



# Northwood Area Women's Club

*A multi-national group for women living in the  
outer northwest London area*

## September/October 2009 Newsletter

### September 2009 General Meeting:



**"Meet and Greet"** where we caught up with friends, old and new.

### Next General Meeting: Thursday October 1, 2009



*Elizabeth*

Join us as Maria Driffill speaks to us on "Chats With the Queen." Maria was a cloth buyer for Horrockses Fashions and later The Steinberg Group, and helped Queen Elizabeth choose fabric for her dresses. This is sure to be an enlightening morning so please join us and bring a guest.

**Thursday, October 1, 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

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – History of Pear Soap with Andrea Cameron

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 – Mike Watts presents Chelsea Physic Garden

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Stay tuned for more information

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Stay tuned for more information

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

### Westminster Parliament

**Date & time awaiting confirmation (aim is mid-late October)**

*Coordinator – Jennifer Williams*

Confirmation & sign-ups will be available at October General Meeting

*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

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 at 10:00am**

*Coordinator – Christine Tyler*

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

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 11:00am**

*Coordinator – Sally Coop*

Diane Burstein's – Musicians, Medicine and Mystery

*Cost £10.00*

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.

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 Garrett visit at St Thomas's Church, London Bridge.

*Cost £8.00*

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.

## **President's Message**

It was wonderful to see so many women at the first meeting of the New Season of the Club. It was a busy meeting and provided lots of opportunity to “meet and greet” old friends and new. This is the first time in the club's history that the President has been an anglophile but I am committed to ensuring that the emphasis will remain on attracting a multinational membership to meet for friendship, fun and fundraising.

As a multinational club there is a wonderful opportunity to form friendships with women from all over the world and exchange ideas, share activities and enrich your lives. If you have only recently joined the club I hope that you will soon feel amongst friends and be enjoying yourself. Very many thanks to Sally for hosting the successful welcome coffee morning for new members and providing such delicious refreshments. It was an opportunity for a small group to meet and get to know a little more about each other.

The club has a lot to offer and plenty to enjoy with a wide variety of speakers at the monthly general meetings, a range of interest groups and a programme of outings and ad hoc events. We are delighted that the number of interest groups has increased this year. As well as all those we enjoyed last year including our firm favourites of Ladies who Lunch, Knitting, Walkers & Ramblers and Bunco we now have added Antiquing, Art appreciation, Bridge, and Screen & Stage. You can also get out and about next month with a tour of Harrow School (3rd November) or a walk around Marylebone lead by Diane Burnstein (12th November).

Thank you so much to everyone who is contributing and working so hard to make this a really great season for the club.

Looking forward to seeing you again on the 1st October when Maria Drifill will be telling us about Chat's with the Queen.

See you then!

Christine Tyler  
President

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## 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](http://www.peacehospice.co.uk)

## Fundraising

Jacque Davies

We would like to extend a gracious *thank you* to the raffle prize donors for the September general meeting:

Potted Plant – donated by Christine Tyler

Pedicure – donated by Love Yourself Therapy (please contact Jacque Davies for additional services provided)

Haircut & Blow dry – donated by Eighty Hair Ltd (80 High Street, Northwood HA6 1BG, 01923 822181)

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

Saturday, 26 September 2009	Piano Recital
Sunday, 27 September 2009	Big Herts Walk
Wednesday, 30 September 2009	Chicago Bridge Drive
Friday, 09 October 2009	My Local Hero Awards
Saturday, 10 October 2009	'Come and Sing' with the Watford Philharmonic Society
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

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES REMINDER**

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THIS YEAR BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU RECEIVE.

Your £30 membership for the year is payable at the General meeting on Thursday, 1st October or by post by mid October. 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. This season we are welcoming back several returning groups and adding several new ones.

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**

1<sup>st</sup> meeting for planning to occur in October, please watch your e-mails

### **Art Appreciation**

**Julie Sheldon**

This new interest group is for all those who enjoy looking at and learning from art in all its forms and sharing the experience. Being able to make group visits to places of interest will perhaps also allow us to gain access to resources not always available to individual visitors. Outings will be arranged on different days of the week to allow as many people as possible from the wider membership to join us.

**Date for your diary:** 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. Audio guides explain the background to our Christmas traditions. Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Meeting.

**Forthcoming** Group visit and tour of the permanent collection at the Dulwich Picture Gallery; trip to Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art, Kew Gardens.

*Other suggestions welcome!*

## **Book Club**

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

Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am at ???

Book: Please check the website for book list...to be posted

## **Evening Book Club**

**Melissa Fabio** (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Evening Session Leader)

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## **Bridge**

**NO Leader, looking for volunteer**

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## **Bunco**

**Margaret Daniels**

### What is Bunco?

Fast, fun, furious, Bunco is a dice-throwing game that began in the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.
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Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the players with the most wins, losses, babies, snake eyes and buncos.

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## **International Cooking for Couples**

**Vanessa Harker**

Please watch your e-mails for updates from Vanessa.

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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. Mary Vaughan will host the first meeting which will be on Thursday September 24th. Please e-mail Mary or Jennifer Williams 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**

Battlers Green Farm is about five minutes from Costco, but it has a rural feel that makes a really pleasant change from the hustle and hassle of the big supermarkets. On the way to Radlett, this is a small group of farm buildings which have been changed into shops. Not only are the Georgian designs of the blocks interesting by themselves, but the inside sales areas are also enjoyable to visit. Traditional shops sell cakes and jams as well as fish and meat. Other interesting and individual shops make this a good place for finding unusual gifts.

There is a pretty, countrified tea room where I have planned a BRUNCH for us to enjoy ourselves and take pleasure in something planned and cooked and served and washed up by others. **The Bull Pen** has a wide selection of rustic sandwiches, soups and such, starting from around £4. Their Village Tea, at £10.10, which includes a savoury starter, with scones and cream or choice of fabulous homemade cakes, and a pot of tea or coffee, is a great deal.

Reservations are for **Tuesday, 6th October at 10:30am**. Considering travel, looking around, and eating, it is possible to be back as early as 1pm. This should be a nice little relaxed outing with no stress.

The Bull Pen Tea Rooms  
Battlers Green Farm  
Common Lane  
Radlett  
Hertfordshire WD7 8PH

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**Quilting**  
**Bernadette Hynes**

Everyone is welcome, if you would like some encouragement to help finish a quilting project or need some help to get started on your first quilt this is the group to join.

We are quilter's of different levels, helping each other and having lots of fun.

If you are curious and want to just stop by and have a look at what we do we would love to see you.

We meet at 10:00am and finish around 2:00pm or so.

We would love to see you.

The next meeting has not, yet, been announced.

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## Screen & Stage

### **NO Leader, looking for volunteer**

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## Walkers and Ramblers

### **Sally Coop**

#### Thursday 24th September

We will meet at Scotsbridge Mill Pub, Park Road, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, WD3 1AT at 10am. There is plenty of parking at the pub. The walk is about 4 miles long over gently undulating slopes mainly through farmland. There are some steps involved. We will return to the pub for lunch after the walk.

#### Thursday 8th October

This walk will be lead by Christine Tyler. The walk is in the Sarrat area approximately 4 miles long. We will meet at the 'Cricketers' Pub, The Green, Sarratt, Nr. Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, WD3 6AS at 10am.

Parking: Either in the Cricketers car park or in the service road in front of the pub.

This is a lovely walk with some super views. The walk descends the Chess valley and across the river Chess (where there is an opportunity to purchase watercress from the farm). Following a short traverse across the opposite hillside we cross the river and return to Sarrat passing the beautiful ancient parish Church.

Lunch will be at the Cricketers.

#### Thursday 22nd October

School Holidays - No walk

#### Thursday 12th November

Guided Walk - Marylebone - See Outings

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

Sally

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## **Announcements**

### **FAREWELL**

A fond farewell to **Cindy Torrens**, our former Vice President. Cindy has been a very active member of the club during her time in the UK and has made a significant contribution to many different aspects of club life. We will all miss her cheerful presence and wish her every happiness and success as she returns to the US.

### **FOR SALE – 2 tickets for Billy Elliot**

Would you like to see to see Billy Elliot at the Palace Theatre, Victoria on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009** at **2.30pm**? If you would like to join me I have 2 spare tickets in the dress circle at a cost of £62.50 each. If you would like to purchase them please contact Christine Tyler.

## **Website**

[www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk](http://www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk)

Have you had a look yet?

New features include interactive calendar...scroll the months and click on the events or meetings you are interested in for more information.

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## **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	Jacque Davies
Interest Groups/Newsletter/Website/Special Programmes	Jennifer Williams

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**CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF: October 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 Book Club - evening 7:30 pm	1 General Meeting Maria Drifill 9:30 am St. John's Hall	2	3
4	5	6 Ladies Who "Brunch" 10:30am The Bull Pen	7	8 Walkers & Ramblers 10:00am	9	10
11	12	13	14 Book Club – daytime 09:30 am	15 Board Meeting 9:30am	16	17 Newsletter Submission Deadline 11:59pm
18	19	20	21	22 Walkers & Ramblers 10:00am  Knitting Club 7:30 pm	23	24
25 UK Daylight Savings 	26	27	28 Book Club - evening 7:30 pm	29	30	31 