

LETCHWORTH ADULT EDUCATIONAL SETTLEMENT  
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## CENTENARY NEWSLETTER

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### SKITTLES INN – LETCHWORTH SETTLEMENT 1907 – 2007



#### CENTENARY EVENTS

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007 – Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

##### **Centenary Exhibition**

Groups and Classes have been working really hard to prepare their displays. Please remember to come along and bring all your friends and neighbours. The event will be open from 10.00- 4.00pm on each of the 4 days with demonstrations going on throughout.

**The Plant Sale is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10am—12 Noon**

##### **Centenary Raffle**

**Tickets are now on sale from the Office for £1 each.**

Prizes include: Framed watercolours, Quilts, Pairs of tickets for Settlement Players Productions, Iced and Decorated Fruit Cake

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> September 2007 – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

##### **Heritage Open Days**

The buildings will be open to visitors and photographs of the Skittles Inn will be on display. Refreshments will be available each day.

We would like to run a Skittle Alley—does anyone have any skittles?

On the evening of Friday 7th there will be a talk by Paul Palmer on the History of the Skittles Inn and the Early Letchworth Garden City.

To reflect the hospitality offered at the Skittles Inn a **Dainty Tea** will be served on Sunday 9th at 3.00pm. Tickets will be on sale at the Office from Tuesday 28th August 2007 at £2.50 per person.

#### PLEASE HELP US.....

Volunteers are required to help with the Heritage weekend in September. The Buildings will be open for visitors to look around so we will need Stewards and people to help serve refreshments. Please let the Office know if you can help.

#### CENTENARY SOUVENIRS

The following items are **now on sale** from the Office:

<b>Settlement colour prints</b> from an original by Ken Woodruff.	£3.00
<b>Linen Tea Towels</b>	£4.50
<b>Aprons</b>	£7.00
<b>Note Cards</b>	£0.75 each or 5 for £3.00
<b>Bone China Mugs</b>	£6.00

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



I hope you haven't suffered too much inconvenience from the building work (I have heard of squeaky wheelbarrows!). I am sure when it's all finished you'll agree it's been worthwhile : the new classroom is going to be a really good size and will make a very pleasant room. We do apologise for dust getting into the Players' wardrobe, we didn't realise it was connected to the old store room, but we have done our best to clean up. The next stage is to restore the old fireplace area in the Brunt Room, this will happen soon when the Camera Club's belongings can be relocated to their new cupboard.

During the latter part of July the red floor tiles will be replaced in the corridor and Stoep, so please try to avoid The Settlement during this time.

We hope to continue with the next phase of development during the summer holidays. This is to extend the back of the hall which will provide improved facilities for the Players. They will have a new dressing room and storage area and there will be a replacement workshop.

We are able to carry out all this work because we were awarded grants totalling £65,000 from Letchworth Civic Trust, the Lottery Fund 'Awards for All', Wren Landfill Management Body and LGC Heritage Foundation. We are indebted to Nigel Carrick who made most of the applications for us, helped by the necessary letters which many of you wrote in support of our plans. Thank you for your support.

As part of our Centenary celebrations we are commissioning a mosaic which will be fixed on the outside of the new classroom facing the Spinks room, (there used to be a sign there advertising the Skittles Inn — you can still just make it out!) The mosaic is being produced by a local artist, Christine Harrison, and North Herts District Council have given a grant towards the cost.

I am very pleased that in our Centenary year not only are we able to enjoy the many events planned for us, but are able to make so many improvements to the Settlement for the future.

In conclusion can I draw your attention to the appeal for help in the Administration section of this newsletter. Thank you.

Pat Ellis

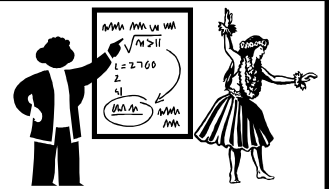
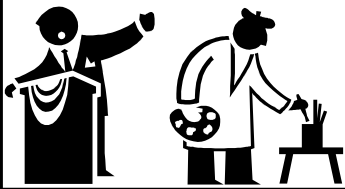
## ADMINISTRATION MATTERS.....



- ◆ In order that staff can have holidays, **The Settlement will be closed over the following dates :**  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup>—Tues 28<sup>th</sup> August 2007.  
Weds 19<sup>th</sup> December —Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> - Mon 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (for Spring Fair preparation)
- ◆ Colin Hume is keen to hear from Groups or Classes who do not have information on the Settlement website. If you are not currently on our website, please pass your Group or Class details to Colin (via the Office). It would be nice to get the website updated so that it covers all the activities that take place here.
- ◆ Help is required on a regular basis to work in the office during the evening from around 6.45—8.30pm. Duties will include answering the phone, taking messages and receipting payments for courses. If you are able to help on a weekly or fortnightly basis we would love to hear from you.
- ◆ We are still looking for 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. We feel it would relieve us of a lot of work if we could find a computer package to do a lot of this work for us. Please think if you know of anyone who could advise us.
- ◆ Volunteers are required to help with enveloping and distributing our new brochure which is due out early June. If you can spare some time to join a group of people with envelopes and sticky labels we would be grateful. Similarly, let us know if you could deliver brochures over a particular area.
- ◆ Please remember to take copies of our new brochure to give to friends and neighbours who are not currently on our mailing list.

**Sarah Carrick and Amanda West**

## COURSE INFORMATION



### NEW COURSES FROM SEPTEMBER 2007

The programme of courses from September 2007 is well advanced and we hope to have the new brochure out by mid June. Postal enrolments will start from then and enrolments in person will be on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September, with most classes starting from the week of 17th September.

Thank you to all who took the time to return the questionnaire about what they would like to see in the new programme. We have tried to take account of your wishes, although sometimes it is not possible to find a suitable tutor or we may not have the room at the time when a teacher is available. However, we have tried our best!

We shall be welcoming back many teachers who have not been with us for some time, but we will also be testing out new courses. Among the Settlement's own classes there will be several new ones : Garden Design (both daytime and evening), Wine Appreciation, a new advanced Embroidery Class—taking over from the present City & Guilds class, Mixed Media—different forms of art such as mosaics, drawing and sculpture, and for our younger members—Beginners Spanish for Mums/Dads and Toddlers!

Madingley is again offering a selection of interesting academic courses, and some new tutors. Subjects include Climate Change and Ecosystems, European History, Post World War 2 Britain, Shakespeare on Film, The Eighteenth Century Country House, The Modern British Short Story and the Religions of Buddhism and Islam. The list goes on but please look out for your brochure or enquire in advance at the Office.

We hope that you will find something that interests you and encourage friends who may not be aware of the Settlement to join you. We rely very much on (and get many) personal recommendations. We are also looking for teachers of new subjects that could be included at a later date, so please pass on contacts to us.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September, at the start of the new academic year.

Sarah Carrick

### Settlement Players

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June** Play Reading for the November Play at 8pm in the Brunt Room.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.** Reading of the play for performance at the Theatre Club open evening on September 14. 8pm in The Brunt Room.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** 8pm in the Kincaid Hall. Open Evening for Players and Theatre Club. An opportunity for you to meet members of The Settlement Players and join the Theatre Club for the new season. A short entertainment will be provided. The Theatre Club provides members with reduced price tickets to Players' Productions and 2 social evenings each year.

### The Settlement Players Present:

## *Separate Tables*

*By Terence Rattigan.*

At The Little Theatre, Letchworth Settlement.

**Thursday 14, Friday 15 & Saturday 16 June**

Doors Open 7:15 pm. Curtain up 7:45 pm.

Tickets £5 from David's Music, Eastcheap

### OCCASIONAL WORKSHOPS

#### Digital Photography Workshop



Due to the demand on our previous 2 courses, we have arranged another date on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007. 10.00am—4.00pm. There are still places available, please contact the office if you wish to book. Fee £25.

### RSPB

**Weds 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007 :** Oughtonhead LNR 7.15pm  
Meet at junction of Bedford Rd,(A600) and Burford Way (parking) in Hitchin. (O/S 166:TL 178 308)

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> June 2007:** Birdwatching Coach Trip To Peak District. Leaves Hitchin 7.00am and Letchworth at 7.15am

For details and bookings Ring 01462 451320

### Letchworth Sinfonia

#### Concert on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007

Central Methodist Church Hall  
7.30pm

Tickets £7.00 (£5.00 conc) available on the Door

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<b>May</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup>—28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Letchworth Settlement</b>	<b>Centenary Exhibition</b>	<b>10—4</b>
<b>June</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Letchworth Sinfonia	Concert	7:30 pm
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting		7.30pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>	NH Arts Council AGM	Brunt Room	7.30pm
	<b>14<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Settlement Players Production</b>	<b>Separate Tables</b>	
	Mid	Settlement Programme available		
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Settlement Players	Play Reading	8pm
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Settlement Players	Play Reading	8pm
<b>July</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Settlement	End of Term	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> onwards	Letchworth Settlement	Main building and exterior floor retiling	
<b>August</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> —27 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Settlement	Office closed	
<b>September</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Settlement	Enrolment evenings	
	7 <sup>th</sup> —9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Letchworth Settlement</b>	<b>Heritage Weekend</b>	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Letchworth Settlement	Dainty Tea	3.00pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Settlement Players	Open Evening	8pm
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting		7.30pm
<b>October</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	Bobbin' Along	Lace Day	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Letchworth Settlement</b>	<b>Craft Fair</b>	<b>10—4</b>

## STUDENT NEWS

### In Memoriam of Janet Tate

A brilliant teacher of English and Music, Janet taught for many years at The Highfield School before promotion took her to East London. As a Settlement Member her musical prowess enabled her to suggest or compose appropriate music for many Settlement Players Productions.

Janet was an outstanding pianist : it was tragic that arthritis not only impaired her mobility considerably, but eventually forced her to give up playing her beloved piano. Extremely cheerful despite her arthritis, she always smiled, making light of her problems, albeit that she did not suffer fools gladly.

Such was her impact as a teacher that one former pupil travelled from America for her funeral. It is appropriate that donations in her memory should be invited in aid of Arthritis Research. Letchworth Settlement has lost an enthusiastic, gifted and loyal member.



Roy Evans

## THANK YOU.....

A huge thank you to Carola Garvie, Val Aitken and their Team of many helpers who made the Centenary dinners such a huge success. Although the dinners were not intended to make a profit, due to the overwhelming response of people attending, £800 was raised.

Thank you also to all those who have spent time on helping organise or putting displays together for the Centenary Exhibition. Particular thanks go to Val Aitken and her Exhibition Committee. Although at the time of going to print the Exhibition hasn't taken place, we know it will be a wonderful event and a fitting celebration of the Settlement's Centenary.

## SETTLEMENT VISITS .....

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.** West Green House Garden  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August.** Brook Cottage & Upton House  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August** : Festival of Quilts: NEC  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August:** Theatre Visit: The Globe Theatre. Holding Fire!  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September** : Arundel Castle  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October:** Knitting & Stitching Show  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November** : Somerset House

Details of visits may be collected from The Common Room, but can be posted if you are unable to collect them. For Bookings and Visits Enquiries, contact Roy Evans on 01462 686321

## AND FINALLY.....

Please remember to make note of all the forthcoming events, put them in your diaries and on your calendars now! Also.....we need information from our readers for the next issue of the Newsletter. Please pass your words of wisdom to the Office **by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007**. Thank you.