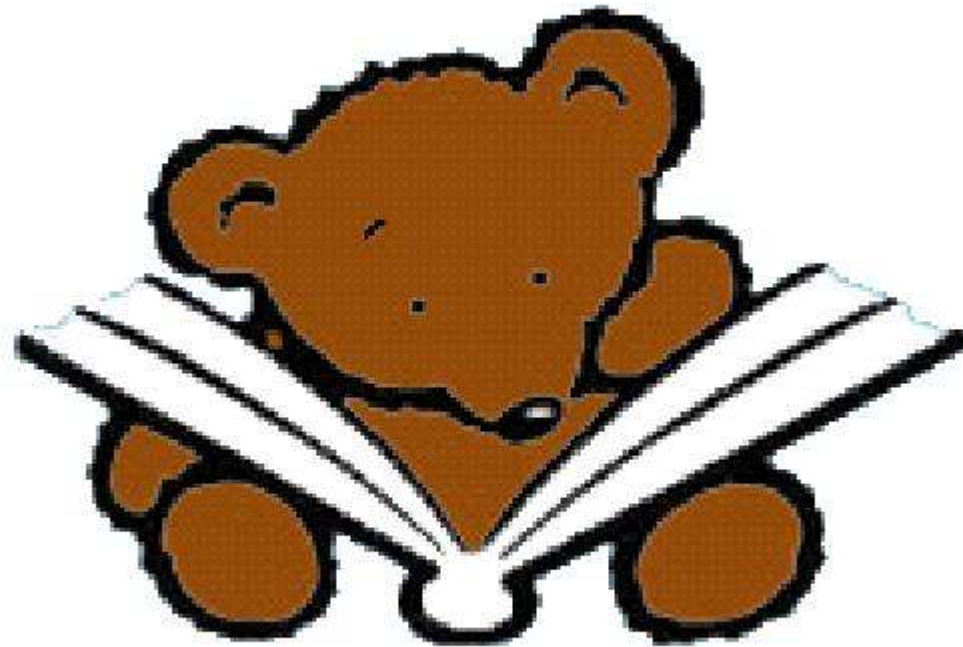


Welcome



Federation of
Children's Book Groups



Who are we?



The Federation of Children's Book Groups is a national voluntary organisation dedicated to promoting the enjoyment of children's books and reading.



What do we do?



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Local events



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University of
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Children's Concert

with Illustrator James Mayhew

Sunday 4 November 3.00pm

The Weston Auditorium, de Havilland Campus, University of Hertfordshire AL10 0BU



National events



Conference



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Red House Children's Book Award *Party Time in Aldbourne!*

spring 2007

To thank and celebrate those involved in the Red House Children's Book Award, Aldbourne Children's Book Group hosted a six-hour event on Saturday 2 February. Much was done to help children and adults learn what lay behind some of their most favourite and nationally recognised books. Activities were given with children coming from far and wide and each workshop well supported with a range of interests from hats to teenagers.

Chris d'Leary, author of *The Day After*, enthusiastically encouraged his audience to consider membership as a future career and who came to describe the creative process in accessible terms with stories drawn from his own school days. His party writing as well as his story read and well loved book. At the same time, Bob Steiner told younger readers captivated by *Rudolf the Sheep* came to life through cartoon creation and photographs as well as brilliant story telling.

Further author Gips had also encouraged budding authors with a competition to win a copy of his as yet unpublished third *Spog Day* novel - *Spog Day Unleashed!*. He set a writing challenge to the audience to get into a group in an entertaining way on the subject of 'a party in my house'.

Another focused and busy day was enjoyed and kindly donated some for the raffle, while writing their materials into their creative world. Young readers discovered whether *Pigeon* by Pye or the author and illustrator of this fantastic new book described how it was created. They were then allowed to go deeper into the future as the duo's next project was outlined, the characters coming to life with simple drawings.



For teenage readers, Sherril Ashworth adopted a more discursive and detailed style. She started by presenting the encouragement to read and read writing that had been the theme throughout the event.

Everyone who attended found themselves carried away by the love and enthusiasm of children of all ages. Over tea and cakes, while the authors kindly signed copies of their books, the general consensus was that the event had been a huge success. Our thanks to all those involved. It is a shame we will have to wait 12 years for the next party!

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