



## Chairman's Message

It is wonderful to see The Settlement being so well used, and for this we must thank our tutors, the staff, members and other users. We also have an active Management Committee working behind the scenes and I am very pleased to welcome three new members who have joined recently: Priscilla Macrae, Roger McIntyre-Brown and John Smith. They are already working hard and actively supporting us in different ways.

Among the many functions of the Committee is the organising of fund-raising events. Last month's Bridge Drive raised £571 (incidentally, we now have a thriving Bridge class on a Friday morning and would welcome those who have recently taken it up); we hope for a good response to the Flea Market on 19<sup>th</sup> February and we look forward to the Spring Fair. As always, we would welcome offers of help on the day.

### **Courses and workshops in the Summer Term:**

Easter is very early this year and you may well be looking for something of interest for the months leading up to the summer holidays. Many of the existing Settlement courses will carry on into the Summer term, but here are some new ones. It's not too early to book for them:

#### **Venetian Splendour - Tutor: Ann Hollingsworth**

What makes Venetian art different? This ten week course will compare Venetian art with that from other parts of Italy and consider the city's development, unique landscape and trade with the East. It will include a study of paintings, mosaics and architecture up to 1600. Mondays 1.45 – 3.45 pm starting on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **The Architecture of London - Tutor: Madeline Edmead**

London is a city full of surprises. This ten week course will survey some of the buildings that make our capital city so fascinating, and explore what they tell us about its growth and different roles. Tuesdays, 10 am to 12 noon, starting on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **'Feasts and Food of the Middle East' – Study day on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Wafa Tarnowska, expert on Arab Culture and a former tutor at Letchworth Settlement will be running this second study day in her series on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

#### **Lampshade making workshop – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Spend the day making lampshades to suit your home décor. Linda King of Talinca Interiors will demonstrate and help you, using your own materials or fabrics supplied by her. She will also have frames, lining and braids available for sale. Course restricted to 10 people to ensure maximum attention.

#### **Tie and Dye workshop – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Popular tutor, Helen Deighan will be returning to The Settlement for another of her messy but enjoyable days of colour. You can be assured of producing some beautiful fabric effects under her expert guidance, for use in any number of crafts and projects.

#### **Language courses**

There is a continuing and steady interest in learning foreign languages, but, although we have tutors ready and waiting, we cannot start up without a minimum number of students. Are you interested in joining a class for beginners in French (Thursday evenings) or Greek (Thursday mornings), starting after Easter? If you, we would like to hear from you.

We are already putting together the programme of courses and activities for September onwards. The brochure should be out at the beginning of June.

**Sarah Carrick, Manager**

## News from Settlement Groups

### Hitchin and Letchworth RSPB Members' Group

**Friday 1st April** - "Birdwatching in Israel"

**Friday 6th May** - "Rarities and Scilly Twitching"

Each talk 7:30pm - £2 to non-members  
Contact Gary Taylor on 01462 631339

### Letchworth Art Society Spring Exhibition of Paintings

On the first floor above Letchworth Library  
from Saturday 9th April to Saturday 23rd April 2005

Opening times 10:30am - 5pm each day  
except Wednesday - admission free

**INVEST IN AN ORIGINAL!**

## GARDENING CLUB

**Tuesday 22nd March**

Talk on Spring Flowers from Joe Sharman

**Tuesday 26th April**

Members evening

**Tuesday 24th May**

Plant collecting in China - a talk from Sally Pettit  
from Cambridge University Botanic Gardens

The Gardening Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of  
every month at 7:30pm. The evenings include  
gardening discussions, talks, demonstrations,  
plant raffles and plant exchanges. All welcome.  
£2 per meeting.

For further details contact  
Heather Leach on 01462 682106

## SPIRITUAL HEALING

Talks plus the laying on of hands giving people  
the opportunity to share their troubles.  
Tuesdays 1:45pm - 3:45pm

LETCHWORTH SINFONIA

CLASSICAL CONCERT AT  
THE SETTLEMENT.

Classical concert to include Mozart's  
Sinfonia Concertante in E Flat for  
solo wind and orchestra and  
Beethoven's 2nd Symphony in D.

19TH JUNE, 7:30PM



### Letchworth Camera Club Annual Exhibition

**26th February - 26th March**

**The annual exhibition of  
Letchworth Camera Club will be  
held in the Art Gallery at  
Letchworth Museum, Broadway.**

First Garden City Ladies' Group

11th April 2:00pm

"Lust, Dust and Cobwebs"  
a talk by Mrs S Fisher

9th May 2:00pm

"The Wonderful World of Willow"  
a talk by Mrs S Barker

13th June 2:00pm

"Flashback to 2003"  
a talk by Alan Howard

11th July 2:00pm

"A Visit to India - 4 weeks in the Punjab"  
A talk by Ken Burton

Kincaid Hall - 50p for visitors

Contact Wendy Gould for details on  
01462 676068

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2005

### FEBRUARY

26th - 26th March

Letchworth Camera Club  
Annual Exhibition

Letchworth Museum and Art Gallery

### MARCH

18th

VISITS

City of London Guided Walk

22nd

Gardening Club

Talk on Spring Flowers from Joe Sharman

### APRIL

1st

RSPB Members' Group

"Birdwatching in Israel"

7:30pm

7th - 9th

DRAMA FESTIVAL

A Feast of drama not to be missed

7:30pm

9th - 23rd

Letchworth Art Society

Spring Exhibition of Paintings

11th

First Garden City Ladies Group

"Lust, Dust and Cobwebs" a talk by Mrs S Fisher

2:00pm

23rd

VISITS

Turner, Whistler & Monet at Tate Britain

### MAY

6th

RSPB Members' Group

"Rarities and Scilly Twitching"

7:30pm

14th

**PLANT SALE & SPRING FAIR**

**NOT TO BE MISSED!**

9:30am

24th

Gardening Club

Talk on Plant Collecting in China

7:30pm

### **Visits**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

City of London Guided Walk

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April \*

Turner, Whistler & Monet at Tate Britain –Now Fully Booked.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

'Merry Wives of Windsor' at Tolethorpe Hall – Now Fully Booked.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Hampton Court Flower Show

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July \*

'Comedy of Errors' / 'Sejanus, His Fall' Stratford –upon-Avon

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

'The Alchemist' at Tolethorpe Hall

Details will be available in the Common Room by late March for:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Clarence House and Buckingham Palace

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Festival of Quilts at NEC Birmingham

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Greenwich – Napoleon and Nelson Exhibition

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace

*\*Please note: application  
by early March needed  
for some concessionary  
tickets.*

Bookings for these visits will open 18<sup>th</sup> April 2005

Future Visit :

22 April 2006

RHS Hyde Hall

Further information will be placed on the Common Room Notice Board or circulated to those who have indicated that they wish to receive details by post. Settlement Visits 226 Nevells Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 4UB

### **Roy Evans, Visits Department**

## Letchworth Little Theatre

### DRAMA FESTIVAL

*Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th April  
7:30pm*

A feast of drama not to be missed. Teams from far and wide, including our own, will compete over three nights with short plays of the highest quality. A wonderful opportunity to learn from the performances of many other societies. Buy a season ticket for all three nights!

Tickets available from David's music.

## Twenty Six Club

The club for retired gentlemen meets on alternate Thursday mornings at 10:00am for 10:30am in the Brunt Room. Speakers talk on a variety of subjects of local and topical interest.

Membership details from secretary  
Desmond Rix on 01462 673158.