

## What's On at Wenlock Books: March 2008

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



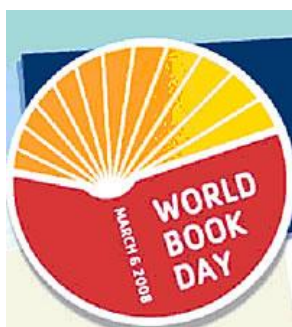
### Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February – 9th March

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, we are serving Fairtrade tea and coffee served with organic milk and Fairtrade chocolate biscuits.

Once you have enjoyed your refreshment, we are asking for donations to support Fairtrade's important work.

Please come and have a coffee or tea break with us. Please give generously!

<< Customers enjoy a Fairtrade Coffee-break.



### Thursday March 6th is World Book Day

and we shall be exchanging children's vouchers as usual. I shall be visiting the Little Acorns Montessori Group in Morville on the morning, and reading to them and joining in a bit of a sing-song!

Our main World Book Day celebration is our annual writing competition for Key Stage 2 children; the winners will meet for a writing Masterclass on Saturday March 8th with novelist Manda Scott. (Entries MUST be in by March 1st)

### 14<sup>th</sup> March – Inspirational Women

On 14th March Ruth Walmsley and I are speaking on the "Inspirational Women" platform at the Telford Women's Day celebrations at the Civic Centre. Ruth will be talking about her work with the Conakry Refugee School and I will be talking about the bookshop (what else!)



### **On Monday March 24th, on Radio 4 at 3.30pm**

Helen Cross will be reading a story which was commissioned by the Reading for Pleasure reading groups here at the bookshop. The story is set in Wenlock at the time of the flooding last summer, and is very good. There will be a story each day of the week commissioned by other reading groups, so you might like to take in the whole experience!

On **Thursday March 27th at 11.30am on Radio 4** there will also be a programme about the process of commissioning the stories and bringing them to radio. The story readings, and the background programme were all recorded at the Birmingham Book Festival last October, and some of us from the bookshop might even be on air!



### **Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Reader's Day at Brook Cottage, Clungunford**

from 11am – 4pm. We will be discussing *Boating for Beginners* by Jeanette Winterson and *Not the End of the World* by Geraldine McCaughrean, set against the backdrop of *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. The cost is £15, and you are asked to bring vegetarian food to share for lunch. Coffee and homemade biscuits will be provided on arrival, and tea and freshly baked scones at the end of the day (so don't expect to leave on time!) All welcome, but booking essential.



### **April 18th 6.30pm Writing Workshop with Roz Goddard.**

Working in conjunction with the West Midlands Readers Network and the Arts Council, this event will be led by former Birmingham Poet Laureate, Roz Goddard. The theme will be "the bookshop". Cost £17/£14. Light refreshments will be served. Minimum age: 15 years – no upper age limit!  
***This event is now sold out.***



### **June 20th An Evening with Persephone Books.**

As part of Wenlock Festival, founder of the Persephone Publishing Company, Nicola Beauman, will be launching her new "Persephone Classics" at Acton Round House, courtesy of Huw and Sue Kennedy.

We will serve Pimms and smoked salmon sandwiches; further details and tickets from the Festival Committee.



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### Reading Groups:

5th: Persephone Reading Group - They Knew Mr. Knight by Dorothy Whipple 2pm

7th: Children's Reading for Pleasure - 4.30pm

12th: Reading for Pleasure - Suite Française by Irène

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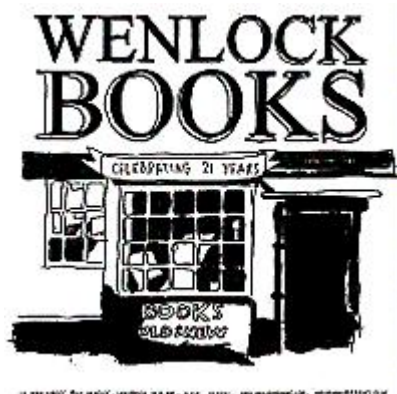
19th: Reading for Pleasure - Suite Française by Irène Némirovsky 7pm

You may be interested to know that we have spaces in both of our Persephone reading groups, so if you'd like to join a group that meets just once every three months to discuss good books (originally published between the 1930s - 1950s in the main) then do please get in touch.



### Looking ahead:

we are planning a reader's tour of Stokesay Court - the setting of the film Atonement, based on the book by Ian McEwan. The cost will be £12.50, to include afternoon tea at Stokesay Court. This will take place on the afternoon of Sunday September 14th. All welcome, booking essential: contact the shop for further details.



### This is the design for our commemorative bags.

It was designed by Monika Flakowska, a final year Graphic Design student from Hereford College of Art and Design.

Doesn't it look great!

*Bye for now,*

*Anna*