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## CENTENARY NEWSLETTER

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SKITTLES INN – LETCHWORTH SETTLEMENT  
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### CENTENARY EVENTS

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

#### **Centenary Dinner**

3 Course Dinner prepared by ladies of The Settlement, with entertainment by The Phoenix Music Hall Group. Bar available. Tickets are still available from the Office, £15 per person, but do not delay!

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

#### **Centenary Exhibition**

This is your opportunity to show the world and each other what we do at Letchworth Settlement. There will be displays and demonstrations to show off the variety of work and activities that take place here over the year.

The Annual **Plant Sale** will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

A **Centenary Raffle** will be drawn at the Exhibition. Tickets will be available for sale shortly, with a wide variety of prizes.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

#### **Heritage Open Days**

We will be taking part in the national/local Heritage events and hoping to have new displays and photographs. Please look out for further information which will be posted around the building.

### PLEASE HELP US...

In order to ensure success for all our Centenary Events please could you and your group provide the following :

**Prizes for the raffle.** Ideally, we would like prizes to reflect the activities that take place at Letchworth Settlement. Please inform the Office as soon as possible so that the tickets can be printed for sale.

**Start preparing your display for the Centenary Exhibition.** We have received information from most groups about what they need in terms of space and will let you know soon what we can offer you.

### CENTENARY SOUVENIRS

The following items will be on sale from 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007:

- ◆ Colour prints of Letchworth Settlement from an original by Ken Woodruff.
- ◆ Tea Towels & Aprons
- ◆ Note Cards
- ◆ Mugs

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



We were very sad to say goodbye to Joan Cave in December. Joan had been working at The Settlement for more than 30 years and was a wonderful source of knowledge, also such a friendly and supportive member of staff. We wish her well in her retirement, but hope to still see her at The Settlement.

We have been fortunate to appoint a new young Deputy Manager, Amanda West. Amanda is already establishing herself in her role and coming up with suggestions for improvements! She is proving herself an able successor to Joan and I am confident that she will be very good for The Settlement.

Talking of improvements, we are about to embark on building works to enlarge the downstairs small classroom. This should take place during the coming Summer term. Inevitably, there will be some noise and disruption, but we hope to keep this to a minimum. The result will be well worth it, so please bear with us. We are also seeking funding for an extension to the back of the stage area in the Kincaid Hall - more news of this later, but rest assured that we are working hard to make sure that The Settlement continues to meet the needs of its members and attracts new people.

In the meantime, please support the events that are planned to mark the Centenary of The Skittles Inn, starting with the dinners on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are on sale now. We hope to see you there.

**Pat Ellis**

## ADMINISTRATION MATTERS... ..



- ◆ We would appreciate a donation of a FEW, attractive and HARDY houseplants. If we get inundated, please don't be offended if we turn your donation away. We thought it would be nice to brighten the building up a little without turning it into a garden centre!
- ◆ If your class or Group would like information posted onto our Web site, please give your information to the Office or contact Colin Hume on 01462 678340.
- ◆ Does anyone know of a software package that could help with receipting course fees and membership? A huge amount of time is spent recording, receipting and chasing fee payments. A suitable package could save us much of this time. We would then have time to concentrate on more exciting matters!
- ◆ We recently had an incident when a student's car was damaged while it was parked at Letchworth Settlement. We appreciate that it is not easy to manoeuvre in to the angled spaces along the side of the Hall. If you require help parking, please ask at the Office and we will be happy to guide you in safely.
- ◆ If you are a course Tutor or a Group Leader, please check the post trays in the Office regularly.
- ◆ Thank you to all the people who offered to become a Letchworth Settlement Volunteer following the plea in our last Newsletter. We now have a full team of wonderful volunteers. However, we are always pleased to hear from people who could help with the occasional session or exercise.

**Sarah Carrick and Amanda West**

**Open Art Studio** : Friday evenings 7:30-9:30pm. Why not join us for a happy evening of painting in any media, watercolour, oils, pastels or just drawing. Ring Christina Haggio on 01462 686064 for further information.

### **Letchworth Art Society**

#### **Spring Exhibition of Paintings**

On the first floor above the Letchworth Library

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

Opening times: 10.30am to 5pm (Saturdays 1 to 4pm). Closed Wednesday and Sunday.

Admission free. **INVEST IN AN ORIGINAL !!**

### **Letchworth Garden City Camera Club**

#### **Annual Exhibition**

**10<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Letchworth Museum & Art Gallery

Broadway, Letchworth Garden City

Open 10am – 5pm (Closed Wed, Sun & BH)

Admission Free

### **The Settlement Players Present:**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**A MONTH OF SUNDAYS**

by Bob Larbey. Directed by Edith Pratt

Tickets available from David's Music, price £5.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm in The Hall

**Reading for the June Production**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm in The Spinks Room

**Auditions for the June Production**

Please come along if you want to be involved.

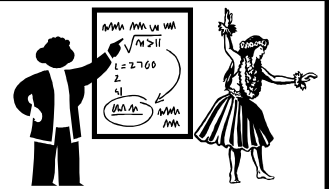
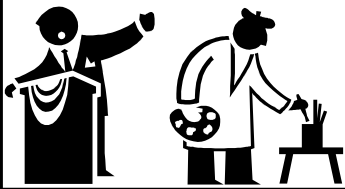
New members welcome.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 7.45 pm.**

**JUNE PRODUCTION**

Tickets available at David's Music from late May, price £5.

## COURSE INFORMATION



### NEW COURSES STARTING AFTER EASTER:

#### **Build your own Website** *Tutor: Colin Hume*

This course will teach you how to create a website and make it available to the world. You will be able to set up web pages for yourself and link them together, understand what is going on and fix problems.

4 weeks, Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9.30 starting 25<sup>th</sup> April. Fee £26. Places limited to 10.

#### **A Further look at the Buildings of London (Madingley course)** *Tutor: Madeline Edmead*

A look at the buildings and areas of London, some well-known and some less so, from the Houses of Parliament to the streets of Peckham. An architectural exploration of the capital.

10 weeks - Tuesdays, 10.00 am to 12 noon from 17<sup>th</sup> April. Fees £65 (£50 concessions)

#### **Family History (Madingley course)** *Tutor: Honor Ridout.*

There are many resources for learning how to compile your family tree: this course will go back to the basics – what can we get from historical sources (whether on the web or in a record office) to find our ancestors and to understand their lives. 10 weeks – Tuesdays, 1.45 to 3.45 pm, from 17<sup>th</sup> April. Fees £65.00 (£50 concessions)

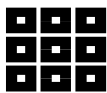
#### **Birds in Spring (Madingley course)** *Tutors: Robert & Ann Scott*

A practical four-week course examining how birds behave in Springtime, together with song identification.

Visiting different areas enables observation of arriving migrants together with our resident species. A mixture of classroom and field trips. 4 Thursdays, 10.00 to 3.00 pm from 12<sup>th</sup> April. Fees: £65.00 (£50 concessions)

**For further details of all these courses, and to book a place, please contact The Settlement Office**

### OCCASIONAL WORKSHOPS



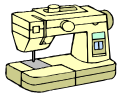
**Mosaics Workshop** – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2007. 10.00am – 4.00pm. Come along to create a beautiful indoor mosaic panel or mirror. No experience necessary. Fee £25 plus £5 materials charge.



**Hanging Basket Workshop** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007. 9.30am – 12.30pm at Mill End Nursery, Rushden, Hertfordshire. £10 per person. For more details and to book your place, please contact the Office.



**Digital Photography Workshop** – Due to popular demand, we have arranged another workshop on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10.00am to 4.00pm. There are still places available. Fee £25.



**Design Day for Machine Embroiderers** – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2007. 10.00am – 4.00pm. Clare Wood will be spending the day boosting your confidence in creating your own designs for machine embroidery. Fee £25.

**For further details of these workshops, and to book your place, please contact The Settlement Office.**

### SETTLEMENT VISITS

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May** : *Renoir Landscapes* (National Gallery). Now booking.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** : *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Tolethorpe Hall). Now fully booked. A second coach will be considered if there are enough applications.

Look out for the separate leaflet outlining the 2007 visits programme: this should be available from The Settlement in mid-March.

Visits enquiries to 01462 686321.

### The Settlement Prize Club

Since it started the Prize Club has now raised an impressive £10,000 to help with improvements at The Settlement. Application Forms to join must be submitted by late February. Each entry costs £10 and gives you the chance to win prizes in the 10 draws that take place during the year, the first of which is at the end of March. Remember, as well as the chance to win you will also be supporting The Settlement.

Robert Staddon.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<b>FEBRUARY</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Settlement Players Production	A Month of Sundays	7:45pm
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop	Mosaics Workshop	10 - 4
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Settlement Players	Play Reading for June Production	8pm
<b>MARCH</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Settlement Players	Play Auditions for June Production	8pm
	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SKITTLES INN CENTENARY DINNERS</b>		
March 10 <sup>th</sup> to April 7 <sup>th</sup>		Letchworth Garden City Camera Club	Exhibition At Letchworth Museum, Broadway	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop	Design Day - Machine Embroidery	10 - 4
<b>APRIL</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Art Society	Spring Exhibition: At Letchworth Library	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Workshop	Digital Photography	10 - 4
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Workshop	Hanging Baskets At Mill End Nursery, Rushden.	9:30 - 12:30
<b>MAY</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Visit	Renoir Landscapes (National Gallery.)	
	25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CENTENARY EXHIBITION</b>		
	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PLANT SALE</b>		
<b>JUNE</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Settlement Players Production	June Production- to be announced	7:45pm
<b>JULY</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	Visit	Tolethorpe Hall	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HERITAGE OPEN DAYS</b>		

## STUDENT NEWS



Many of you will have been sad to hear of the death of **Phyllis Croyle**. She was a loyal and enthusiastic member of The Settlement, taking part in many classes and activities over the years. Barbara Boardman recalls that Phyllis was one of her first upholstery students, back in 1975, and it is fitting that we should be able to remember Phyllis by her embroidered chair on the wall hanging in the Hall.

### Madingley course experiences.

In the last Newsletter I promised to give a few details of one of these courses; over the period September to December 2005 and January to March 2006 I attended Gillian Sheail's courses on Geology.

In the first ten weeks we explored the formation of rivers and lakes of Britain taking into account the position, shapes and depths of lakes, we learnt about the influence of glacial shift, the rock and soil structure and climate in different areas, and how these have contributed to the length, meanderings, and the site of towns and villages along river courses.

The second ten week course took us through coastal formation and erosion noting the rock structure, influence of past glacial shifts, land mass movement in the past and effects resulting in the present formation of the coastline. We noted the effects of continued erosion and discussed the steps that could be taken to contain the coastline. Throughout the 2 hour sessions we benefited from screen illustrations of the particular subjects with handouts where necessary. We were encouraged to carry out short written assessments that could be submitted if we wished to gain credits towards later certification. Gillian Sheail is an excellent tutor and I am sure that those who join her classes will find them interesting and stimulating.

**Ken Woodruff.**

May I say a **big thank you to all of you** who kindly sent me such lovely cards, presents & cheques for my retirement from The Settlement at Christmas. Thank you also to The Management Committee for the reception on 15th December and their support over the years. I have met so many interesting people who have come through the doors, including tutors — it was a joy to work for them. I have really enjoyed my work at The Settlement in all its aspects, also my workmates. It has been great working with them over the years. May I close by wishing The Settlement all the very best and thank you to Pat, Sarah and Sue for putting up with me.

**Joan Cave.**

**AND FINALLY...** Please remember all the information and prizes that we need to help our Centenary Celebrations go with a bang! Hopefully you will have noticed a slight change in the format of this Newsletter. Any suggestions for future issues would be appreciated; please contact the office.

**News items & diary dates for inclusion in the next issue should be submitted to the office before 1<sup>st</sup> May.**