

Welcome to the new Thame N.W.R programme which runs from September 2008 to April 2009. I hope you find plenty of topics in it of interest. We continue to arrange theatre trips, so contact Julie if you wish to see anything in particular. We will also keep an eye on the NWR magazine for any events in our area.

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#### **N.W.R.**

NWR is an international organisation of women's discussion groups. Each group aims to provide its members with the opportunity to take part in stimulating discussions on a wide range of topics of a non-domestic nature, both serious and lighthearted.

#### **AIMS OF THE N.W.R.**

Meet new people  
Find out about new interests  
Join in lively conversation  
And have some fun into the bargain

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**PROGRAMME**

**SEPTEMBER 2008**

**TO**

**APRIL 2009**

Meetings start at 8pm unless otherwise stated.

## 2008

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September Ruth's  
WELCOME BACK "T" PARTY  
For our traditional beginning-of-autumn get-together's it's time for a party! Bring a savoury or sweet dish to share, but its name must start with the letter T.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September Wendy's  
LIFE AND TIMES OF SAMUEL JOHNSON  
To celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth we will research the life of the writer and critic Samuel Johnson, best known for his 'Dictionary of the English Language'.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September Julie's  
MODERN CRIMES IN MODERN TIMES  
ASBOs for loud mobile phone users, community service for dog owners who don't clean up after their pets, driving ban for middle lane hoppers... Suggest suitable punishments for your pet hates.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October Anne's  
NOTABLE WOMEN IN THE THIRD WORLD  
The NWR's theme for 2008 is Third World Women. We will discuss significant women from the developing world such as Benazir Bhutto, Eva Peron and Winnie Mandela.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October Tina's  
AUTUMN ABUNDANCE  
We will celebrate autumn. Bring along appropriate food to share and readings or pictures germane to the season.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November Jane's  
NWR TELEPHONE TREASURE TRAIL  
Godalming NWR have organised this year's quiz, so bring along brainpower and reference books. Wine and nibbles will be provided for stimulation.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November Wendy's  
ASTRONOMY  
In 2009 the world will celebrate the International Year of Astronomy to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Galileo's use of a telescope to study the night sky. From meteors to Martians, what fascinates you?

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December Sue's  
CHRISTMAS PARTY!  
Bring some festive food to celebrate this joyous time of year. Wine will be served...

## 2009

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January Judi's  
NEW YEAR PARTY  
The EU has declared 2009 to be the European Year of Creativity and Innovation so we'll bring some appropriate dishes to celebrate its arrival!

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Tina's  
1969 AND ALL THAT  
The first men on the moon, trial flights of Concorde, in vitro human egg fertilization, Chappaquiddick, Bernadette Devlin. We will examine key events of 1969.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Anne's  
SYNTHETIC SOCIETY  
To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Bakelite, the first synthetic plastic, we will look at its impact from Leo Baekeland's laboratory to our living rooms.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February Jane's  
DARWIN: THE BIG PICTURE  
More anniversaries! The year 2009 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of 'On the Origin of Species' and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Darwin's birth, so we will look at his research and his legacy.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Ruth's  
PLANNING  
Come along with your requests for meetings for the next 6 months. Wine and nibbles will be available to stimulate ideas.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March Sue's  
ASPECTS OF IRELAND  
Whatever fascinates you about Ireland, its history, geography, culture, politics, folklore, flora or fauna, we'll share our selections.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Tina's  
VIDEO EVENING  
We will be looking for suggestions for an entertaining/stimulating film to watch to be followed by a discussion of its theme.