

Dear Members,

We have been scurrying around trying to arrange some good events for you and now here is a taster of what's to come. We have two firm dates so far, and two definite names with no dates, one Summer treat - and ALSO there's some secret negotiating for a quite big name. Here is what we've come up with.

Steve Cole: 13th May 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Aylsham Lodge

I know all the Astrosaurus fans out there will be very excited, but don't forget Steve worked for the BBC and has also written Dr Who scripts - and teenage novels - as well! He's a hugely entertaining and very funny speaker so this will be a sell-out for sure. Have a look at his new website www.stevecolebooks.co.uk and watch him read from his latest book on YouTube.

Children Y3 and above will be welcome to come along, but expect some teenagers since the Werelings series has been very popular, and the Dr Who connection will make for interesting listening!

Book tickets for this event as usual on 01263 761402. Members and their children free. Non members Adults £3 and Children £1

Joyce Dunbar: July 2010

Local author, Joyce Dunbar, has written over 70 books for children and is a passionate believer in the value of picture books in children's lives. Visit her website www.joycedunbar.com and you will be charmed. We love her latest book 'Oddly' and her 'The Monster who Ate Darkness' was voted 4th in the Independent's 50 Best Summer Reads list in 2009.

Sophie Mckenzie: 8th July 7.00 for 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

This is definitely one for the older children. Sophie has a great following and we are delighted she is including us in her tour to promote the third book in the Medusa Project series. Readers will also be familiar with 'Girl Missing' and 'Blood Ties', which won the Lancashire Children's Book Award and is a great read.

This event is for Y6 and above. Phone 01263 761402 to book a place. Members and their children free. Non members Adults £3 and Children £1

DEFINITE for September - and we've been trying to organise this for a long time, so we're very excited it's really going to happen - the wonderfully talented **Jackie Morris** is going to trek all the way from West Wales about as far as you can go across country and share her wonderful books with us. No date yet, but it's a promise from her publisher so it really will happen. If you're not familiar with Jackie's work have a look at www.jackiemorris.co.uk where you'll find lots of her amazing paintings as well as musings and a fascinating insight into her life as an artist and picture book creator.

And now for a summer outing. **Kevin Crossley-Holland** has invited us all to visit him up on the coast and share some stories at his home. This trip is still in the planning stage. We should have more details for you after Easter. It's a change from our normal activities and should be fun!

Marilyn Brocklehurst