

NEWSLETTER

July - September 2010

Issue 10

WELCOME

This is the tenth Newsletter of Grass Roots Open Writers (GROW).

This is where you will find details of all the activities we have organised and other useful information.

ACCESS

All GROW groups have wheelchair ramps and an accessible toilet. To access the Roosevelt Court Lounge please call '7' on the intercom - or knock on the patio door at the side of the building.

MAY FILM NIGHT

The film night on the 25th June was a fun and enjoyable evening despite a few technical hitches with the dvd player.

We provided snacks and soft drinks - and the leftovers are being donated to the Beach Party.

Thank you to all the residents of Roosevelt Court for allowing us to use their beautiful lounge for the evening.

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

Both our 'special' workshops were well attended and very enjoyable. Thanks to Jan Hedger and Sue Rabbett for running them for us.

COMMITTEE NEWS

The committee have had two meetings since the last Newsletter.

At the last committee meeting the Executives unanimously agreed to co-opt Sue Horncastle on to the GROW Executive Committee. We all welcome Sue as an Executive and thank her for agreeing to serve on the committee.

The next executive committee meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 6th October

from 10.30 - 12.00

in the Roosevelt Court Lounge.

ALL GROW Members are welcome.

GROW AGM

The date for the 3rd GROW AGM (2010 Annual General Meeting) has been set.

Wednesday 1st December 2010

from 10.30 -12.30

in the Roosevelt Court Lounge

**THE AGM IS VERY IMPORTANT
ALL GROW MEMBERS
SHOULD ATTEND IF THEY CAN**

MICHELHAM PRIORY

SUMMER OUTING

We are going to the Sussex Guild Contemporary Show at Michelham Priory on Thursday 5th August, weather permitting.

Michelham Priory is one of the most haunted places in Britain.

We have decided not to organise a group booking so that we can change the date, if the weather is bad. The Contemporary Show is running every day from the 5th to the 8th August.

To reduce travel costs the GROW members who have cars have decided to organise a convoy. They will offer a lift to any GROW member who needs one.

The convoy is leaving Roosevelt Court at 10am.

Please let us know if you need - or can offer - a lift in the GROW Car-Share Convoy!

Call / Text 07932 231491 and leave a message.

PRIORY ADMISSION COSTS

Adult £6.80

Child (5-15) £3.60

Senior Citizen £5.80

Student £5.80

Family (2 adults & 2 children) £17.50

Disabled / Carer £3.60 each

BARBY KEEL

ANIMAL SANCTUARY

BIG OPEN DAY

Pipzedene, Freezeland Lane,
Sidley, Bexhill-on-Sea,
East Sussex, TN39 5JD

www.barby-keel-animal-sanctuary.btik.com

Sunday 8th August 2010

12 Noon - 5pm

(Weather Permitting)

Refreshments, hot-dogs & burgers,
ice-creams and home-made cakes
in the outdoor café

Many Stalls, Games & Grand Raffle

Buy books, cards,
ornaments and pet supplies
from the gift shop

and meet all the residents of the
Barby Keel Animal Sanctuary.

Barby Keel welcomes
Well-Behaved Children & Dogs!

Entry £1 (Kids Free)

**Please contact GROW
if you need - or can offer - a lift.**

The Sanctuary is also open to visitors
every Sunday from 2 – 4.30pm
when the open air cafe
and gift shop are both open.

GROW BEACH PARTY

Meet on the beach at the west end of Bexhill Promenade (opposite St Lucia Flats) on Monday 26th July, weather permitting, from 5pm until the full moon rises - or we get cold!

Cars will be leaving Roosevelt Court at 4pm. Please call / text 07932 231491 if you need a lift to ensure we have enough spaces!

Moonlight Readings, Music and Songs.

We'll be ordering pizzas at 6pm (cost £3 per head) or you can bring your own picnic, if you prefer (free). We'll also provide snacks & soft drinks.

Friends & Family welcome.

GROW CALENDAR

All the GROW Group and Homework Writing Exercises (and pdf versions of any handouts we've used) executive committee meetings, social events, outings, term and holiday dates can be found in the GROW Calendar.

TheFED Writing Challenges are also included, with links to TheFED's own Website Gallery and online Submission Form. A new Writing Challenge is posted on the first of each month.

The Calendar is updated each week, so if you are unable to come to the groups for any reason you can still participate in all our writing activities.

www.groupspaces.com/GROW/calendar

ANIMAL KINGDOM

2011 CALENDAR PROJECT

The theme for the 2011 Calendar is 'Animal Kingdom.' Submissions can be in any form or style, poetry or prose but should be no more than 20 lines or 200 words. The deadline for calendar submissions is 31st October 2010.

We've decided to use the back of each page to highlight conservation and welfare issues affecting the animals we have written about. We are also planning to include information on things we can do to help them.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

GROW has a new website. This is because BT (who fund our site) have decided to switch to a new service provider. The new service is still under development and new features are being added to it all the time.

The address is:

www.grow.btck.co.uk

There is also a new GroupSpace.

www.groupspaces.com/GROW

Between these two services (which are both free) we should eventually be able to do everything we could with the old site, although it may take a bit of time to fully integrate them. The old website will be visible until the 31st October, although no further updates will be made to it.

Please take a look and let us know what you think!

REFLECTION

Congratulations to Sue Rabbett, the winner of the Reflection Cover Design Competition.

We are now working on voice recordings for the dvd and, once this is complete, we will start work 'burning' the disks. Thanks to Alvin Culzac for offering to print the disks for us.

The desk-top-publishing is now done and all that remains is to print and compile the books.

The books have 48 pages of creative writing and artwork done by GROW members (including hand-drawn corner borders on every page.)

The book and dvd sets will be available to buy at our Book Launch Party and Quiz Night on Friday 24th September 2010. (Cost £3 per set.)

It will also be possible to download a free copy (pdf file) from our Website.

GROW QUIZ NIGHT & BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Frank Burnham is organising a
GROW Quiz Night
in the Roosevelt Court Lounge on
Friday 24th September from 7 – 10pm.

We will also be celebrating the launch
of 'Reflection' at the same time.

We will provide soft drinks and snacks.

Admission fee £1.

THEFED WRITING FESTIVAL

Saturday 6th November 2010

**Faraday House
Old Gloucester Street
Holborn, London,**

9.30am - 8.30pm

GROW is hiring a minibus to take up to 15 of our members to this event. The minibus will be leaving Roosevelt Court at 7am to arrive at Faraday House (Holborn, London) by 9.30am.

Please note we will not be staying until the end of this event. Our minibus will leave at 6.15pm to arrive back at Roosevelt Court by 8.45pm.

Unfortunately this means that we will miss the performance evening, although we will be able to do everything else.

The MiniFest Fee is £10 per head for GROW members and this includes all workshops, a buffet lunch, materials and refreshments.

This year the travel will be FREE to GROW members who are attending TheFED Writing Festival.

TERM DATES

26th July - 12th September - Holiday

14th September Tuesday Group Begins

15th September Wednesday Group Begins

***There are NO Group Meetings
between these dates***