

North Norfolk Children's Book Group

March 2009

Dear Members,

At last. after excruciating negotiations, we are able rearrange our visit from [Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell](#)! Here are the details for your diary.

Date: 16th March 2009 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Venue: Bure Valley Junior School, Hungate Street, Aylsham

We are hoping Chris will draw for us once again while Paul reveals the latest - and last (?) - developments in '*The Edge Chronicles*'. This is their third visit to our book group. Chris and Paul are here to launch *The Immortals*, the final tale in the Edge Chronicles sequence. Set years in the future, this book is ideal for new readers to discover the series before going back to read the 'history' of Twig, Rook and Quint.

As usual we would be grateful if you phone Norfolk Children's Book Centre on 01263 761402 to book your place.

Entry - Adults £2.00 Children £1.00. Members and their families free. This event is suitable for children in Y5 and above.

More proposed dates for your diaries. Confirmation to follow.

7th May 2009 is the provisional date for our visit from the inimitable [James Mayhew](#). His picture books are an utter delight - and yes - we can confirm he can draw upside-down!

We are very excited about this event since we have been trying to arrange this for about two years. If you don't know James' '*Kate*' books get down to the library and have a look. James has a number of wonderful picture books under his belt so this should be an entertaining and informative evening for Y2 and up.

12th June 2009 - an evening with [Gillian Cross](#)

A couple of years ago we arranged an adults-only Literary Supper with Aidan Chambers. This was a great success. After our supper we were treated to Aidan's analysis of his most extensive - and possibly final - novel for young adults. There was an opportunity for us all to talk with him about his work and it was a real treat.

Consequently we are thinking about doing it again, this time with Gillian Cross. Gillian has been a prolific and successful writer for children of all ages, and has

won the Carnegie Medal as well as the Whitbread Children's Book Award for her writing. She is an entertaining and informative speaker and this would be a delightful, informal and chatty evening.

If you would like to come along we are limited to only 20 places so you **MUST** get in touch with us immediately because spaces will disappear fast. We'll let you know the venue and times later. I suspect the cost may be about £12 which will include a light supper and a glass of wine/fruit juice. This event is for teachers, parents, writers, and indeed anyone interested in children's books! Please ring the bookshop by 5th March to book your place.

BUT if you're disappointed that you won't be able to get along and meet the author of *'The Demon Headmaster'* don't despair. On **Saturday 13th June** Gillian Cross will be visiting Norfolk Children's Book Centre at **2pm** to sign books and chat to anyone who might like to come along and meet her. Bring your original copies of her books to be signed, or pick up her latest titles at the bookshop. There will be refreshments and maybe some surprises!

On **16th June** we have invited [Kevin Crossley-Holland](#) to come along and talk about his wonderful new East Anglian book *'Waterslain Angels'*. Times and venue later.

And that's not all.

We are plotting with the Roald Dahl Foundation to put on an evening event for Dahl fans on **16th September**, so watch this space!

Marilyn Brocklehurst
February 2009

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