

PENFRIENDS

It's rather wonderful, I think,
When friends are made by pen and ink.
A piece of paper black and white,
Someone decides that she will write
To someone she has never seen,
Who lives where she has never been.
A pen becomes a magic wand,
Two strangers start to correspond.
Not strangers long but soon good friends;
Just note how their letter ends,
How pleasant their exchange of views,
The comments on important news.
Two friends who live quite far apart
Can gladden much each others heart,
Can nourish too each others mind
With goodly thoughts in letters kind.
It's truly beautiful, I think,
The friendship sprung from pen and ink.

Anon.

NWR PENFRIEND SCHEME

In this age of electronic communication and busy, busy lives, there seems to be little room for people to sit and down and write a letter. This can be a most rewarding hobby as, in my experience, I find penfriendships very special. I feel very close to my penfriends and share things with them that I might not share with my "real" friends. Penfriends are good listeners - they can't tell you to shut up!

Receiving a chatty letter is great - sit and read it over a cuppa and it is like having a chat with a good friend, albeit one sided! An email is great and fast but it just isn't quite the same!

With an NWR pal you can exchange programmes and share ideas, if there is no group near you it is a good way of feeling part of NWR and getting to know other members. You could always arrange to meet up with penpals at Conference or at a day workshop.

Why not give it a try? I can guarantee you hours of pleasure, friendship, fun and the support of a loyal friend in difficult times.

Just send me brief details of yourself (+ your age if you want to), group name or if you are an individual member, your hobbies/ interests and 2 second class stamps. Your details will be sent to 3 other members and you will, in time, receive the names of 3 ladies to write to. It may take quite a while depending on interest at the time you apply, please be patient! Please note that I cannot match people specifically as there just aren't enough people applying but if you have a special request I will do my best to oblige!

A final thought...

We have never met and yet
We know each other very well.
It may be that the written word
Says more than tongue can tell.
Just a paper friendship that you'd think would
fade away
With the changes in our lives that come from
day to day.
Much has happened, things have altered,
Friends have come and gone,
Time has passed but this our lovely friendship
Still goes on.



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