



Northwood Area Women's Club

A Multinational Organization for Women

Helping One Another

March 2010 Newsletter

President's Message

After the worst winter in Britain for 30 years spring is finally here! The snow drops, crocuses and daffodils are appearing and heralding an end to the winter. We have even enjoyed temperatures warmer than Athens. During the winter months the club has done a great job helping us all to beat the winter blues. There has been a wide variety of speakers at our general meetings and a good number of outings and activities as well as the regular interest groups. There is still plenty planned right up into July. If you are interested in any event don't forget to sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Several events now have waiting lists.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for an event for the next season please let us know as we will soon be planning the autumn programme.

We are delighted that Mary Vaughan has volunteered to lead a new interest group- Mah Jong with a good number of ladies already registering an interest. Very many thanks to Mary for her support, it is appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next general meeting on the 1st April. Don't forget that children on holiday from school will be welcome to come along and enjoy the fun. We will not only be hearing about corn dollies but trying our hands at making them too.

Christine Tyler
President

General Meeting: Thursday April 1st, 2010

**Corn Dollies
By Pat Grisdale**



Please join us to hear the fascinating history and folklore of this traditional straw work that formed part of the harvest customs in Europe. You will even have the opportunity to try your hand at fashioning a sheaf of grain!

**Thursday, April 1, 2010
9:30 am – 12:00 pm
St. John's Church Hall
6 Hallowell Road
Northwood, Middlesex
HA6 1DN**

Hospitality: Providing members to be notified by our hospitality chairman, Sally Coop

Upcoming Meetings

May 6th, 2009 – Annual business meeting, vote on 2010-2011 board & charity
June 3rd, 2009 – End of year Social Luncheon

Out and About

Backstage tour Of The Royal Opera House

Coordinator – Christine Tyler

Tuesday 20th April 2010 at 1230

Thank you to everyone who has booked this tour which is now full. We do however have 2 people on the waiting list so if there is any change in anyone's circumstances and they are unable to go please let Julie Shelton or myself know.

Everyone who has booked will need to collect their ticket from me at the next general meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact me directly.

Thank you.

An Evening of Unique Entertainment at the Magic Circle - the house of a thousand secrets

Coordinator – Sally Coop

Tuesday 8th June 2010 at 1930

For those ladies who have booked and paid for tickets to 'Meet the Magic Circle' Sally will have the tickets ready for collection at the May and June meetings.

The Magic Circle is located at 12 Stephenson Way, London, NW1 2HD, within easy walking distance of Euston Square Tube and Euston Tube and Railway Station. Doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 June. Please remember to bring your tickets. It promises to be a very entertaining evening.

Chelsea Physic Garden

Coordinator – Christine Tyler

1st July 2010 at 1200 (noon)

This tour is strictly limited to 20 places. Book early to secure your place.

Price is £10.00 payable on booking.

Founded in 1673 and hidden behind high walls next to the river Thames this is the oldest surviving botanical garden in London. For centuries, this magical garden was closed to the public but you are now able to visit this unique living museum. An expert guide will reveal the extraordinary history of the garden and highlights include Britain's first Garden of World Medicine and Europe's oldest rock garden.

Reveley Loge and Gardens, Bushey

Coordinator – Christine Tyler

6th July 2010 at 1400

Price is £4.50 payable on booking.

Visit to hear a brief history of the house and some of its occupants. Followed by a tour of the house and weather permitting a tour of the extensive garden. The afternoon ends with tea and biscuits in the elegant drawing room. The whole event lasts for approximately 2 hours.

Fundraising for Our Charity, The Peace Hospice

Jacque Davies

Ladies it is that time of year. We will need to decide on a new charity for the 2010-2011 season and if anyone has a particular cause that is close to their heart then please would they bring info to the next meeting to give to me.

Thank you

Jacque

Upcoming Peace Hospice Events (<http://www.peacehospice.co.uk/event.asp>)

Starlight Walk (<http://starlightwalk.org.uk/>)

Are you ready for the ultimate girls night out? Join 2,000 women under the stars at midnight on **Saturday 22nd May** for a half marathon walk (approx 13 miles) in aid of the Peace Hospice.

"Register Online Now" to be part of the Hospice's biggest ever fundraising event.

Alternatively you may prefer to download our manual "Registration Form".

(If you are unable to use the links underlined, please visit the Starlight Walk website.)

Under "Teams", please put Northwood Area Women's Club, so that we may walk together & support each other.

Messages from the Board

We have been pleased to receive several offers of help for board positions and interest group leaders but additional help is always appreciated. If you are interested in supporting your club in some way please speak to me or another board member. There are always tasks that can be done either on the board or behind the scenes.

Positions available for nominations:-

President
Vice President +/- Publicity
Treasurer
Secretary
Membership
Fundraising
Website
Newsletter
Interest Groups
Hospitality

The 2009/2010 Board Members

President	Christine Tyler
Vice President/Publicity	Cindy Tornes
Secretary	Julie Sheldon
Treasurer	Christina Hung
Membership/Welcoming	Helena Doey
Hospitality	Sally Coop
Fundraising	Jacquie Davies
Interest Groups/Newsletter/Website	Jennifer Williams

The board can be contacted via the following:

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Membership

Helena Doey

Interest Groups

Jennifer Williams

The Interest Groups give our members the chance to meet on a regular basis to pursue interests covering a wide variety. Want to join and share the fun? Please contact the leaders and start now – we will be pleased to see you.

Art Appreciation **Julie Shelton**

If anyone else would like to come on our day trip to Lille by Eurostar on Wednesday 16 June, please also get in touch as soon as possible.

Friday 26 March

We are scheduled to visit Freud's House <http://www.freud.org.uk/> and Burgh House/Hampstead Museum <http://www.burghhouse.org.uk/museum/default.aspx> Neither opens until noon. I plan to leave **Northwood station** on the first train after **10 am**, travel to **Finchley Road** and then have plenty of time for coffee and a walk around once there. I'd be delighted for anyone to come with me, or to meet me at **Freud's House** when it opens at **12**. Please let me (Julie Shelton) know if you'd like me to look out for you!

Tuesday 6th July 2010 at 2.00pm

Reveley Loge and Gardens, Bushey

Cost £4.50

Visit to hear a brief history of the house and some of its occupants. This is followed by a tour of the house and weather permitting a tour of the extensive garden. The afternoon ends with tea and biscuits in the elegant drawing room. The whole event lasts for approximately 2 hours.

Contact: Christine Tyler

Book Club

Alicia Slook (2nd Wednesday Daytime Session Leader)

Evening Book Club

Melissa Fabio (4th Wednesday Evening Session Leader)

Bunco

Margaret Daniels

Our annual couples' bunco was such a hit! Many thanks to Eve and Jean for hosting such an enjoyable time. It was an evening of lots of laughter, great food and some very interesting (eyebrow-raising) gifts. I think our husbands enjoyed it as much as we did!

Our last two bunco nights for this year will be April 30th and June 25th. The theme and venue will be confirmed. If you are interested in hosting one of those nights, please let me know.

International Cooking for Couples

Vanessa Harker

Email me to sign up for a date!

Dinner Party Dates

8th of May – hostess is Bonita

15th of May – hostess' are Margaret & Karen

Knitting
Mary Vaughan

The next knitting group meeting will be held on Thursday April 15th at 7.30pm at Mary Vaughan's house. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome whether beginners or experienced knitters. Please let Mary know if you will be attending.

Ladies Who Lunch
Carol Prager

For April we will continue to eat our way along the Uxbridge Road.

We are set to have lunch at Miller & Carter at Brockhurst Corner, Uxbridge Road, Harrow HA3 6DL, at 12 noon on Monday the 19th of April.

The restaurant is on the main Rickmansworth/Uxbridge Road just before Stanmore. There is a big car park. Miller & Carter have soup, salads, pasta and fish on the menu, which is upmarket and very modern. One course is £6.50; two courses are £8.50. We have been there before and enjoyed ourselves. I thought it was time to go again for an easy, enjoyable lunch after the children have returned to school after the Easter break.

The restaurant's previous life was as the Leefe Robinson Beefeater. It was named for the man who was awarded Britain's highest military honour for his exploits as a pilot in World War One. He is buried locally.

I'll have a sign-up sheet and a sample menu at our next meeting. Come and relax and enjoy!

Mah Jong
Mary Vaughan

There is some interest in starting a Mah Jong group after Easter, day and time to be decided. If you are interested and have not already put your name on the list, please let Mary Vaughan know by the next general meeting on April 1st.

Quilting & Stitching
Bernadette Hynes

Screen & Stage
Seeking Coordinator

Tuesday 20th April at 12.30pm

Backstage tour Of The Royal Opera house 1 1/2 hours

Cost £9.00

Thank you to everyone who has booked this tour which is now full. We do however have 2 people on the waiting list so if there is any change in anyone's circumstances and they are unable to go please let Julie Shelton or myself know.

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Thank you.

Christine Tyler

Contact: *Christine Tyler*

Walkers & Ramblers

Sally Coop

For all our walks we try to fit into school hours. The walk is usually about 2 hours before we reach our destination at lunch time. You then have the option to join us for lunch or if you have to rush off, that is fine also.

Thursday 25 March-We will catch a bus from Northwood to Harefield and walk back through Ruislip and Mad Bess Woods. Times will be emailed.

Thursday 8 April - No walk due to school holidays

Thursday 22 April - We will walk from the 'Plough Inn' at Belsize for approximately 4 miles and return there for lunch. More details will be emailed closer to the date.

Starlight Walkers

The Peace Hospice Charity 1/2 marathon walk (13 miles) is on Saturday 22 May at midnight.

So please join in and support our charity. Registration is required either by phoning 01923 330340 or online at www.starlightwalk.org.uk . The cost is £15 which includes a T-shirt, entertainment and food.

Please register individually and then let Sally Coop know if you are walking so that we can all meet up. Last year we all started together, walked at our own pace, stopped for refreshment breaks, met each other at different points through the evening and then all enjoyed a bacon butty together at the end - at about 4am.

No training is required (well we didn't last year) but if anyone is interested in joining Jacquie and Sally for a brisk 45 minute walk commencing at 6am from outside the 'Misty Moon' Pub in Northwood, on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 20 April until the event we look forward to seeing you there.

For further information contact Sally Coop.

Announcements

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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF: April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 General Meeting Corn Dollies 9:30 am St. John's Hall	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Walkers & Ramblers	9	10
11	12	13	14 Book Club – daytime 09:30 am	15 19:30 - Knitting	16	17 23:59 – Newsletter submission deadline
18	19 12:00pm Ladies Who Lunch	20 12:30pm Royal Opera House	21	22 Walkers & Ramblers	23	24
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					7:45pm - Bunco	
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