



# LETCHWORTH ADULT EDUCATIONAL SETTLEMENT

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## NEWSLETTER



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### **LETCHWORTH SETTLEMENT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm**

**In the Kincaid Hall**

Please ensure that you attend this important meeting.

All Settlement Members are entitled to vote.

Settlement Players present

### **DEATHTRAP**

By Ira Levin



**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7.45pm**

Produced by Ruth Ferguson

Tickets available from David's Music, Eastcheap. Price £5

**Chairman's Report** I must congratulate the programme committee on the excellent variety of courses again provided, and well done Sarah on making it all happen. Many of you will be aware that we have successfully negotiated with Network Rail to develop the land at the rear of our car park which will allow for another 24 + spaces, depending on tidy parking! When we have the final contract from the solicitors the work will be carried out. This should take about 4/5 weeks and will obviously cause some disruption which we will do our best to minimise with careful timing but we ask your indulgence. Perhaps you would be able to car share or even some of you walk to ease the situation. Thank you in anticipation! We hope to see your group represented at the Council meetings this year with your points of view and suggestions.

**Pat Ellis, Chairman**

**The New Term:** Classes and groups are already well underway and there has been a very healthy enrolment. It is good to see the place buzzing again after the Summer break. We are pleased to be able to put on a number of courses as a result of student demand: a new French Beginners class and one for Advanced French Conversation, a Settlement Poetry class (as opposed to a Cambridge one), a Beginners Bridge class and a Writers' workshop. Sarah is always pleased to have ideas from members about new courses and groups, although space is now pretty tight!

**Christmas Card Workshop: Sat 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
Make your own cards for Christmas and other occasions. Tutor : Barbara Carey. 10am - 1pm  
£25 including materials.

**Christmas Flowers Dayschool**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 1pm**  
Create beautiful floral arrangements for Christmas gifts or decorations. £13.50 plus materials. Tutor: Ione Woodger-Smith

**Chair Canework Dayschool**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2006 : 10am - 4 pm**  
Learn a range of techniques to work on projects at home. Practice various stages leading to a completed chair. Tutor : Audrey Powell. £25.

**Contact The Office now to Reserve your place!**

### **In Memoriam**

**Terri Sorrell:** Yoga teacher. Terri's sudden death in May was a great shock and loss to us all at The Settlement. Her students and friends have donated a bush rose and two climbing roses to us. Thank you and also our thanks to Pat Castell for stepping in to take Terri's classes. She also helped us find our new teacher, Nicki Smyth.

**Margret Lupton:** many of you will have known Margret as a regular member of Settlement classes and before that as a singer with the former Settlement Choir. She was also a founder member of the Letchworth Garden City Society and active with so many other local organisations. Margret died in August. She will be remembered with affection and admiration by those who knew her and we must give special thanks to those who have made donations to Letchworth Settlement in her memory.

### **Kincaid Hall Chairs**

You will have noticed by now that we have recently acquired 130 new chairs in the Kincaid Hall. These have replaced the old ones which served us well for the last 40 years, but were beginning to need urgent attention. Hopefully you will find the new chairs comfortable.

### **Letchworth Settlement Visits : Forthcoming Visits Now Booking**

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> November** Rubens : Master in the Making : National Gallery.  
**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> December** *Twelfth Night*—Royal Shakespeare Company . Novello Theatre, London  
**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> January 2006** *Degas, Sickert and Toulouse-Lautrec* Exhibition at Tate Britain  
**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> February** *Speaking Like Magpies*. Royal Shakespeare Company at Trafalgar Studios, London. This new play deals with the background to the infamous Gunpowder Plot of 1605.  
**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2006** *Romeo & Juliet* and *Antony & Cleopatra*. RSC, Stratford-Upon-Avon.  
**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> August 2006** *Julius Caesar* and *Much Ado About Nothing*. RSC, Stratford Upon Avon.

Other 2006 visits planned include: **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April** : RHS Hyde Hall.

A Visit to the RHS Malvern Spring Show is being considered on 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> May.

From time to time help would be appreciated to help with computer work so as not to over-burden those who already do such excellent work in producing Visits literature so such a good standard. Any volunteers, please ?

**Booking forms are available in the Common Room.** Please telephone 686321 if you would like forms posting out to you. Please let me know if you would like to be added to the visits mailing list. Ideas for future visits always welcome. Please send to 226 Nevells Road, Letchworth Garden City. **Roy Evans, Visits Department**

## News from Settlement Groups

### Letchworth Naturalists' Society

Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 pm in the Kincaid Hall.

Enquiries to : Mrs G Mahoney, 673206

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** : *Natural History—a Photographer's View* by Barry Hilling

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** : *Landscapes & Wildlife of Pembrokeshire* by Brian Sawford

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** : *Pond and River Life* by Barry Kaufmann-Wright.

### Letchworth Gardening Club

**Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** : Geoff Kingsworth, *Wildlife Gardening*

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>** : Trevor Gunton, *Birds in the Garden*

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** : Peter Walker, *December Delights*

All meetings in the Kincaid Hall at 7:30 pm

Enquiries to Heather Leech; 01462 682106 .

### Letchworth Art Society

**Annual Exhibition 29 October - 26 November.**

Letchworth Museum & Art Gallery, Broadway.

10-5 Daily, except Wednesday & Sunday.

**Settlement Players** The Players are currently recruiting new members. Budding Actors, Directors, and anyone interested in Set-Building, Lighting, Sound, Props etc., are all welcome.

Please contact Sam Powell on 01462 630735 or email sampowell2@hotmail.com

**The February Production will be 9-11 February 2006.** Please see publicity nearer the time.

### Letchworth Recorded Music Society

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> : *A feeling for light & shade*: David Colbeck

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> : *More B is for...* - Judie Starkey

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> : *Entente Musicale* - Stan Chapman

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> : Member's video Evening

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> : AGM & Member's Choice

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> : *Nasty Horrid Modern Music* - Dennis Day

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> : *The Shostakovich Enigma* -Mervyn Miller

Meetings 7:30 pm. Contact Dave Sherriff, 683467

## HELP ! PIANIST WANTED

**The Settlement Keep Fit Club is looking for a pianist to play for us for an hour on a Tuesday Morning.** It need not be every week—every 2-4 weeks would be fine and we will pay. Sadly, our pianist died last year but I do have a tape of her playing which demonstrates the sort of music we like. If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact Jan Grimsey on 01462 42248. email jan.grimsey@ntlworld.com

**RSPB** All meetings on 1st Friday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Kincaid Hall. Contact Gary Taylor, 631339

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>** : Gordon Langsbury : *Apache Winter.*

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** : Steve Halton : *A Year Wardening on Skokholm.*

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** : Ian Rowlands :

*Scotland—The Wilderness on your Doorstep*

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** : Barry Kaufmann-Wright : *Jersey Zoo and the work of Gerald Durrell.*

**Visit to the Festival of Quilts** On August 20<sup>th</sup> 2005 another well planned coach trip by Roy Evans set off from the Letchworth Settlement, this time to the NEC at Birmingham to visit the 'Festival of Quilts'. As usual the coach left on time and arrived at 10.00am promptly for the opening of the largest exhibition of textiles in the country, carrying visitors eager to enjoy the show. This year, again, members of the Letchworth Settlement had exhibits in the exhibition, among them several prize winners. Valerie Aitken, Sue Hickman, Stephanie Pettengell, Jackie Smith, Mary Wooden, Dorian Walton, Beryl Tucker and Barbara Weeks were among some of our members and friends who exhibited. Beryl Tucker, member of the Embroiderers Guild, had her '*Memories of Thailand 2001*' chosen for Quilt 2005. This was a prestigious honour for her and her quilt, an incredibly well stitched Kantha. Student of the Letchworth Settlement, Jackie Smith, had four entries with her entry in the Further Education Design Category winning a first! This gave her a prize of £1000 and a further £1000 to the Letchworth Settlement. Mary Wooden received a second prize for her entry 'Tac Tile' in the Large Contemporary Quilts and Dorian Walton, member of Icknield Quilters won first for her miniature 'Crazy Pink Turkey Trot' The New Horizons Textile Group, which some of our Settlement members belong to, won second place in the Group category with their humorous quilt 'Daphne's Show and Tell'. This was done in the style of Beryl Cook and brought many smiles to the faces of the visiting public. All the Settlement members send their congratulations and say well done to all who entered. With all the wonderful exhibits, traders to entice us all with their exciting goods, demonstrations of so many different crafts and techniques, and happy friendly faces every where, the Festival of Quilts coach trip was voted by all a stitching success!

Visitors stayed to the very end of the show, with our coach travellers returning with full bags of fabric, threads and gadgets, tired bodies but happy faces, hopefully inspired to sew and stitch during the coming year for more entries in 2006! Book the coach now Roy, we are looking forward to the trip already. **Stephanie Pettengell**

### Deadline for contributions for the next issue - 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

If your group contact has got an email address, please can you inform the office.

We can then email you a couple of weeks before the deadline of each issue asking for contributions.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2005/2006

<b>October</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Gardening Club	<i>Wildlife Gardening</i>	7:30 p.m.
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Recorded Music Society	<i>A Feeling for Light and Shade</i>	7:30 pm
	Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> —Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Art Society	Annual Exhibition, Letchworth Museum, Broadway	10-5
<b>November</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	RSPB	<i>Apache Winter</i>	7:30 pm
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Dayschool	<i>Christmas Card Workshop</i>	10am
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Naturalists' Society	<i>Natural History—a Photographer's View</i>	7:30 pm
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Recorded Music Society	<i>More B is for...</i>	7:30 pm
	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>SETTLEMENT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	17-19	Settlement Players Production	<i>Deathtrap</i>	7:45 pm
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Recorded Music Society	<i>Entente Musicale</i>	7:30 pm
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Visit	<i>Rubens Exhibition.</i> National Gallery	
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Gardening Club	<i>Birds in the Garden</i>	7:30 pm
<b>December</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	RSPB	<i>A Year Wardening on Skokholm</i>	7:30 pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Gardening Club	<i>December Delights</i>	7:30 pm
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Recorded Music Society		
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dayschool	Christmas Flowers Dayschool	10am
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Visit	<i>Twelfth Night</i> —Novello Theatre, London	
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	6 <sup>th</sup>	RSPB	<i>Scotland—The Wilderness on Your Doorstep</i>	7:30 pm
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Naturalists' Society	<i>Landscapes and Wildlife of Pembrokeshire</i>	7:30 pm
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Dayschool	Chair Canework Dayschool	10 am
<b>February</b>	9-11	Settlement Players Production	Details to be Announced	7:45 pm
	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>INDOOR FLEA MARKET</b>	<b>9:30 am-12</b>

### Settlement Fundraising Events

We depend on the help from volunteers to make the events a success - many hands make light work! People are needed to help serve refreshments, run a stall, or set up/take down tables etc. If you are not available to assist on the day, we also need people to distribute posters & leaflets in advance of each event. We also need cakes for the refreshments and cake stalls.

We are always grateful to receive donations of items suitable for raffle prizes.

If you are able to help, or have ideas for future fundraising events, please see Sarah in the office.

### Indoor Flea Market :

#### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 9:30-12.**

If you are interested in booking a stall, forms will be available by early January. Tables £8 each.

We will also need items to sell on the Settlement Stall, as well as lots of cakes !

**PLANTS** It is not too soon to start thinking about raising plants for sale at The Settlement's major fundraising event of the year, the Spring Fair (Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May). Now is the time to take some divisions from your established perennials or collect seed and pot them up for the Fair.

**Skittles Inn Centenary** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007 marks the Centenary of the opening of the Skittles Inn.. If you have any ideas about events and other ways in which we can celebrate this anniversary, please contact Sarah in the of-

**Arts Council for North Hertfordshire** Ken Woodruff, President of Letchworth Art Society, has joined the Arts Council for North Hertfordshire as a member of the executive committee. The Council expressed concern at the AGM in June that there were not many groups or organisations and clubs who sent representatives to attend on their behalf. This may be due to lack of knowledge of the role of this council. The executive committee meets bi-monthly to consider applications for grants from various sources in the North Hertfordshire district, the money for which is provided by NHDC. Grants are considered from applications where specific details of the request are spelled out and some requests may be to provide the shortfall if a function is less successful. The Art Society, and The Settlement itself, have benefited in the past from a small grant for the purchase of items where funding has not been forthcoming from other sources. If any member group of The Settlement wants to apply for a grant in the future it should be borne in mind that the application must give sufficient details and submitted to the secretary of The Arts Council several months in advance of the purchase or function date. An official form may be requested and details of where to apply can be obtained from The Settlement office. The AGM is nearly always in June each year, so please consider electing a representative of your group to attend.