

North Norfolk Children's Book Group – September Newsletter

Dear Members,

What happened to the Summer?? Oh well, we'll do our best to brighten up your Autumn with some lovely events. I must say, however, that it would be difficult to improve on our wonderful members' outing to Kevin Crossley Holland's house last month. Kevin and Linda's generous hospitality more than made up for the light drizzle, which caused us to picnic in the house! An article about this event will follow in Carousel – meanwhile you can see the photographs on our bookgroup website www.nncbg.co.uk

Cathy Cassidy: 15th September, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, Aylsham Lodge Hotel

Cathy Cassidy is a hugely popular writer for children around 9-13 years and we expect this event will be oversubscribed - so book places as soon as possible. She will be talking about writing her set of novels that begins with Dizzy, and will also introduce her brand new series. Cathy has had a fascinating career - she has been an agony aunt for young people, and has a very interactive website and a huge fan base.

Don't forget that we only need one adult to accompany children, so children of members can bring friends along for just £1 - it would be such a shame for fans to miss this treat because their parents aren't able to bring them. If you are a teacher and wish to bring a group of pupils please book as early as possible!

Jackie Morris: 7th October 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Aylsham Lodge Hotel

FINALLY!! we've been able to organise a visit from the breathtakingly talented artist and picture book maker, Jackie Morris. Her new book 'Ice Bear' is just out and it's gorgeous! Jackie is a brilliant painter who lives in West Wales, and has an impressive collection of children's titles filled with her beautiful pictures. (When her Collected Poems came out I bought two for my as-yet-unborn grandchildren!)

This is a real coup for us - Jackie does very little touring and she is an inspiring speaker and the evening will provide a fascinating insight into her work. She is exhibiting at The Imagine Gallery in Long Melford in Suffolk this Autumn, so if anyone would like to own one of her lovely paintings then take a trip down there. Have a look at her website and marvel! She has a fantastic blog too - so you can get to know her well in advance of her visit!

Please make sure you share this information with friends and colleagues so they don't miss the opportunity to come along. The evening will be suitable for children from Y4 and up along with parents, teachers, painters, librarians, and anyone else who is curious to know how such delights as 'The Ice Bear' and 'The Snow Leopard' are created.

Phone Norfolk Children's Book Centre on 01263 761402 to book places for both of these events or reply to this email.

Both events: £3 adults £1 Children. Members free.

And finally

Your subs for 2010-2011 are now due

This year we are having to increase our membership subscription to £15. We try to keep costs down but postage has shot up and the price of Carousel has also increased. We are certain that at £15, membership still offers really good value for money, as the cover charge for Carousel alone is £11.25 per year. On top of that you and your family get free entry to all our exciting author events and a glass of wine or soft drink thrown in for good measure.

To continue your membership please complete the renewal form and send it along with a cheque for **£15** made payable to North Norfolk Children's Book Group to:

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