

### What's On at Wenlock Books: March 2007

By the time you read this, we will have returned from the first of our Readers' Retreats in west Wales. This was a real spur of the moment idea, following a very enjoyable reading day at Brook Cottage. I'll tell you all about it next time, and promise to give better forward planning notice next time!

#### Reading for Pleasure

Our next read is *The Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* by Marina Lewycka on 14<sup>th</sup> (2pm) and 28<sup>th</sup> (7pm) of March. We do now have some spare places in our evening group; do contact the bookshop if you are interested.

The children's reading groups are reading *Millions* by Frank Cottrell Boyce, and *Bookworms* at Much Wenlock Primary School are reading *The Ruby in the Smoke* by Philip Pullman.

<http://wenlockbooks.blogspot.com>

Our on-line reading group has launched, but with inevitable technical problems! Do check again on our website or blog if you would like to know more.

#### Literary Evening at Eden with Manda Scott

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DREAMING THE SERPENT

THE MAGNIFICENT NOVEL OF THE  
WORLDS MOST FAMOUS WARRIOR  
QUEEN

"Scott's writing is powerful and subtle, her characters have depth, the plot is impeccable and original' **The Times**.

Manda will be "In conversation" with Anna Dreda on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Eden, 7.30pm. Just a few tickets left, £7.50. Do join us!

#### World Book Day 2007 Thursday March 1st

We are excited to see who the winners of our annual story writing competition for children will be this year! The winning children will meet with author Barbara Mitchelhill for a writing master-class and old-fashioned party tea.

#### Dancing for Joy

"Dance into Spring: a circle dance celebration with Anna Dreda and Zemerchora!"

There will be a day of circle dancing at Clunbury Village Hall on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 coffee for an eleven o'clock start. Shared lunch. Finish at four. All welcome; come and dance with us!

£20. Circle dances are village dances from around the world, predominantly European. Some modern dances are also included, though the majority are traditional. All the dances are taught from scratch and beginners are always welcome.

#### No Shame, No Fear by Ann Turnbull

Two years ago, this book, by local (Madeley) author Ann Turnbull, was shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, and the Whitbread Children's Fiction Award. Now, we are thrilled and proud to announce that the stage version of this brilliant book is being premiered at the Jermyn Street Theatre in London from the 12<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> March. All of us at Wenlock Books would like to warmly congratulate Ann on this exciting development.

#### World Music Concert for the Deaf Africa Fund

We are so pleased to announce this concert, to be held at The Edge on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> to raise money for deaf children in Africa. Artists appearing are Malenka, Shiri, Driftwood and special guest violinist Pete Hartley. Tickets are £7.50 from the bookshop. Please support this event, and have an excellent musical evening at the same time! There will be a bar, a raffle, a presentation and there will be CDs for sale.

#### Sunday Opening

We will resume Sunday opening from the beginning of March until Christmas, 11 – 5pm. Our daily opening hours now are 9 – 5.30 pm Monday – Saturday.

#### Harry Potter!

Saving the big news till last!

The next Harry Potter book, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows will be launched at one minute past midnight on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> at Arley Train Station. We will travel by steam train from Bridgnorth in the late evening hours of Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be all sorts of wonderful happenings both on the train and at the train Station. This is the FINAL Harry Potter book; even if you haven't read the others, get reading now, and come and join in this once in a lifetime celebration!

Please contact the bookshop to register your interest, to order your book, and to book your place on the train. We are still planning and pricing this event but it is filling up already as many of the Half Blood Prince train travellers booked for this event two years ago! Don't delay!

Anna.