



IPSWICH CHILDREN'S BOOK GROUP



July Newsletter 2012

Despite the weather, Summer is here and the school holidays are about to start. So hopefully you will have time to catch up with ICBG news, find out what is coming up and look for ideas for good reads.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed, but if through an oversight, you have not yet done so, please send a cheque for £15.00 made payable to 'Ipswich Children's Book Group' to **Shirley Imlach, 18 Cuckfield Avenue, Ipswich, IP3 8RZ**. This will ensure you continue to receive your copies of Carousel Magazine and FCBG Newsletters as well as remaining on our mailing list. If you would prefer to pay online please email shirley.imlach@gmail.com for details.

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We apologise if you have experienced difficulties accessing our website, but we are currently working on the problems and hope they will soon be rectified.

PAST EVENTS

Steve Cole

Thursday, 2nd February 2012

Lecture Hall, County Library, Ipswich

On a really cold night, Steve Cole talked at the County Library about his writing, including editing Noddy Magazine, writing Dr. Who stories and his own series of Astrosaurs, Cows in Action, Slime Squad, Z Rex and Freekham High School. He also talked about his recent book for older readers - Tripwire. In fact in the last five years he has written 60 books!



The 2Steves

Tuesday, 28th February, 2012

Murrayfield Primary School, Ipswich

Ipswich favourites, Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore, returned to entertain and inspire us in their own special way. They spent a week in the area also visiting schools, where the children are still talking about them!

Rob Eastaway

Wednesday, 29th February, 2012

Sidegate Primary School, Ipswich

Rob Eastaway, author and broadcaster, whose books include Maths for Mums and Dads and Why Do Buses Come In Threes?, demonstrated fun mind reading and other maths mysteries.



**Words Within Worlds
FCBG Annual Conference
Friday, 13th – Sunday, 15th April, 2012
Bradfield College, Reading**

We went on quite a journey over the course of the weekend!
Through Zambia on The Book Bus, buried alive in Haiti with Nick Lake, to India with Jamila Gavin and Sita Brahmachari, covered the history of the world from the Big Bang to the present day, climbed Everest with Matt Dickinson and finally Jason Wallace took us to Zimbabwe in the 1980s.



Another wonderful Conference – inspirational, thought provoking and fun.

**AGM
Tuesday, 17th April, 2012
The Last Anchor, Ipswich**

Tradition was maintained and the business proceedings were completed promptly and efficiently, leaving us time to enjoy a delicious meal and to socialise.

Sadly Chloe Abbott had to stand down as Chair, but we are grateful for all her hard work in the role and are pleased she continues to support the Group as a member. Ann Cloke was elected to take her place and we welcome Hannah Mee as a new Committee member. Hannah has already been busy for us, designing the logo for next year's Conference, which we are organising together with the Federation.

New Committee

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Secretary contact:

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Minutes Secretary:

Treasurer and Membership:

RHCBA Co-ordinators:

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**Harriet Castor
Thursday, 26th April, 2012
Church's Bistro, Ipswich**

In this atmospheric venue with exposed beams, Harriet Castor spoke passionately about her research and inspiration for VIII. This was followed by a Tudor banquet, kindly devised by Church's chef, which included potage, chicken drumsticks and roasted root vegetables.

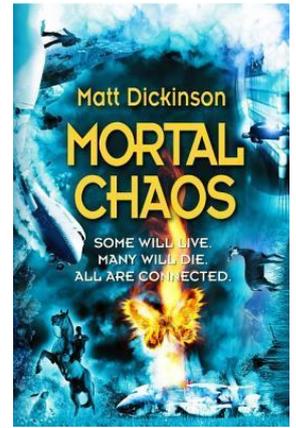


FUTURE EVENTS

Matt Dickinson
Tuesday, 16th October 2012
Claydon High School

time to be confirmed

We are pleased that Matt Dickinson, author of the Mortal Chaos adventure stories, is coming to Ipswich. Matt is also a film maker and motivational speaker, who has travelled on expeditions all over the world, including a successful ascent of Everest. Definitely a date for your diary. More details to follow.



Reading for Pleasure Conference – Creating Life-Long Readers

Wednesday, 28th November, 2012 9.00 am – 4.30 pm

Holiday Inn, Norwich North (Airport) NR6 6JA

This event is being organised by Marilyn Brocklehurst from the Norfolk Children's Book Centre. Speakers are Sue Ellis, Michael Rosen, The 2Steves, Tom Palmer, Patrice Baldwin, Sara Stanley and Marilyn herself. Visit <http://www.ncbc.co.uk/NCBC/CONFERENCE.html> for more information and http://www.ncbc.co.uk/NCBC/Conf_Booking.html for booking details.

The Power of the Page

FCBG Annual Conference

Friday, 22nd – Sunday 24th March 2013

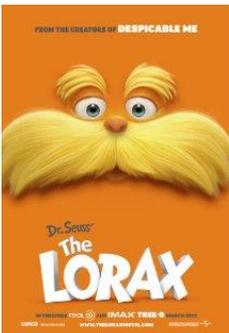
The Culford School, Bury St Edmunds

We are currently working together with Federation to organise next year's Annual Conference and are delighted to say that provisionally Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore, Melvin Burgess, Harriet Castor, Mary Hooper, Sally Nicholls, Liz Pichon, Jane Ray, Angie Sage and Rachel Ward have been booked.



We will of course keep you up to date with arrangements and are extremely grateful for those members who have already offered to help over the weekend. If you are interested in helping please contact Jayne on jayne.gould@btopenworld.com – she would be very happy to hear from you.

FILMS



The Lorax (Dr. Seuss)

Released: 27th July 2012

Certificate: U

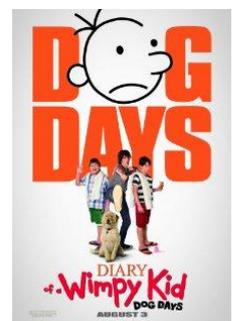
A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days

Released: 3rd August 2012

Certificate: U

School is out and Greg is ready for the days of Summer, when all his plans go wrong. What ever is he going to do all Summer?





Now Is Good

Released: 21st September, 2012

Certificate: 12A

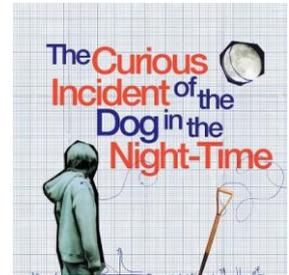
A girl dying of leukaemia compiles a list of things she'd like to do before passing away. Starring Jeremy Irvine who played in Albert in War Horse, this film is based on Jenny Downham's novel Before I Die.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

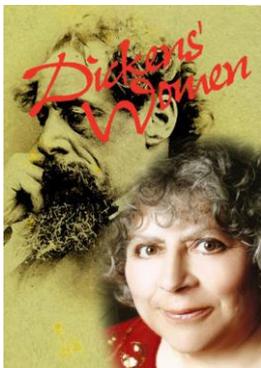
Thursday, 6th September, 2012 at 7.30 pm

Ipswich Film Theatre Certificate: 12A

Mark Haddon's book has been adapted for the stage and is being performed at the National Theatre from 24th July – 27 October, 2012. However, on Thursday, 6th September it is being screened at the Ipswich Film Theatre as part of the NT 2012-2013 Live Season.



THEATRE



Dickens' Women

Friday, 28th – Sunday, 30th September 2012

Norwich Playhouse 01603 598598

Tuesday, 2nd and Wednesday 3rd October, 2012

Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds 01284 769505

Thursday, 4th October, 2012

Colchester Institute 01206 712999

In Miriam Margoyles' one woman show, she displays her versatility as she brings to life 23 different characters from Dickens' books.

Millions

Wednesday, 24th – Saturday, 27th October, 2012

New Wolsey Studio, St. George's Street, Ipswich



Frank Cottrell Boyce's story about two brothers unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during the country's countdown to the Euro, who suddenly find themselves with a large amount of money, which they try to spend in a few days before it becomes worthless. They are torn between buying pizzas and the virtues of ending world poverty, but time is running out as the bungling bank robbers close in.

For more details and to buy tickets visit <http://www.wolseytheatre.co.uk/3718/shows/millions.html>



Stuck

Tuesday, 30th October, 2012 at 11.00 am and 2.00 pm

New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich

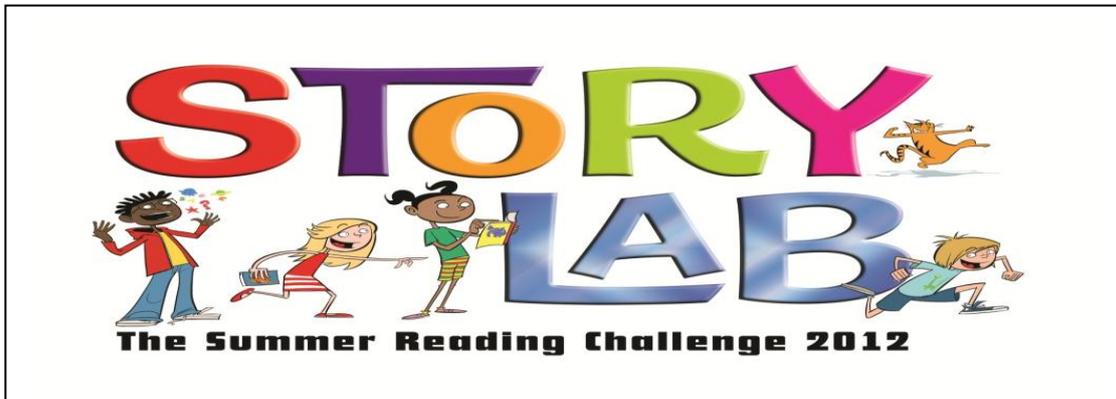
Suitable for ages 3+, this adaptation of Oliver Jeffers book has original music and audience participation. Visit www.wolseytheatre.co.uk for booking information.

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark
Saturday, 1st December, 2012 at 2.00 pm
The Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe

Based on Jill Tomlinson's tale about Plop, this production is suitable for 3-7 year olds. Visit www.thespavilion.org to find out more.



OTHER NEWS



The national Summer Reading Challenge, co-ordinated by the Reading Agency, is being run in 97% of UK public libraries for children aged 4-11.

This year's challenge is called Story Lab and the aim is for children to read six books from their library during the summer holidays. Preregistration starts on Sunday, 15th July and the game runs from Saturday, 21st July to Sunday, 9th September. Contact your local library for details.

In addition the Story Lab website (www.story-lab.org.uk) allows children to log the books they have read and unlock extra content as they work through the Challenge. They can also find new books to read, recommended by other children, take part in a story writing competition and play online games.

Jeanne Willis
Thursday, 7th March 2013

Jeanne Willis, author of over eighty books including Red House Children Book Award Younger Children category winners in 2007 with *Who's in the Loo?* and again in 2010 with *Bottoms Up*, will be in Ipswich for World Book Day. We are hoping to arrange an evening event with her and will send out details if this is confirmed.

LOVE SPORT; LOVE READING



The focus this summer will be firmly on the Olympics and there are some great sporting themed reads around for all ages. If you don't want to read about sport, why not try a story or information book about London? This booklist features new titles and old favourites.

Jayne Gould

A Walk in London

Salvatore Rubbino

Walker

Join a little girl and her mother as they take a walking tour of London past some of the most famous landmarks including Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace and St Paul's.



Katie in London

James Mayhew

Orchard Books

Katie explores London accompanied by one of the lions from Trafalgar Square

The London Eye Mystery

Siobhan Dowd

David Fickling Books

Ted and Kat watch their cousin Salim get on the London Eye. Half an hour later everyone is getting off, but not Salim. How can he have disappeared into thin air? Ted and Kat have to work together to solve the mystery.

Stoneheart

Charlie Fletcher

Hodder Children's Books

By breaking a stone dragon's head outside the Natural History Museum, George unwittingly unleashes an ancient power. He finds himself in a battle between good and evil, in which London statues come to life, and only some of them are on his side...

So You Think You Know the Olympics?

Clive Gifford

Hodder Children's Books

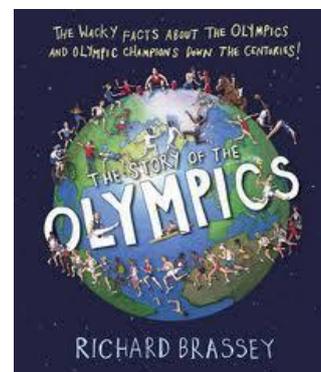
Put your knowledge of the Olympics to the test with this collection of over 1000 teasers from the history of the Games to weird and wonderful trivia.

The Story of the Olympics

Richard Brassey

Orion Children's Books

All the facts you need about the history of the Games from venues to records and champions, presented in detailed and amusing illustrations.



The What on Earth? Wallbook of Sport: From the Ancient Olympics to the Present Day

Christopher Lloyd

What on Earth Publishing

This large format book, which you can hang on the wall or spread across the floor, chronicles the history of sport with a timeline from the Ancient Olympics to London 2012. Packed with illustrations, this will keep the children occupied all summer long!

Sporting Heroes

Ruth Redford

Tamarind

Tips, training secrets and insights into what it takes to become a sporting champion from competitors including Mo Farah, Amir Khan and Christine Ohuruogu.

A Horrid Factbook: Horrid Henry's Sports

Francesca Simon

Orion Children's Books

Horrid Henry presents an entertaining and informative introduction to different sports in a book ideal to dip in and out of.

Olympic Poems – 100% Unofficial

Brian Moses and Roger Stevens

Macmillan Children's Books

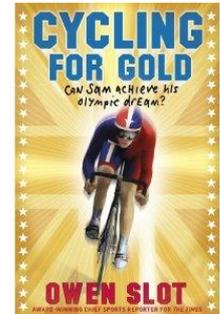
A funny and inspiring collection of poems about sport of all kinds from PE lessons to the men's 100m race, about taking part, winning, losing and being a team member.

Cycling for Gold

Owen Slot

Puffin

Sam is the fastest boy on his paper delivery round and when his talent is spotted, he begins years of training to take part in the Olympics.



The Squad: Black Op

Tom Palmer

Puffin

The Squad are teenage spies who also happen to be part of an England youth football team. They have a mystery to solve in Krakow, just before the Euro 2012 tournament.

Camp Gold: Running Stars

Christine Ohuruogu

Tamarind

Camp Gold is an elite sports summer camp and Maxine is thrilled to find herself there. Her running talent comes to the fore and she is all set for national competition, then things start to wrong...

Winnie Goes for Gold

Laura Owen and Korky Paul

Oxford

Winnie's spells always go wrong, and in one of these four funny stories she accidentally brings to life the athletes pictured on a Greek vase. It happens at the school sports day and chaos ensues.

Happy Summer Reading.

Shirley Imlach

July 2012

