

Elizabeth Horrocks – author      The Edge of Doom

On Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, I had my (first) novel published! I'm enormously excited by it all. It is published by Pegasus, under their Vanguard imprint, which is for new writers, and is available via Amazon, Waterstones and Cheshire libraries.

I started writing it as a result of two exercises given at the Creative Writing Class I've been attending in Winsford (Mid Cheshire College) since 2006. One was to write a story which started with a helicopter, rather than cars, on the College car park, and that is still there, right at the beginning of the book!

The Book is called "The Edge of Doom", and is a time travelling fantasy, based largely round Alderley Edge. Naturally, it involves the legend of Alderley, and, although it is not apparent at first, it also draws on the legends surrounding King Arthur and Merlin. That said, it is also a love story, and there are passing references to Guiding – including some singing round a campfire.

The cover features one of the main characters – a dragon called Olwen. Despite the fantasy element, it is for adults, or at least a 15+ rating. I think it could go down well with Senior Section Groups, and I would be willing to talk about it to them – or to other appropriate groups, of course.

It has been a terrific experience, and the process of getting a book published is fascinating, if occasionally painful. I am over half way through writing a sequel to the first, and the whole is planned as a trilogy.

If anyone would like to chat about the fun of writing a novel, or ask questions, please do contact me on 01625 582839