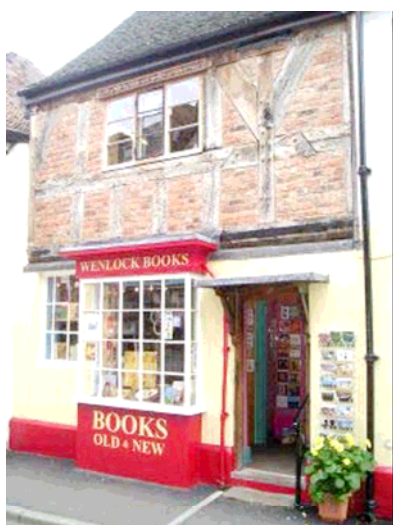


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## Newsletter – December 2009 / January 2010

*Reading Groups: please enquire at the shop if you are interested in joining any of the reading groups listed below.*



### Reading for Pleasure

*Meetings in December are 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm (this is a change of date) and 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We shall be discussing Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones, a moving tale of loss of innocence and the importance of literature. The junior children's group will meet on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> for a slightly longer meeting for our Christmas party. The older children's reading group will have their Christmas party on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>. The children's poetry club will meet every Tuesday until 15<sup>th</sup> December when we will finish with (guess what!) a Christmas party!*



### Late Night Opening

*We will be open until about 8 o'clock on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> - do pop in for some festive browsing and a festive cup!*



### Christmas Fayre

*We will be inviting children to write their letters to Father Christmas (and to post them in our specially built, shiny red letter-box!), on the day of the Christmas Fayre. We will serve non-alcoholic mulled wine and chocolates on the day. As you may know, the bookshop is now a friend of Conakry Refugee School and we invite all letter-writers to make a donation to Conakry School.*



## Conakry Refugee School

There will be a sale of beautiful Toureg-silver West African jewellery in the bookshop on Thursday. This jewellery is crafted by the nomads of West Africa and is exquisite! All are original designs and each design carries its own meaning. Other West African jewellery, along with batiks and masks, will also be on sale. All of these goods have been brought to us by Tania Walmsley, just back from Guinea. The sale will be held from 2 - 5pm, light refreshments will be served, and all proceeds will be used to support Conakry Refugee School. Do come and buy some unique Christmas presents for family and friends (and yourself!) and support the very important work of this locally-based charity at the same time.

We are also selling charity gift cards for the school from now until Christmas: £10 provides 50 school meals or transport for 5 pupils for a year; £5 provides 25 school meals or exercise books and equipment for a year.



## Christmas Eve

Do join us at any time until 4 o'clock on Christmas Eve for a glass of our special mulled wine and a mince pie.

We will hold our traditional, candle-lit reading of the Night before Christmas in the shop Christmas Eve at 4 o'clock. Please note this event is FULLY BOOKED.

## 2010

### Reading for Pleasure

In January, on 19th only at 2pm, we shall be discussing *An Equal Stillness* by Francesca Kay - the story of a woman, a marriage, a family - and the importance of art.



In 2010, the young children's reading group (7 - 11) will recommence on February 12th but will ordinarily be on the second Friday of the month. New members are very welcome in this lively, friendly group. The older children's reading group (11 - 15) will recommence on February 19th, likewise, new members very welcome. The children's poetry club (7 - 11) runs on term-time Tuesdays from 4.30 - 5.30, recommencing on January 12th. This group is currently full.



## Poetry Festival

The first Wenlock Poetry Festival will be launched by the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, and a host of other major and local poets over the weekend on April 9 - 11 2010. Please contact the bookshop if you would like to become a friend, a sponsor, a volunteer (or to buy tickets!). Visit [www.wenlockpoetryfestival.org](http://www.wenlockpoetryfestival.org) for details.



We will close from Christmas until Monday January 11th \*\*

Through January and February we shall be on Winter Opening Hours; 10 - 5 Monday - Saturday.

(\*\* Mollie will be back from India very soon - hurrah! - if she is in Wenlock over the Christmas/New Year period and feels like opening the shop you might find it open from 11 - 3pm at her discretion!)

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and peaceful, healthy and happy New Year,

Best wishes,

*Paul*