

# NEWSLETTER

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Issue 14

## WELCOME

This is the fourteenth 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.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

The next executive committee meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 5th October 2011  
from 10.30 - 12.00

in the Roosevelt Court Lounge.

At this meeting we will be planning future events, making progress reports and discussing current and future creative projects.

ALL GROW members are welcome to attend the committee meetings and are encouraged to get involved with our planning and decision making.

Please do come along, if you can, and share your ideas with us!

## GROW GROUPS

### Creative Writing Workshop

Every Tuesday

Hastings Children's Library

Robertson Passage, Hastings

10.00 – 12.00

### Skill Sharing Workshop

Every Wednesday

Roosevelt Court Lounge

Stonehouse Drive, St Leonards

10.00 – 13.30

(Call '7' on the intercom and take the right-hand lift to the first floor.)

### Creative Writing Workshop

(for adults on the Autistic Spectrum)

Every Friday

Roebuck 3

The Roebuck Centre (Autism Sussex)

Roebuck Street, Hastings Old Town

14.00 – 16.00

All venues have good disabled access with wheelchair ramps and an accessible toilet.



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## PLANNED EVENTS

### Pergamano Workshop

Wednesday 20th July 10am – 1.30pm.

Angie Cox will bring the materials and teach us how to do pergamano parchment craft. Learn how to perforate & emboss greeting cards & bookmarks. This promises to be a fun and creative workshop - please come along and give it a try! This workshop costs £2 plus approximately 50p for materials. Angie will also bring some of her own pergamano craftwork to sell. All proceeds will go to her church.

### Barby Keel Animal Sanctuary

Open every Sunday 2 – 4.30pm. Entry & guided tours are free. There is an open-air Tea-Room for refreshments, snacks & ice-creams and a small shop selling gifts, antiques & bric-a-brac.

Please call or text 07932 231491 if you need – or can offer – a lift.

### Barby Keel Open Day 2011

Barby Keel Open Day is happening on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 12 Noon – 5pm. Entry to the Sanctuary will cost £1 for adults (children free). This is Barby's main fund-raising event of the year and she depends on a good turnout to raise as much money as possible for the sanctuary.

There will be many stalls, fun games and other activities as well as the open air cafe, a burger & hotdog stand and icecream stall. Drivers are asked to meet at 11.30am in the Roosevelt Court Car Park if they can offer a lift.

### Bodiam Castle

Our visit will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August (weather permitting) The entry to the castle will cost £6.10 each.

There is an optional 90 minute river trip which will cost an additional £10.00 Drivers will be asked to meet at 10.30am in the Roosevelt Court Car Park to offer lifts to those needing them.

### Michelham Priory

Our visit will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September when there will be a Medieval Weekend event. Standard entry to the priory costs £7 each.

Drivers are asked to meet at 10.30am in the Roosevelt Court Car Park if they can offer a lift.

### GROW Social Events (friends & family also welcome)

The GROW Beach Party will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (weather permitting). We will meet at 4pm on the beach at the west end of Bexhill promenade (behind the public toilets opposite Richmond Road.

We will order take-away from Pizza Base for everyone who wants to 'chip in' for it. People can also bring their own food, if they prefer.

Drivers are asked to meet at 3.30pm in the Roosevelt Court Car Park if they can offer a lift.

The closest train station is 'Collington'

## 2011 GROW Projects

### DREAMS (2011 ANTHOLOGY)

The deadline for ALL submissions to the 'Dreams' anthology is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011. (cover designs, creative writing, photographs, voice recordings, music, films, animations and border art.)

### GROW CALENDAR (2012)

The writing can be in any form or style, poetry or prose. The deadline for ALL Calendar submissions (creative writing and border art) is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011.

January - 'Peace'

February - 'Love'

March - 'Joy'

April - 'Hope'

May - 'Faith'

June - 'Kindness'

July - 'Trust'

August - 'Friendship'

September - 'Patience'

October - 'Wisdom'

November - 'Gratitude'

December - 'Generosity'

## FUND-RAISING

GROW needs to raise £350 to pay for a coach to take us to TheFED Writing Festival on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

If you can help with writing funding applications, or if you have any other ideas for raising money, please let us know.

## WEBSITE

The GROW website address is:

[www.grow.btck.co.uk](http://www.grow.btck.co.uk)

The GROW GroupSpace address is:

[www.groupspaces.com/GROW](http://www.groupspaces.com/GROW)

## CONTACT GROW

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## TheFED NEWS

TheFED website address is:

<http://www.thefed.btck.co.uk>

### *Writing Challenge*

TheFED Writing Challenge theme for July 2011 is 'Mythical Creatures' and the theme for August 2011 is 'The Ocean'.

Writing can be factual, fictional, poetry or a short story and in any form or style.

All entries will be displayed on TheFED website and may also be featured in future TheFED publications and anthologies.

### *2011 Festival of Writing*

This event will take place at Faraday House in Holborn, London on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

TheFED needs volunteers to run workshops and help with publicising and promoting the event. If you can help, please email John Malcomson at:

[johnmalcomson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:johnmalcomson@blueyonder.co.uk)

## SURVIVORS POETRY

GROW is a member of the Survivors Poetry Network (for survivors of mental distress.)

Their magazine 'Poetry Express' can be downloaded from their website.

<http://www.survivorspoetry.com>

The next deadline for submissions is the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2011 for issue 37.

## MEMBERSHIP

GROW membership costs £5 per year and is valid from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

## ABOUT GROW

**Grass Roots Open Writers** particularly welcomes people who need to develop confidence in expressing themselves.

**GRASS-ROOTS** - Working towards a foundation of literacy, communication and social skills. The organisation is run by the members themselves.

**OPEN** - Our meetings and events are accessible and friendly. We try to always be aware of the support needs of our members and cater for them, as far as possible.

**WRITERS** - People who write for pleasure, healing, personal growth, insight, perspective or to inform. Our members have produced a broad range of writing, including both formal and informal styles.

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- All the staff at the Hastings Children's Library.
- All the residents of Roosevelt Court.
- The Hastings Lions Club
- The Isabel Blackman Foundation
- Pat Weaver  
(Community Accountant at HVA)
- Josie Lawson  
(Founder & Editor of EBB & FLOW – The New Voice)
- The GROW Executive Committee.
- And ALL the GROW members who continue to support the group and come to the events, workshops and meetings.

## TERM DATES

22<sup>nd</sup> July GROW Beach Party

**23<sup>rd</sup> July - 4<sup>th</sup> September – Holiday\***

**31<sup>st</sup> July - 'DREAMS' Deadline**

5<sup>th</sup> August - Bodiam Castle Trip

7<sup>th</sup> August - Barby Keel Open Day

**5<sup>th</sup> September - Term Begins**

17<sup>th</sup> September - Michelham Priory Trip

**31<sup>st</sup> October - 2012 Calendar Deadline**

**\*There are NO GROW Workshops meeting between these dates!**