



# LETCHWORTH ADULT EDUCATIONAL SETTLEMENT

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## NEWSLETTER



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### **INDOOR FLEA MARKET**

**Saturday 28th  
February**

**9 am – 12 Noon**

**Admission 30p**

**Refreshments available**

To hire a stall, please contact the office.  
Tables cost £7 each.

Volunteers required to run the Refreshments  
and The Settlement Stall.

### **JOIN UP FOR 2004**

There is still time to put those New Year's resolutions into practice by joining one of The Settlement's many recreational courses from textiles such as patchwork & quilting, machine embroidery or creative stitchery, to flower arranging, sugar crafts & foreign languages. Or try something to get those sluggish limbs going – line dancing is proving very popular with all ages and levels of fitness, and there are still some spaces on yoga and keep fit classes. Details of these and many other courses are advertised in the 2003/4 brochure or around The Settlement and town. If you have lost your brochure or would like to pass one to a friend, call in at the Settlement Office. It's never too late to join in.

### **PRIZE CLUB**

#### **Support The Settlement Prize Club!**

For just £10 per year you have a chance to win in the monthly prize draw and also support The Settlement.

Application forms will be available in the second half of January. Ask in the office for details.

## **Chairman's Message**

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back. I hope you're all feeling invigorated after a good rest. I'm certainly looking forward to getting back to my courses, only wish I had the time for more, there are so many good subjects on offer. The Programme Committee are now busy planning for next year so if you have any special preferences please tell Sarah now. I sincerely hope that on returning we'll find the car park finished. It's all taken longer than expected [why is this always the case?] but they appear to have done a very good job. Our thanks are due to the Heritage Foundation who have managed and paid for this work. During the process of the work it became obvious that the emergency exit ramp had to be removed in order to cure the damp going through to the hall wall and a new path laid, but I think they've managed this without spoiling the garden. I must admit Sarah and I are very glad the old ramp never had to be used, the gradient was quite steep! As soon as conditions permit we'll get the car park markings repainted to aid neat parking. Please do make sure you don't straddle 2 areas when you park, it causes great frustration to those who follow you in and can't park.

Apart from our courses this term there are quite a few activities planned. We're running a Quiz and Supper on March 27th, the usual Flea Market on February 28th, and there's another Bridge Drive on March 5th [note the change of date]. This will be Chicago scoring and there will be good prizes and a lovely home made tea. Application forms are available in the office now. The Spring Fair will be on 15th May and we're also hoping to organise a Talents Auction. We do rely quite heavily on fund raising [and donations] to boost our income so please continue to give your support. If you have any ideas for fund raising activities we'd be delighted to hear from you, also if you would like to join the team to help organise, [it really is good fun]. Like any organisation we need an influx of new faces [and muscles] from time to time!

Enjoy the term and I look forward to seeing you around and perhaps even being able to talk to you.

**Pat Ellis, Chairman**

## **Manager's Notes**

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES AND CARDS**

There are still some membership fees outstanding for 2003/4 and also some people have paid but not yet had their cards updated. Please call in at the Settlement Office if you think that this applies to you. The membership fees are an important part of the Settlement's income, helping us to keep our charges at a competitive level.

### **ROOMS TO LET**

Although The Settlement seems to be constantly buzzing with activity, there are times when rooms lie unused. In particular, this applies to some of the smaller classrooms where we could currently accommodate a group activity on Mondays and Tuesdays during the daytime or evening. At present the Brunt Room is also free on Monday and Tuesday evenings. If you are looking for somewhere to meet, or know of a group or activity that is looking for a home, contact Sarah Carrick in the Office.

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## Visits

The following visits are now booking:

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| Saturday 17 January  | Gothic Exhibition at Victoria & Albert Museum                             |
| Thursday 22 January  | The Mansion House   |
| Saturday 21 February | <i>All's Well That Ends Well</i> at Gielgud Theatre, starring Judi Dench. |
| Saturday 13 March    | <i>Democracy</i> by Michael Frayn, at The National Theatre.               |
| Saturday 5 June      | Stratford upon Avon. <i>Macbeth</i> and <i>Tamar's Revenge</i>            |
| Saturday 7 August    | Stratford upon Avon. <i>Hamlet</i> and <i>Dog in A Manger</i>             |
| Tuesday 5 October    | Windsor Castle – Great Kitchen Tour.                                      |

Other Visits Planned – Details will be sent out later in the year:

|                    |   |
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| Sunday 20 June     | BBC Gardeners' World Live at NEC Birmingham   |
| Saturday 21 August | Festival of Quilts at NEC Birmingham          |
| Friday 8 October   | Knitting & Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace |

Tolethorpe – the 2004 programme is not yet available.

Please let me know if your name needs to be added to the Visits Mailing list.

**R.A. Evans, Visits Department.**

## News from Settlement Groups

**Letchworth Art Society** will be holding a Spring Exhibition from Saturday 16th April until Saturday 1st May in the room above Letchworth Library. Original paintings will be for sale. Open daily 10am to 5pm (except Wednesday and Sunday.) Admission Free.

**Letchworth Camera Club:** The Annual Exhibition will be held at Letchworth Museum and Art Gallery in the Broadway from 1st May until 29th May.

**RSPB:** **February 6th:** *Birds and Temples of India*, by Barrie Mason. **March 5th:** *Red Kite Country—Mid-Wales*, by Mike Read. **March 26th:** *Shetland—Iceland* by Ann and Phil Farrer. **May 7th:** *Welney through the seasons*, by Debbie McKenzie. All meetings 7:30pm in the Kincaid Hall. Details from Jean Crystal, 01462 433912

**Letchworth Naturalists' Society:** **January 13th:** *Landscapes and wildlife of the Northumberland Coast*, by Brian Sawford. **February 10th:** *Life Under the Sea*, by Ken Sullivan. **March 9th:** *AGM and Members' Evening*. **April 13th:** *Red Squirrels and Hazel Dormice—worth saving?* By David Stapleton. All meetings 7:30 pm in the Kincaid Hall. Details from Judie Starkey, 01462 632171

**Letchworth Little Theatre Drama Festival:** **April 1-3** . See 3 different one-act plays each evening performed by visiting teams. Tickets available from David's Music in March. Season tickets available for all 3 nights at a reduced price.

**Settlement Players** Reading of One Act play for the Drama Festival Entry: **Thursday 22 January**, 8pm. Reading for June Production : **Thursday 29 January**, 8pm. Details of both readings from Peter & Claire Fleming, 01462 627332  
Congratulations to Settlement Players Member **Ivan Phillips**. Ivan has won the *BBC Get Writing with Canterbury Tales Short Story Competition*. His winning entry, *Nun's Priest's Tale*, will be broadcast on **BBC Radio 4 on Friday 6 February at 3:30 pm**.

## Christmas Raffle

A big thank you to all those who donated items for the Christmas Hamper Raffle, organised by Spanish Tutor Laura Ortega-Rubio, also to all who bought tickets raising £94 for Settlement funds. The winners were Mrs Hollands, Joyce d'Chuna, Shirley Berrett, Angela Patchett and Dorothy Brown. Congratulations to them and we hope that they enjoyed the goodies.

**COFFEE MORNING : Saturday 13 March**, 10 am—12 noon in aid of Settlement funds. Bring & Buy Stall. Offers of cakes and items for the stall and also offers of help will be very welcome.

**SPRING FAIR & PLANT SALE: Saturday 15 May**. Put the date in your new diary now! Start thinking about what your group/class will do for this year's fair. Sarah will contact each Group/Class in March. New ideas welcomed!

**Newspapers** We are still collecting old newspapers, and getting some income for this, so please keep them coming! Please put them in the blue/white skips at the end of the car park.

**Please remember to inform the office of any changes in address or telephone number**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2004

|                 |               |                    |  |                  |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>JANUARY</b>  | 13th          | Naturalists        | <i>Landscapes of the Northumberland Coast</i>        | 7:30 p.m.        |
|                 | 17th          | Settlement Visit   | Gothic Exhibition at Victoria & Albert Museum        |                  |
|                 | 22nd          | Settlement Players | Play Reading   | 8 p.m.           |
|                 | 22nd          | Settlement Visit   | The Mansion House                                    |                  |
|                 | 29th          | Settlement Players | Play Reading   | 8 p.m.           |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b> | 6th           | RSPB               | <i>Birds and Temples of India</i>                    | 7:30 p.m.        |
|                 | 10th          | Naturalists        | <i>Life under the Sea</i>                            | 7:30 p.m.        |
|                 | 12th-14th     | Settlement Players | Play: <i>Tartuffe</i> , by Molière                   | 7:45 p.m.        |
|                 | 21st          | Settlement Visit   | <i>All's Well that Ends Well</i>                     |                  |
|                 | <b>28th</b>   |                    | <b>INDOOR FLEA MARKET</b>                            | <b>9-12 noon</b> |
| <b>MARCH</b>    | 5th           | RSPB               | <i>Red kite country—Mid Wales</i>                    | 7:30 p.m.        |
|                 | 5th           |                    | Bridge Drive   | 2 pm             |
|                 | 9th           | Naturalists        | AGM and Members' Evening                             | 7:30 p.m.        |
|                 | 13th          | Settlement Visit   | <i>Democracy</i> , at the National Theatre           |                  |
|                 | <b>13th</b>   |                    | <b>COFFEE MORNING and BRING &amp; BUY SALE</b>       | <b>10-12</b>     |
|                 | 26th          | RSPB               | <i>Shetland—Iceland</i>                              | 7:30 p.m.        |
|                 | <b>27th</b>   |                    | <b>QUIZ EVENING</b>                                  | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>APRIL</b>    | 1st-3rd       |                    | Letchworth Little Theatre Drama Festival             | 7:30 p.m.        |
|                 | 13th          | Naturalists        | <i>Red Squirrels and Hazel Dormice—worth saving?</i> | 7:30 p.m.        |
|                 | 16th– 1st May | Art Society        | Art Exhibition, Letchworth Library                   |                  |
| <b>MAY</b>      | 1st-29th      | Camera Club        | Exhibition, Letchworth Museum, Broadway              |                  |
|                 | 7th           | RSPB               | <i>Welney through the Seasons</i>                    | 7:30 p.m.        |
|                 | <b>15th</b>   |                    | <b>SPRING FAIR AND PLANT SALE</b>                    | <b>9:30—12</b>   |

*Letchworth Settlement is an independent Adult Education Centre*

### Would you like to advertise your event or business in this newsletter?

Publication is 3 times a year in January, May and October.  
Advertisements accepted at the discretion of the Manager and  
if space is available. Call the office for details on 682828.

### QUIZ 'n' SUPPER EVENING

**Saturday 27th March: 7 for 7:30 pm**

Choice of Fish, Chicken, Vegetarian option ... and chips!

Tickets £8 each or £56 for a table of 8  
available from the office in mid -January.

Proceeds in aid of Settlement Funds.

**SETTLEMENT PLAYERS  
PRESENT:**

# *TARTUFFE*

**By Molière.**

**Thursday– Saturday  
12-13-14 February**

**Directed by Diana Evans**

**Tickets £5 from David's Music**



Deadline for contributions for the next issue is 1st April 2004 (to be published early May)  
Diary dates required for events May to September.