



# Northwood Area Women's Club

A Multinational Organization for Women

*Helping One Another*

## November 2009 Newsletter

### President's Message

At our board meeting this week we were delighted to see how much our club is thriving. We have already reached our target level of membership but will continue to welcome new comers during the year. Our programme for the general meetings is complete with a wide range of entertaining speakers booked for the New Year. Our interest groups and the out and about programme are being very well supported by members. We have had a third or more of the membership on the recent informative tour of Harrow School and the fascinating walk in Marylebone and at Ladies who Lunch. As well as a full house at the fun 80's Bunco evening. The international cooking for couples group has grown considerably since last year. A good indicator of it's popularity. Even Elizabeth Friedman our previous president came back over from the US to enjoy the evening, that's how good it was! 12 couples recently enjoyed a wonderful evening of Spanish food at Vanessa's house and we send a huge thank you to Vanessa & Stephen for all their hard work and hospitality. There was an abundance of fun, friendship and food which is what our club excels at providing. If you are new to the club joining one of the interest groups is a great way to get to know more of the members. We hope that everyone is enjoying their membership and as always we are happy to hear more ideas and suggestions.

I would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who is contributing to the success of the club and helping in so many different ways. Your support is really appreciated and without it we could not possible achieve so much.

At our Christmas meeting we will be hearing about London's secret garden as well as enjoying festive refreshments and socializing. On the fund raising front there is a book sale, and an opportunity to buy delicious chocolates from Chocolate Continental as well as taking part in our lucky dip raffle. You will also get a preview of what is in store for 2010. This meeting is one not to be missed!

As this is our last newsletter of this year, all the board members would like to wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and especially to those Americans celebrating Thanksgiving on the 26th.

I hope that 2010 brings you, your families and loved ones the best of everything.

Christine Tyler  
President

# **General Meeting: Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

**A talk on London's Secret Garden, Christmas Social & Book Sale**



Mike Watts, a guide from the Chelsea Physic Garden will explain why the Apothecaries founded this garden in 1673 and describe some of the eminent men who contributed to its development over the centuries. We will hear about the garden's contribution to medicine, botany, horticulture and even economics. The garden is home to some 5,000 species including the largest fruiting olive tree in Britain and the World's northern most outdoor grapefruit!

**Thursday, December 3, 2009**

**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**

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Secretary of the Magic Circle

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Inland Waterways with Robin Bishop

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Anthony Smith on Bee Keeping & the fruits of their labors, Honey!

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 – Corn Dollies with Pat Grisdale

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Annual business meeting, vote on 2010-2011 board & charity

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 – End of year Social Luncheon

## Out and About

### Old Operating Theatre Tour

Coordinator – Sally Coop

Thursday 14th January 2010 at 10:45am

Old Operating Theatre Tour, Museum and Herb Garret visit at St Thomas's Church, London Bridge.  
Cost £7.00

We will have a tour of the oldest Operating Theatre in Britain which is located in the roof space of St. Thomas's Church. The Herb Garret is also located here and was used by St Thomas's Hospital Apothecary to store and cure herbs.

For further information, please visit - <http://www.thegarret.org.uk/>

### Climb the Clock Tower (Big Ben)

Coordinator – Jennifer Williams

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 09:30am

Climb the Clock Tower of Westminster & see Big Ben.  
Cost £5.00, due at the general meeting in February along with required personal information.

*Everyone going on the tour will be required to provide their full name, UK residential address, date of birth, and place of birth for a police check prior to the tour. Please note that this information will be supplied to the Police to enable them to ensure security of the Tower is maintained at all times. Failure to supply this information will result in the person/group being refused access.*

The Clock Tower is the name of the famous tower of Parliament - more popularly known as Big Ben. Please be advised that this is only available to members who have not been on this tour with the NAWC before.

#### **The tour**

The tour will begin at 9.30am on Thursday, February 25, 2010 with a max number of 16 people allowed. We will be meeting at 0915 (9:15am) in the foyer of Portcullis House, **fifteen minutes** before the tour begins. Unfortunately, late comers will not be able to join the tour, therefore it is essential that visitors are prompt. A tour takes about 75 minutes and visitors should feel confident in their health and fitness - please read the health and safety information before booking a tour.

Visitors to the Clock Tower will be shown up by a guide, who will outline the history of the tower, the bell and how the most accurate public clock in the world works.

For further information, please visit - <http://www.parliament.uk/visiting/visitingandtours/bigben.cfm>

### Stoke-on-Trent – The Potteries

Coordinator – Jennifer Williams

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 07:00am

Visit the potteries & add to your collection(s)!  
The fee is £22 per person, due upon sign-up.  
(NOTE: Any funds collected that exceed coach fee with gratuity, will be refunded at the April general meeting.)

The coach will pick-up and drop-off from Northwood's Green Lane Car Park. Itinerary is still being finalized; we will try to honor any requests for specific potteries. This is a day trip, lasting 12-hours.  
*In order to make this trip worthwhile, we need a minimum head count of 20 people (maximum of 40)!*

For further information, please visit - <http://www.visitstoke.co.uk/>

# Fundraising for Our Charity, The Peace Hospice

Jacquie Davies

Fundraising is going well. Thank You to everyone for buying raffle tickets and supporting the outings! We would like to extend a gracious thank you to the raffle prize donors for the November general meeting: Sally Coop, Christine Tyler, & an anonymous donor

## **Book Sale**

Now is a good time to clean your book shelves and make space for Christmas holiday / winter reading material. Donations of previously read books will be welcome on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. There will be lots for you to choose from at bargain prices.

More Christmas cards, calendars, and gifts from The Peace Hospice will be on sale at Dec meeting for Christmas. There will also be a Surprise raffle, consisting of lots of little gifts all wrapped up, so you won't know what you've got till you have unwrapped it!

Lastly, Santa Dash is a new fund raising event on the 6th and 13th of December run by Peace Hospice.

God Bless  
Jacquie

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

## Messages from the Board

### The 2009/2010 Board Members

President	Christine Tyler
Vice President/Publicity	Cindy Tornes
Secretary	Julie Sheldon
Treasurer	Christina Hung
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Hospitality	Sally Coop
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## Membership

Helena Doey

Your £30 membership for the year is payable at the General meeting on Thursday, 3 December or by post. Cheques can be made payable to NAWC and sent to:

NAWC  
PO Box 46  
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## 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.

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### **Art Appreciation** **Julie Shelton**

We are looking forward to visiting the Geffrye Museum in Shoreditch on Tuesday 1 December. If you would like to join us, please contact Julie by noon on Tuesday 24 November. The trip costs £5, refundable should no lecturer be available. Later this week I shall contact all those who have booked to go to finalise the arrangements.

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### **Book Club** **Alicia Slook** (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Daytime Session Leader)

DATE	BOOK	HOSTESS
9 December	<u>Gem Squash Tokoloshe</u> by Rachel Zadok	Alicia Slook
13 January	<u>Pillars of the Earth</u> by Ken Follett	Regine Clark

### **Evening Book Club** **Melissa Fabio** (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Evening Session Leader) Please stay tuned for further information from Melissa.

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### **Bridge** **New Leader to be announced at December general meeting!**

Hi ladies, a bridge group will be starting in December!

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**Bunco**  
**Margaret Daniels**

Our 80's bunco in November was a lot of fun. Even though fancy dress was not required, I relished the opportunity to raid my daughter's closet for that 'material girl' look. Thank goodness I was hosting and didn't have to go out of the house in that get-up! My jello shooters were a success-I think and we raised £25 for Peace Hospice in the end. Preti was the lucky lady of the night, leaving with more money than she arrived with! For those who missed the fun, our next bunco will be a couples' bunco in February (details to follow).

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**International Cooking for Couples**  
**Vanessa Harker**

**Dinner Party Dates**

16 January  
6 & 13 March  
8 & 15 May

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**Knitting**  
**Mary Vaughan**

The knitting group meets at 7.30pm on the fourth Thursday of the month with a different host each time. Yvonne Stevens will host the next meeting which will be on Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail Mary or Yvonne for her contact information.

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**Ladies Who Lunch**  
**Carol Prager**

December is a busy time for all of us, and restaurants seem to be full of parties of diverse groups loudly seeking jollification. For these reasons, I always think it best to avoid the crowds eating out. Let's arrange our lunches for the dull days of the New Year when we will really enjoy a break in the dreary winter and the restaurants will love having us as customers. So there is no scheduled lunch for December. But please, WATCH THIS SPACE. We will have our lunch somewhere in Mayfair in January, and hopefully try out new places and old favourites afterwards.

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**Quilting & Stitching**  
**Bernadette Hynes**

I have changed the name from just Quilting to Quilting and Stitching.  
So that includes everyone who would like to come along and start a stitching project or finish one!  
Anyone who quilts, knits, cross stitch, dressmakers or any kind of stitching.

Our next meeting will be at my house on Friday 18th December at 10.00am

Everyone is welcome!  
Hope you will be able to make it.  
Please email or phone me to let me know if you can make it.

We have decided this year for everyone to bring their own lunch a sandwich or whatever you would like!  
The hostess will supply coffee and drinks

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## **Walkers and 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 26th November

The walk is in the King's Langley area. It is over gently undulating farmland and a short stretch along the Grand Union Canal; however the distance is about 7 miles. The walk takes about 2 1/2 hours. We will meet at The Young Pretender Pub, Hempstead Rd, Kings Langley WD48BR at 0945. There is plenty of parking at the pub and we will return there for lunch.

#### Thursday 10th December

Mystery wander through London with our final destination being Hyde Park Christmas Markets. Please bring your Oyster cards as we may jump on and off buses to cover a larger area faster. Timing will be circulated to all members closer to the date.

#### Thursday 28th January

A walking tour of Mayfair with our in house guide, Carol Prager. Keep the date free for a guaranteed, information packed treat.

For further information contact Sally Coop

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## **Announcements**

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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF: December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Art Appreciation "Geffrye Museum"	2	3 General Meeting Mike Watts 9:30 am St. John's Hall	4	5
6	7	8	9 Book Club – daytime 09:30 am	10 Walkers & Ramblers London & Hyde Park Christmas Markets	11	12 
13	14	15	16	17	18 Quilting & Stitching 10:00 am	19
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