



Northwood Area Women's Club

A Multinational Organization for Women

Helping One Another

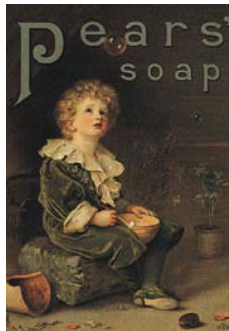
October 2009 Newsletter

October 2009 General Meeting:



"Chats with the Queen" we were entertained with delightful stories from guest speaker Maria Drifill.

Next General Meeting: Thursday November 5th, 2009



Come and hear a fascinating presentation by **Andrea Cameron** on the history of the world's first registered branded product, **Pear's transparent soap**. First produced and sold by Andrew Pears in 1789 at a factory just off Oxford Street, London. The famous marketing approach including using Millais' painting Bubbles, the yearly Miss Pear's competitions and the production of the famous annuals has resulted in Pear's soap becoming the world's oldest continuously existing brand.

Thursday, November 5, 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

December 3rd, 2009 – Mike Watts presents Chelsea Physic Garden

January 7th, 2009 – Stay tuned for more information

February 4th, 2009 – Stay tuned for more information

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

April 1st, 2009 – Corn Dollies with Pat Grisdale

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

June 3rd, 2009 – End of year Social Luncheon

Out and About

Westminster Parliament

Coordinator – Jennifer Williams

Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 11:30am

Cost £4.00, due at sign-up

Visitors who tour Parliament will see the key areas of the estate, such as the Commons and Lords debating chambers and the Queen's Robing Room. UK residents can tour throughout the year; overseas visitors may only tour during the Summer Opening. Accompanied by a trained guide, visitors travel through designated areas of the parliamentary estate. Tours take about 75 minutes.

Harrow School Tour

Coordinator – Christine Tyler

Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at 10:00am

The signup sheet will be available at the October General Meeting

Cost £10.00, Sign up and pre payment required.

Meet outside the school speech room (By Zebra Crossing at top of Grove Hill opposite Coach Park)

The Full Tour lasts about 2 hours and includes buildings that are representative of the oldest in the School, the expansion of the nineteenth century and modern developments.

Historic Marylebone Tour

Coordinator – Sally Coop

Thursday 12th November 2009 at 11:00am

Diane Burstein's – Musicians, Medicine and Mystery

Cost £10.00

Join as for a 'Secret London Walk' through Historic Marylebone. Diane Burstein, a registered Blue Badge Guide will share her knowledge of this vibrant and historic area with us. A winding village high street, grand 18th century houses, a famous music college and the centre of medical London are all covered on this walk. Add to this collection a fictional detective and the literary world's best known love story and you have an entertaining tour of one of London's lesser known districts. The walk starts from Baker Street Station and is about 2 hours long.

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

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/>

President's Message

In less than 2 weeks summer time will be officially over and the clocks will be turned back. This will bring longer, darker evenings and cooler weather will be expected but there is no need to be gloomy. Our club has a varied programme of meetings, outings and events to keep everyone happily occupied during the winter months. Whether you've been here in the U.K. your entire life or have only just arrived, you are bound to find something that interests you.

The Northwood Area Women's club is a non profit making club which is run by members for the benefit of members. Our club is unique and very fortunate in having such a varied membership of nationalities and ages. Each and every one of you has a different range of skills, contacts and experience. The more individual members contribute their talents to support the club, the more successful and enjoyable our programme of events for the year will be. What skill or talent could you offer?

Could you

- Arrange or make a suggestion for an outing or event?
- Assist with our publicity for international residents and ex pats?
- Co-ordinate an interest group? (Leaders are still required for Bridge and also Stage & Screen)
- Host an interest group meeting?
- Contribute a raffle prize?
- Suggest a speaker?
- Befriend a new member?
- Organise a fund raiser?

There are very many ways to support our club and the board looks forward to receiving your positive input and continued support.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at our next general meeting on 5th November.

Christine Tyler

President

Our Charity



Purpose: To enhance the quality of life for people with cancer or other life threatening disease in South West Hertfordshire.

www.peacehospice.co.uk

Fundraising

Jacque Davies

Gill Crowson, from The Peace Hospice, will come and say Hi at our next meeting. There will be an opportunity to order Christmas cards and gifts by catalogue at the meeting for those interested.

We would like to extend a gracious ***thank you*** to the raffle prize donors for the October general meeting:
Groovy Halloween slippers – donated by anonymous club member
Vase & Glasses – donated by Christine Tyler

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

Thursday, 12 November 2009	Firewalk
Wednesday, 02 December 2009	Lights of Love
Saturday, 12 December 2009	Coffee Morning
Wednesday, 02 June 2010	London to Paris Bike Ride
Sunday, 06 June 2010	Paris to Geneva Bike Ride
Saturday, 12 June 2010	Starlight Walk 2010

Membership

Helena Doey

Your £30 membership for the year is payable at the General meeting on Thursday, 5 November or by post. Cheques can be made payable to NAWC and sent to:

NAWC
PO Box 46
Northwood
HA6 1XN

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.

Antiquing

NO Leader, looking for volunteer

Planning e-mail to occur before the general meeting in November, please watch your inboxes & the website!

Art Appreciation

Julie Shelton

On a lovely October day we enjoyed a wonderful guided tour of the Dulwich Picture Gallery, a great start to our programme of events for this new interest group.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday November 4th

Do come with Hiroko and me to the **Wallace Collection** -

<http://www.wallacecollection.org/whatson?currentdate=2009-11-04> to join the public tour at 11.30 and to see the new exhibition of paintings by **Damien Hirst**. Perhaps we'll also have time for the "Brief Encounter: A Feast of Oriental Delights" at 1 pm and even fit in a bit of lunch as well. I shall be leaving Northwood at 10:00 to allow time for a cup of coffee on arrival!

Tuesday 1 December

The Geffrye Museum, Shoreditch <http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/>.

This museum chronicles English domestic interiors through the ages and when we go the room sets will be decorated for Christmas as appropriate for the era. We hope to have a lecture on the background to our Christmas traditions but audio guides will be available if a lecturer isn't! Please pay **£5** in advance, refundable if there is no lecture Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Meeting.

Forthcoming Trip to Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art, Kew Gardens; Sir John Sloane Museum; St Lawrence Church, Canons Park.

Other suggestions welcome!

Book Club

Alicia Slook (2nd Wednesday Daytime Session Leader)

DATE	BOOK	HOSTESS
11 November	<u>A Concise Chinese-English Dictionary for Lovers</u> by Xiaolu Guo	June Cass
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
10 February	<u>The Book of Negroes</u> by Lawrence Hill	Helen Bradley
10 March	<u>Uncommon Arrangements</u> by Katie Roiphe	Dawn Slagel
14 April	<u>Random Acts of Heroic Love</u> by Danny Scheinmann	Cindy Strickland (tentative)
12 May	<u>Black Like Me</u> by John Howard Griffin	Preti Manish
9 June	<u>Sisters-in-Law</u> by Nina Bell	Jacquie Davies

Evening Book Club

Melissa Fabio (4th Wednesday Evening Session Leader)

Please stay tuned for further information from Melissa.

Bridge

NO Leader, looking for volunteer

Planning e-mail to occur before the general meeting in November, please watch your inboxes & the website!

Bunco

Margaret Daniels

The 80's Are Back! - Friday, November 20, 2009

Do you have your shoulder pads at the ready? The theme for our first bunco of the season is: 'The 80's are back!' Free Jell-O shooters for all those that come with "mall hair"! And for laughs, bring along a photo of yourself from the 80's.

To play, bring £5 for the kitty and a themed gift worth £10 in a brown paper bag (bags are provided if you don't have one). If you haven't played before, it's okay because it's very easy to pick up.

It will be held at my (Margaret's) house on Friday, November 20th, 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start.

If you're game, RSVP by November 10th.

What is Bunco?

Fast, fun, furious, Bunco is a dice-throwing game that began in the 18th century, flourished as a form of gambling in the 1800's and is now gaining popularity as the perfect party activity. All it takes to play this great game is 3 dice, a group of friends in multiples of 4, and a basic grasp of the rules.

What should I bring?

Bring £5 in £1 pound coins for prizes at the end of the game. Half of the money collected goes to our designated charity. Also, bring a gift worth £10 in a plain brown paper bag. There will be a theme for each evening.

Rules:

- ❖ Teams: There are 4 players at each table. Players sit across from each other to form a team. There are 2 teams per table.
- ❖ Dice: A player rolls 3 dice simultaneously, with a goal of getting 3 of a particular number, starting with 3's and working up to 6's. When a player fails to roll any of the desired number, the dice are passed to the left. One point is given for each roll of the particular number.
- ❖ Buncos, babies, snake eyes and travellers: Rolling 3 of the goal number earns a team a bunco worth 21 points. Rolling 3 of another number is a baby, worth 5 points. Rolling 3 one's is snake eyes, which reduces a team's score to 0. Rolling 3 two's is a traveller and the player chooses a gift to open.
- ❖ Tables: The tables are numbered with table #1 being the head table. Play continues until the head table reaches 21 points, at which time play stops. At each table the team with the higher score wins the round and advances to the next table. Before the next round begins, all players must change partners.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the players with the most wins, losses, babies, snake eyes and buncos.

International Cooking for Couples

Vanessa Harker

Dinner Party Dates

14-Nov-09 at 8:00pm at my house (Vanessa's) - The kick off dinner buffet

Please let me know if you can come! Then I will announce theme and what to bring.

The following dates are now confirmed for this group!

16 January

6 & 13 March

8 & 15 May

Objective

The purpose is to experiment with cooking foods you do not normally do, exchange recipes at the end of the party, and of course to enjoy and meet new and different kinds of people.

Format

A member hosts the evening.

Max number per dinner party is 8 including host (but obviously can differ dependent on size of house etc)

The hostess

selects the food theme for the evening (ie. russian/italian/british/greek), provides the main course, and provides pre-cocktail drinks and nibbles.

She then allocates the guests to bring starters or desserts. She can provide recipes but not essential.

The guests

provide the starter or dessert

and brings what she wants to drink during the meal (ie. wine/ soft drink etc).

Allergies

Please let me know if you have any allergies or foods you do not eat. We can cater for this! Nothing will defeat us!

Other Info

The theme is not announced until much nearer the time for the dinner party so you commit to a date rather than commit to a theme. Please feel free to decorate according to the theme! Also we may have up to 3 separate groups for the dinner party but they are totally flexible. When the dates are announced just sign up to the date which most suits you.

If you have any questions you can always catch me at the general meeting, email, or call me.

Knitting

Mary Vaughan

The knitting group meets at 7.30pm on the fourth Thursday of the month with a different host each time. Alicia Smith will host the next meeting which will be on Thursday October 22nd. Please e-mail Mary or Alicia for her contact information.

All knitters are welcome from total beginners (who will receive help and advice) to those with experience. You can bring your own knitting or work on a project yet to be decided. Refreshments will be provided.

Ladies Who Lunch

Carol Prager

Just yesterday, Christina Hung and I went to try out what seems to be an interesting and unusual place for lunch. We recorded details of the little turnings to get there, noted the way the town car park worked, got copies of the menu, and even agreed the date. When we actually had our lunch, though, we decided the food wasn't much good. As neither of us wanted to go back again, we just couldn't recommend it to anyone, let alone our special Ladies Who Lunch.

I thought I would have a look at a few other places in the next week and make some kind of choice, but now the deadline for the newsletter is upon us. My solution is that, if you are in the mood for eating, put **lunch on Tuesday 17th November** in your diary. By the time of the General Meeting, I will have found us a place to indulge ourselves. It may be the adventure of an unknown and untried place, or the comfort of a well liked often visited venue. Whatever happens, we will certainly have fun and have a good time!

Quilting

Bernadette Hynes

The next meeting has not, yet, been announced.

Screen & Stage

NO Leader, looking for volunteer

Planning e-mail to occur before the general meeting in November, please watch your inboxes & the website!

Walkers and Ramblers

Sally Coop



Photo of some of the ladies enjoying a lunch at Scotsbridge Mill Pub after the September 24th walk.

Thursday 22nd October
School Holidays - No walk

Thursday 12th November
Guided Walk - Marylebone - See Outings

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.

If you would like to join us for any of these walks please let me know. Car pooling can be arranged closer to the dates.

Sally

Announcements

November General Meeting

We have a very full meeting on the **5th November** and will therefore need to make a punctual start at **9.45am**. In addition to our speaker there will be a short presentation by a representative from our chosen charity, The Peace Hospice and a sale of Christmas cards and bears on behalf of the Peace Hospice, as well as our own raffle and updates from all the interest groups.

Fund Raising Book Sale

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

LMA Orchestra Special Ticket offer

The LMA Orchestra is running a special ticket offer for Northwood Area Women's Club on the following concerts.

Here are details of the offer:

LMA Orchestra Group Offer at St Martin-in-the-Fields (Trafalgar Square)

20% off any available seat for groups of 10 or more.

Must be booked up to 24 hrs in advance of the concert by phoning

St Martin-in-the-Fields box office on: 020 7766 1100 and quoting "LMA group offer"

This offer is available for the selected concerts below:

Thursday 29th October 2009, 7.30pm, St Martin-in-the-Fields
Bach & Vivaldi Violin Concertos with Joshua Fisher, Violin
Tickets Box office: 020 7766 1100

Saturday 14th November 2009, 7.30pm, St Martin-in-the-Fields
Beethoven's Symphony No. 5
Tickets Box office: 020 7766 1100

For more information about LMA Orchestra please visit: <http://lmaorchestra.com/>

Could you be the person we are looking for?

Every year, by the very nature of our welcoming and transitory expat club element, we welcome and inevitably say good-bye to valued members of our club, frequently it seems, members of our executive.

Over the summer holiday, our beloved Vice-President, Cindy Tornes, moved on to new adventures in this great world. Being a part of the board and executive has been a great way to be enthusiastically involved. I know it made a huge difference in the positive qualities of my experiences here in Northwood.

We are still actively seeking someone for the role of Vice-President as described below. (*From our current By-laws*)

ARTICLE V - ADMINISTRATION

A The Vice-President shall:

1. Assist the President and preside in her absence.
2. Assume the office of President in case of resignation of the President.
3. Shall be responsible for nominating a slate of Club officers and a list of standing committee chairwomen. She shall be familiar with Bylaws pertaining to Article IV, Section B, Elections. (assisted by all board members)
4. **Act as the Publicity Co-ordinator.**
5. Appoint a qualified individual to conduct an audit of all Club accounts prior to the end of the fiscal year or potential disbanding of organization (assisted by all board members)

The 2009/2010 Board Members

President	Christine Tyler
Vice President/Publicity	VACANT
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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Newsletter Editor: Jennifer Williams info@northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF: November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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