



LETCHWORTH ADULT EDUCATIONAL SETTLEMENT

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NEWSLETTER



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Letchworth Settlement
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Spring Fair & Plant Sale
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Saturday 15th May
9:30am to 12 noon

Plants * Bric-a-brac * Cake Stall * Books * Refreshments
Raffle * White Elephant * Arts & Crafts * Whole Foods

Admission 50p - In aid of Settlement funds

Not to be missed!

Please let us know if you can help us with this major fundraising event.

Chairman's Message

It has been a busy few months at The Settlement. When is it not I hear you say! I am constantly surprised at the number and variety of activities arranged for us and we owe much of this to our Programme Committee. They have been extremely busy of late finalizing the Programme for next year and there are a number of innovations and new courses, both cerebral and practical. We do cater for all possibilities don't we? More detail in Sarah's Manager's Report.

We've also enjoyed some very successful fund raising events. These are important not only for the extra revenue but for the new people who come in to The Settlement. We are constantly trying to think of new ideas here too and any suggestions would be gratefully received.

I have noticed a few new people giving time to help out in various capacities. This is very encouraging. We would welcome anyone else who either has a some regular time per week to help out in the office or who would be prepared to be called on for help at functions. We try not to "over use" the same people for obvious reasons. The main areas where we need help is in setting up tables for functions, assisting with refreshments, acting as door keeper etc. all fairly easy if enough people are there to help. We try to maintain a list of volunteers so please don't be shy about adding your name to it!

I hope you've noticed that the car park is at last almost finished. The hold -up was caused by the Heritage Foundation having to get planning permission for a fence around the chimney area now that there is quite a drop from the edge of the driveway. We are very grateful to them for doing the work which will have removed the cause of the damp in the hall wall. This area will be repainted once it has thoroughly dried out. The parking lines are being repainted as weather permits, please do try to park within the confines of parking spaces and not straddle 2 slots. This can be very irritating when the car park is full, which it invariably is.

Financially we are told we are holding our position this year...very encouraging! We now have a working budget which we are sticking to so there won't be any further redecoration this year as the money has been used up in replacing tables, repairing the boiler, planting out the garden, replacing carpets in rooms 1 and 3. I think you will agree that the whole place is looking very smart and has a "feel good" factor about it. Much of this is of course down to our very efficient manager and her excellent staff who always seem to have time to talk and make us feel welcome.

Now we look forward to the summer and hopefully some lovely weather when we'll all be doing other outside things, but I hope that you will still be down at the Settlement enjoying the courses and activities. See you there!

Pat Ellis, Chairman

News from Settlement Groups

Letchworth Camera Club

The Annual Exhibition of Letchworth Camera Club will be held at Letchworth Museum and Art Gallery in the Broadway from 1st May until 29th May 2004.

Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Members Group

Friday 7th May Welney through the Seasons. Debbie McKenzie from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust takes a year-round look at the birds of Welney. The talk will be preceeded by a short AGM from 7:30pm.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with and/or attended the Quiz evening on 27th March. This enjoyable evening raised over £600 for Settlement funds.

The Settlement In Stitches

An exhibition of textiles
at The Settlement
28th – 31st May 2004
10:00am – 4:00pm
Free admission

Deadline for contributions for the next issue - 1st September

Manager's Notes

We are very pleased that the well-established Music Place in Letchworth has started to run instrumental tuition for adults and children in the upstairs rooms on Saturdays. They offer tuition in a range of instruments from guitar to saxophone and find The Settlement ideal for this.

We have long been asked whether we would run Salsa classes at The Settlement. One of our problems has been finding a time when the hall is free, but we have decided to try out a lunchtime session on Thursdays. Get in touch with the office if you would like more details.

Plans for the programme for September 2004 are already well underway and we should have the brochure ready for the end of May. All members will automatically receive one, but if you have not paid up this year you may miss out! If you want to check that you are on the list, or know of somebody who would be interested in getting a brochure, please let us know in the office. We shall also be at the Garden City Summer Day on 3rd July, handing out brochures and telling people about The Settlement and its activities. Offers of help for an hour or two that day would be most welcome.

Although many of the courses have now finished for the summer, particularly the Cambridge extra-mural courses, there are still lots of activities planned. Margaret Davis is following up her popular series of lectures on Renaissance in Florence, and most of the crafts and textiles courses will be carrying on. There are also a number of interesting summer workshops as follows. Book now in the office to make sure of a place.

Saturday 22nd May, 10am to 4pm or Saturday 17th July, 10am to 4pm
Introduction to Digital Photography - Tutor: Hemant Jariwala, renowned landscape Photographer.
Fee £20

Saturday 11th June, 10am to 4pm
Tie & Dye - Tutor: Helen Deighan of Crossways Patch
Techniques for making wonderful patterns on fabric – folded, twisted, scrunched or sewn.
Dyes and solutions included. Fee £20

Wednesday 9th June, 10am to 4pm
Create an Heirloom. Tutor: Christina Renwick
Transform an old decorative handkerchief into a framed heirloom using lace, buttons, beads and stichery. Fee £20

Sarah Carrick, Manager

Settlement Players present

THEFT

By Eric Chappell

Produced by Claire Fleming



**Thursday 17th to Saturday 19th
June, 7.45pm**

Tickets available from David's Music, price £5

University of Cambridge
Institute of Continuing Education
Students' Day

Saturday 19th June 2004

At Madingley Hall, Madingley, Cambridge.

A day of informal events open to the Institute's students to celebrate the Local Centres' Union, a chance to meet other students from around the region and to hear more about the Institute's wide range of activities. If you would like to attend please pick up a form from The Common Room.

Letchworth Settlement Visits

Saturday 5 th June	Theatre visit to Stratford-Upon-Avon. Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Macbeth and Tamar's Revenge.
Tuesday 15 th June	Visit to National Gallery as part of Margaret Davis' course. Bookings for this open on 7 th May
Sunday 20 th June	Gardener's World Live at NEC Birmingham
Tuesday 20 th July	Theatre visit to Tolethorpe Hall. The Merchant of Venice (not many places left)
Saturday 7 th August	Theatre visit to Stratford-Upon-Avon. Hamlet and Dog in the Manger
Saturday 21 st August	Festival of Quilts at NEC Birmingham
Tuesday 5 th October	The Great Kitchen Tour at Windsor Castle
Friday 8 th October	Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace
Saturday 23 rd October	Apple Tasting at RHS Wisley
Saturday 6 th November	George III Exhibition at The Queen's gallery Bookings for this open in July

Booking forms available in the common room or by telephoning 686321. Details have been sent to all those on the Visits mailing list. Suggestions always welcome.

Roy Evans, Visits Department

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June 12pm – 7pm**

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Exhibition of Water Colour Paintings

by

**John Avey and
Ken Woodruff**

In the Letchworth Museum
Art Gallery

From Saturday 5th June to
Saturday 3rd July 2004

Approximately 60 original
paintings will be on display
and for sale