



Newsletter

March 2010

Club Nights

Club nights continue to enjoy high attendance as well as a high number of contributions of readings from members.

Visit to Red Barn Studios

Gillian Duncan and her husband Stuart welcomed a group to the studio on 10 November. Members learned about the process of recording and were invited to record a piece they had written. Each person was gifted a souvenir recording of all pieces on CD at the end of the evening. A copy of the CD was subsequently given to Perth Hospital Radio where it was given air time.

Poetry competition

On 17th November A C Clarke visited the group to announce the winners of the competition. The results were:

1st Jim Waite

2nd Janet McKenzie

3rd equal Anne Pack and Ian Steven

All entries received a verbal and written crit and the winning entries were read out. A C Clarke spent most of the meeting with us and gave helpful advice on approaching and writing poetry.

Silent Auction

The annual silent auction took place on 1st December. Almost 100 items were bid for, raising a record sum of £115.

Soutar Theatre Project

The project group led by Margaret Gillies Brown, with assistance from Jim Waite, Gillian Duncan and Anne Pack met in January to finalise the programme content. The Group has since met several times to discuss the order of the programme. The final set list was distributed at the group meeting on 9th March. A rehearsal will be held on 23 March and another will be arranged if required. The event has been included in the listing for Fringe events during Perth Festival of the Arts, which in 2010 forms part of Perth800. The event will take place on 27 May in the Soutar Theatre at 2.30pm.

Olive Lawrie Trophy

Ajay Close, Soutar Fellow and Writer in Residence, adjudicated this competition and visited the group on 23rd February to announce the winners, who were:

1st Jim Waite

2nd Eileen Richardson

3rd Andy Kilgarriff

Ajay expressed pleasure in the number and quality of the entries, and delivered verbal feedback on each piece.

Mary Young

Dr Mary Young, local historian and author, was due to visit the group on 9 March to give a talk on historical research. It was with sadness we learned of Mary's untimely death in February.

Perth Youth Theatre

A number of members met with Jenny McGregor, Artistic Director of Perth Theatre, and some members of the Perth Youth Theatre at the Perth Concert Hall on Tuesday 16 March. Ten short pieces under the theme 'I See You – You See Me' were acted out by the youth group and discussed afterwards.

I hope the above information has been helpful. If you would like more/less please let me know. I am happy to be advised for future editions.

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