST BE PAID BY 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.*