

Derry Playhouse Writers

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We Are Moving to St. Columbs!

Playhouse Renovation

The long anticipated renovation of The Playhouse will begin in July. During that time (approximately 18-months) their, and our, temporary location will be St. Columbs Hall. For those of you who don't know where this is, St. Columbs is bounded by the main library, Foyleside Shopping Centre, the Millennium and Badger's Pub. **Beginning on Wednesday, 20 June, Derry Playhouse Writers will meet from 1-4pm in our new place.** Don't know what room just yet but go to The Playhouse St. Columbs office and they will direct you.



Ordering from Amazon

If you ever order books or other things from Amazon, please do so through www.derryplayhousewriters.org. At the bottom of the main page you will find a link to Amazon's website. Click into this, place your order and DPW will receive up to 15% of your order. It costs you no more and will certainly enhance our bank account. Quarterly we receive an accounting of what has been ordered (but not who ordered it!) with the amount we will receive from the orders. The last report stated we have £7.90 in our account. When this reaches £25 we will receive a check from Amazon. Please tell your family & friends to order from our site as well.



New Project

With our move to St. Columbs we will have use of the cinema located there so have come up with the concept of a year-long project: **Read the Book, See the Film.** Once a month we will select a book to read that a film has been based upon. We will ask people to read the book and at the end of the month will see its film. After the film viewing we will hold a discussion about both the book and its screen adaptation. This project will be open to both members of DPW and to the general public as well.

We are submitting a grant application to Awards for All to cover the costs of this project and will let you know in ample time the information as to when the project will begin with a list of the books to read and its film showing.

In the meantime suggestions for books and films will be accepted. We want to exclude books that are classics or films recently shown at the Strand Cinema. Send your suggestions to me at my email address above or bring to our weekly meeting. Some suggestions so far that meet the above criteria are: *The House*, *The Notebook*, *Notes on a Scandal*, *A Map of the World*, *Memoirs of a Geisha*, *Cold Comfort Farm*, *A Thousand Acres*, *The House of Sand and Fog*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *I Captured the Castle*.



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Printer Cartridges

I have located a fabulous place, **Celtic Ink**, to order replacement cartridges for printers at a greatly reduce price that will be delivered to your door. You may order by phone at: +353 (0) 9482727 or via internet at www.celticink.com. They are located on Main Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Donegal. I have ordered several times from them and am very pleased with the results.



Other Writer Groups

There are several other groups in our area that we like to promote. Two of these are: **Poetry Place** which meets the first Thursday of every month at 8pm in the Derry Main Library.

The other is **Derry Scriptwriting Group** who have invited us to attend their meeting on Thursday, 14 June at the Waterside Theatre's Ebrington Centre on Dungiven Road at 7:30pm. There will be readings of works-in-progress to critique and they also invite others to bring their play or film script to share as well. So, if you have, or want to write a script attend their meetings. The group is facilitated by one of our members, Felicity McCall. Also, one of their members, Vin McCullagh will have his debut play, *Why Am I?*, performed at The Playhouse on Artillery Street on 21-23 June, curtain at 8PM.



And We Are Seven

As of 6 May, we began our seventh year. We have met weekly during that time giving aid, comfort and support to writers. So, if you, or other writers you know need to leave your/their lonely garret to touch base and commiserate with other writers and share works-in-progress, please attend our weekly fun-filled meetings!

Newsletter Subscriptions

This is also the time of year that we ask you to contribute £10 to cover the costs of these newsletters. You may either pay with cash when you attend a meeting or send a check made out to Derry Playhouse Writers and send to us at:

5-7 Artillery Street, Derry BT 48 6RG. No Euros please as our bank, Bank of Ireland, charges for converting Euros to Pounds.



Newsletter Submissions

If you have information you wish to share please submit to my email address above or write-up, bring to a meeting or leave in our mail slot in The Playhouse office.

For instance the **Inishowen Summer Gathering** of which our member, Therese Morgan, is one of the organizers will hold its annual event on Inch Island June 30th - July 1. For more info check their website at:

www.inishowensummertgathering.com



Mslexia Magazine Seeks Submissions

We have received a letter from *Mslexia* seeking poetry and short story submissions from women writers for their 'New Writing' section. The deadline for their 'Mirror, Mirror' theme is 15 June. For their next theme 'Gloves', the deadline is 14 September. They pay £50 for each poem published & £15 per 1,000 words for short stories under 3,000 words! This is a most prestigious publication in which to become noticed as a beginning writer. For more information check their website: www.mslexia.co.uk.

