

Elly Donovan PR News Archive 2017

Publicity for Our Clients during 2017



4 Dec 2017

**'Kitty's Story' by Fenella Forster
awarded B.R.A.G. medallion**

The Book Readers Appreciation Group (B.R.A.G.) have given their medallion to "Kitty's Story" - the second time that one of Fenella Forster's Voyagers Series books has won the award. Congratulations to Fenella.

[Click here for more details about the award](#) and [click here to order the book](#).



28 Nov 2017

**'The Wellington Edge' praises
'Sergeant Jack' by Tim Williams**

In a full-page interview with children's author Tim Williams, the November issue of 'Wellington Edge' describes his WW2 doggy story 'Sergeant Jack' as "*a good read*" - and included reviews from children who gave the book a thumbs up: "*really exciting*", "*I loved this story*" and "*really funny*"

[Click here for details \(or to buy\) "Sergeant Jack: The Adventures of a Doggy Army"](#)



3 Nov 2017

**The 'Discovering Diamonds' Book of the Month is
'Kitty's Story' by Fenella Forster**

Many congratulations to Fenella Forster on winning this award for her WW2 novel (the third in her Voyagers series). 'Kitty's Story' also earned an 'Honourable Mention' for its gorgeous cover design too. [Click here for the 'Discovering Diamonds' book review](#) and [click here for book details or to order](#).

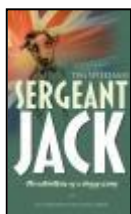


31 Oct 2017

**Wonderful review for Magsie Hamilton Little's
"The Sky is on Fire"**

The 'From a Yellow House' book blog describes Magsie's book as, "*a fantastic journey ... an intriguing tale ... a fascinating read ... thought-provoking & timely ... truly challenges many Western perceptions ... well worth the read.*"

[Click here to read the full review](#) and [click here for book details or to order](#).



20 Oct 2017

**Wellington Weekly News features
"Sergeant Jack" by Tim Williams**

'The Wellington Weekly News' and its sister website 'Wellington Today' praised Tim William's WW2 doggy adventure as a "*humorous new book aimed at children.*"

[Click here to read the article](#) and/or [click here for book details or to order](#).

Continued overleaf >>>>



19 Oct 2017
Fenella Forster's WW2 novel "Kitty's Story" becomes a "Discovered Diamond"

The 'Discovering Diamonds' historical-fiction website gave "Kitty's Story" a wonderful review: *"I thoroughly enjoyed this book ... some plot twists that will have you gasping ... eminently readable ... skilful plot and excellent writing."*

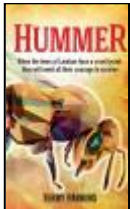
[Click here to read the entire review](#) and/or [click here for book details or to order](#).



18 Oct 2017
Praise 'From a Yellow House' for "Sleeping with the Rabbits"

The book blog described Susanne Defoe's memoir of escape from domestic abuse as *"intriguing ... we watch Suzanne strive against all the odds to make a decent life for herself and her children ... a great read."*

[Click here](#) to read the review. [Click here](#) for book details or to order.



15 Oct 2017
BBC Radio Wiltshire interview with Terry Parkins, author of "Hummer"

Terry Parkins told BBC Wiltshire listeners about his inspiration for his epic novel "Hummer" - the story of a power-struggle within a colony of wild bees. Terry is donating some of the profits from the book to bee protection charities.

[Click here to listen to the interview \(50 mins into the programme\)](#) and [Click here for book details or to buy](#)



13 Oct 2017
Congratulations to Fenella Forster on her successful London book launch

Fenella Forster's third novel in "The Voyagers" series has just received its London launch! Telling the stories of three women from the same family during different periods of history, all three books in the series, "Annie's Story"; "Juliet's Story" and "Kitty's Story" are now available.

[Click here to find out more about 'The Voyagers' novels or to order](#).



12 Oct 2017
'Female First' features Susanne Defoe author of "Sleeping with the Rabbits"

Susanne Defoe - whose moving memoir of escape from domestic abuse was published recently - revealed 10 things she would like her readers to know about her. Click [here](#) to read the feature in 'Female First' - and click [here](#) for book details or to buy.

Continued overleaf >>>>

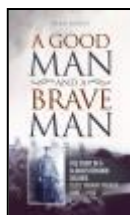


28 Sep 2017

**"Kitty's Story" is 'a great autumn read'
says From A Yellow House book blog**

In a glowing review for WW2 novel, "Kitty's Story" by Fenella Forster, the book blog says, *"The author is a fantastic story teller and I found myself totally enthralled from the very beginning. The attention to detail is spot on ... excellent ... now I am intrigued to go back and read the other two books in The Voyagers series."*

[Click here to read the full review](#) and [click here for book details](#)

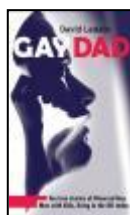


29 Aug 2017

**BBC 'Who Do You Think You Are?' mag
recommends Alan Gaunt's book**

The August 2017 issue of "Who Do You Think You Are?" magazine said of **A Good Man and A Brave Man**, "The lives of ordinary soldiers who served in the First World War can be hard to trace. Gaunt sets out to trace the story of ... Cecil Thomas Packer, who fought at both Gallipoli and the Somme."

[Click here for book details or to order](#)



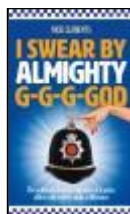
17 Aug 2017

**BBC Radio 4's 'Woman's Hour' talks to
David Ledain, author of "GayDad"**

Author, David Ledain was interviewed about gay parenting on 'Woman's Hour' on 7th August.

[Click here to listen to the interview \(or download the podcast\)](#)

[Click for details about the book, "Gay Dad: Ten True Stories of Divorced Gay Men with Kids Living in the UK Today."](#)



3 Aug 2017

**Sixtyplusurfers love Nick Clements'
'I Swear by Almighty G-G-G-God'**

The August 2017 issue of Sixtyplusurfers says of this police officer's (very non-PC) memoir, *'... tells of a young man's determination to escape his past and prove himself as a dedicated and fearless representative of the law. It is also a very funny and entertaining autobiography which I thoroughly enjoyed.'*

[Click here for book details or to buy](#)



21 Jul 2017

**Congratulations to Fenella Forster
on her fabulous book launch**

Fenella hosted a wonderful 1940s-themed party in a restored railway carriage at Spa Valley Railway (Tunbridge Wells) to celebrate the publication of **Kitty's Story** (set during WW2) - the third novel in **The Voyagers** series.

[Click here to find out more about \(or order\) books by Fenella Forster](#)

Continued overleaf >>>>

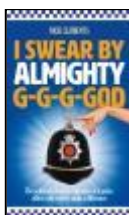


19 Jul 2017

**Fenella Forster on BBC Radio Norfolk
Great interview with the author of "Kitty's Story"**

Fenella spoke to afternoon show presenter Stephen Bumfrey about her inspiration for "Kitty" and the experiences of her parents, the WW2 generation.

[Click here to listen to the interview \(2hrs, 32 mins into the prog\)](#)
[Click here for book details or to order](#)



17 Jul 2017

**The Northern Echo loves
"I Swear by Almighty G-G-G-God"**

The paper says of Nick Clements' memoirs, "*Coppers generally have a good tale to tell, and none more so than Nick ... [his] warts-and-all-story may be explicit and even politically incorrect, but they are honest, hard-hitting and even harder to put down.*"

[Click here for book details or to order](#)



3 Jul 2017

**Adam Hutchison interview
on Kent Business Radio**

The author of "Risk V Reward: The Employee-Employer Conundrum" - a practical business guide to getting the best from a team - spoke to The Business Bunker programme about his approach to managing people.

[Click here to listen to the interview.](#) [Click here for book details or to order](#)



30 Jun 2017

**"Blind Courage" book signing success
featured in "The Northern Echo"**

At the packed Bishop Auckland event, Rev. Linda Dodds explained why she wrote the book about her remarkable Oxfam-campaigner father who had lost his sight as a child. The Northern Echo said "Blind Courage" "*tells a story of fierce independence, guide-dogged determination and a passion to help the world's*

starving and underprivileged" [Click here for book details or to order a copy.](#)



20 Jun 2017

**The Northern Echo praises
"Blind Courage" by Rev. Linda Dodds**

This major regional paper described the biography of the leading Oxfam campaigner, David Johnston as, "*an incredible story of a blind man who helped to save the life of millions ... remarkable ... one of the most amazing men...*"

[Click here for book information or to order](#)



17 Jun 2017

**Powys County Times & Gazette
features Jake Buchan's book launch**

The newspaper published a lovely article about the launch event for *Second Sight* - the second murder mystery novel about a blind detective by **Jake Buchan** (pictured signing copies of his books).

[Click here for details about Jake Buchan's books or to order.](#)

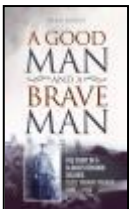
Continued overleaf >>>>



31 May 2017

**Primary Times magazine loves
'Toad and the Miracle at Croco Lake'**

Ken Metcalfe's second book about Toad's adventures has gone down very well with 'Primary Times'. The May-July 2017 issue described it as, "*gentle yet exciting and beautifully illustrated ... funny and moving ... a great book to read together as a family.*" [Click here for more details or to buy the book](#)



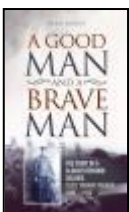
29 May 2017

**Alan Gaunt speaks to BBC Merseyside about
'A Good Man and a Brave Man'**

Author Alan Gaunt was interviewed on 29th May on BBC Merseyside about his latest book which the presenter, Nick Robins, described as '*a cracking read.*'

[Click here to listen to the interview \(2hours, 20 into the programme\)](#)

[Click here for more information about the book](#)



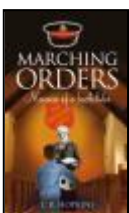
7 May 2017

**Alan Gaunt tells BBC Radio Gloucester about
'A Good Man and a Brave Man'**

Alan Gaunt recounted the story of WW1 soldier Cecil Packer in a moving feature on BBC Gloucestershire at 9:14am on Sunday 7th May 2017.

[Click here to listen to Alan's broadcast](#)

[Click here for details about Alan's book](#)



28 Apr 2017

**Countryside-la-Vie magazine loves
'Marching Orders' by C R Hopkins**

The May 2017 issue of 'Countryside-la-Vie' describes this book about growing-up in The Salvation Army in the 1950s/60s as an, "*... entertaining & moving memoir of a youth spent trying to balance the desire to enjoy a normal boyhood with the demands of his parents' calling ... captures evocatively a lost world and finally resolves a family*

mystery." [Click here for details or to buy the book](#)

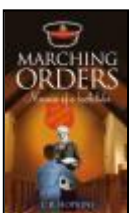


25 Apr 2017

**"Toad and the Miracle at Croco Lake"
on Raring2Go national website**

Raring2Go - the popular website for parents - is running a **competition** with copies of Ken Metcalfe's entertaining children's books as prizes.

[Click here for your chance to win!](#)



10 Apr 2017

**'Marching Orders' featured in
'The Weekly News'**

On 8th April the newspaper carried a full-page feature about C.R. Hopkins' amusing & thought-provoking memoir. 'The Weekly News' said, '*Clive has written a great book about his memories of growing up in a strictly Salvation Army household*'

[Click here to buy the book](#)

Continued overleaf >>>>



22 Mar 2017
Frost Magazine interview with Elly Donovan

As part of their 'Business of Books' series, the culture and lifestyle magazine interviewed Elly about the work of a Book Publicist.

[Click here to read the Frost Magazine interview with Elly](#)



20 Mar 2017
Marching Orders: Memoirs of a backslider
Press Release available to download

C.R. Hopkins' entertaining account of growing up in The Salvation Army during the 1950s & 60s is being published by Mereos Books on 10th April 2017.

[Click here to download the press release](#) [Click here to order the book](#)



6 Feb 2017
Local Life magazine loves "Toad's Getting Married"

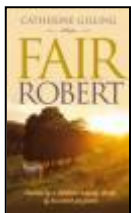
The West Sussex magazine, "Local Life" describes Ken Metcalfe's wonderful tale for children as: '*... Told with warmth and wit ... superb illustrations complement this charming story ...*' [Click here for details about the book or to buy](#)



28 Jan 2017
Praise for Ken Metcalfe's "Toad's Getting Married"

"A heart-warming adventure for readers of all ages ... a story that charms, thrills and amuses in equal measure." The North Cornwall Advertiser

[Click here to buy the book](#)



25 Jan 2017
Local Life magazine loves "Fair Robert" by Catherine Gilling

Local Life magazine in Sussex says of Catherine Gilling's fourth book: *"Dramatic, exciting and rich in detail and colour, Gilling weaves a cracking story a page-turner that refuses to be put down."*

[Click here to find out more about Catherine Gilling's books](#)



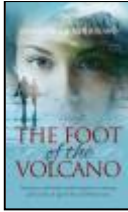
23 Jan 2017
Countryside-la-Vie magazine recommends "An Extraordinary Sacrifice" by Bryn Hughes

Countryside-la-Vie says, *"Now Bryn [PC Nicola Hughes' father] has told Nicola's story, from the joy of her birth, through to the terrible circumstances of her death at the age of just 23, as well as the challenging aftermath"*

[Click here for book details & information about the PC Nicola Hughes Memorial](#)

Fund

Continued overleaf >>>>



20 Jan 2017

**Yellow House Book Blog loves
"The Foot of the Volcano"**

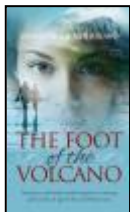
The book blog said of Deiana Denise Sutherland's novel, " ...explores loyalty, family, parenthood, and the enduring nature of true love gives us an interesting insight into the culture and people of the Caribbean." [Click here for book details or to buy](#)



10 Jan 2017

**Ken Metcalfe on
Talk Radio Europe's Book Show**

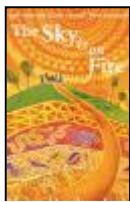
Ken Metcalfe, author of 'Toad's Getting Married', spoke to TRE's Hannah Murray at 6pm on 5th January (repeated at 8pm, 7th Jan) about how he came to write his delightful children's story. [Click here to listen to the interview \(select 20:00, 7th Jan\)](#) and [click here to buy the book](#).



6 Jan 2017

**Deiana Denise Sutherland on
Talk Radio Europe's Book Show**

Deiana, author of *The Foot of the Volcano* spoke to TRE's Hannah Murray at 6pm on 5th January (repeated at 8pm, 7th Jan) about Caribbean life and the novel's themes of romance, adventure, tragedy and coming-of-age. [Click here to listen to the interview \(select 19:00, 5 Jan\)](#) and [click here to buy the book](#)



5 Jan 2017

**Magsie Hamilton Little launches
Extreme Nomad blog**

Author, Magsie Hamilton Little (whose latest book "The Sky is on Fire" describes an extraordinary journey with two Tuareg tribesmen and an ailing camel called Fleabag) has just launched her exciting new blog: [Click here to read the blog](#)