

LETCHWORTH ADULT EDUCATIONAL SETTLEMENT  
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## NEWSLETTER

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**Mike Moran Productions**  
presents

### **Picasso & Me**

*A play about fathers and Sons*

ON

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008**

**7.30PM**

**AT**

**Letchworth Settlement**

**Tickets £10.00**

**Available from David's Bookshop**

LETCHWORTH SETTLEMENT

*annual*

### **Spring Fair and Plant Sale**

ON

**Saturday 10th May 2008**

**9.30—12.00 noon**

If you are a member of a Settlement Class or Group, please start thinking and preparing for this event.

The  
Settlement Players  
present



### **An Inspector Calls**

By J.B. Priestley

Produced by Edith Pratt

**Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd February**

At 7.45pm. Doors Open: 7.15pm

Tickets available from David's Music

Price £6.00

LETCHWORTH ART SOCIETY

### **SPRING EXHIBITION**

FROM

**SATURDAY 12TH—26TH APRIL 2008**

AT

**LETCHWORTH LIBRARY**

MON 10.00-4.30

TUES—FRI 9.30-4.30

SAT 9.30-4.00

SUN -CLOSED

FREE ADMISSION

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



As I write this newsletter entry it is in the front of my mind that John Elson has died. As a long time friend of John's, Roy Evans is writing an obituary for us, but I would like to record that I along with so many, will miss John. John has been a presence at the Settlement for many years and was known to everyone as a very distinctive character. He will be missed.

It now seems a long time since the change in our management team, mainly because Amanda and Peter have established themselves so quickly and so successfully. Well done to both of you.

Our first professional production by the Knicker Lady proved to be a great success. I hope that many of you will be able to come to the next show which is "Picasso and Me" on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. This show first appeared at the Edinburgh Festival where it won awards, and it has been touring ever since.

In July we hope to host a Junior Drama Festival where the local secondary schools will demonstrate their skills. Last December sixth formers from Highfield school entertained 280 primary children with a play specially written for the children. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all.

Another first for us will be a Jazz night on 5<sup>th</sup> April featuring Peter Chapman's Jazz band. Peter is now on our Management Committee. I hope you will advertise all these events to your friends as well as coming along yourselves.

The Management Committee hope that you are enjoying the programme of courses and the programme of events that is being organised in our improved theatre facility.

Pat Ellis  
Chairman

## ADMINISTRATION MATTERS.....



### ◆ Settlement Closure Dates

Please note that the Settlement will be closed to **all** classes and groups at certain times during the year. This closure will allow staff to have holidays and thorough cleaning to take place. Please check your programmes to ensure you are not planning to be here when we are locked up!

Close 10.00pm Thursday 20th March 2008                      Reopen 9.00am Monday 7th April 2008

(NB some classes will be in w/c 31st March)

Closed Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (for Spring Fair preparation)

Closed Saturday 10th May 2008 for Spring Fair

Close 10.00pm Friday 18th July 2008                      Reopen 9.00am Monday 18th August 2008

(NB the Green Room and Hall will be closed until 1st September 2008 for repair work)

Closed Saturday 25th October 2008 for Lace Day

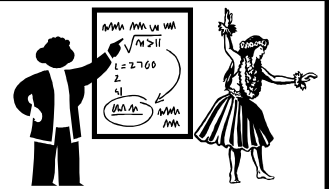
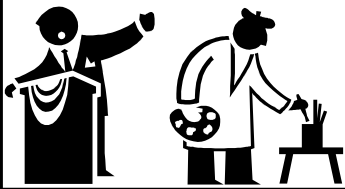
Closed Sunday 26th October 2008 for Craft Fair

Close 10.00pm Tuesday 16th December 2008                      Reopen 9.00am Monday 5th January 2009

Close 10.00pm Friday 3rd April 2009                      Reopen 9.00am Monday 20th April 2009

- ◆ Please could all groups and room hirers let us have a programme of dates for the next year. The Office requires this information in writing to ensure bookings are entered into the diary.
- ◆ Please remember to keep the Office up to date with details of the members of Settlement Groups. Similarly, please ensure that all your members have renewed their membership of Letchworth Settlement. The Office will be checking that all Settlement users are paid up members of The Settlement.
- ◆ After 18 years of Country Dancing teaching, Barbara Brockway is taking a well earned rest and retiring. This is a popular class that needs a new Tutor from September 2008. Please contact the Office if anyone you know may be interested in taking over this class.
- ◆ There will be **no Flea Market** this February as a result of increased bookings of the Hall. The Spring Fair will be on Saturday 10th May 2008.
- ◆ A recent research request has proved fascinating..... John Short was Warden from 1937-41 and there is much detail about his Wardenship in the archives. If you have any information, about John Short and his family or any other early Wardens, please let Roy Evans know.

## COURSE INFORMATION



### NEW COURSES FROM EASTER 2008

Please find below a list of the courses starting from 8th April 2008. All courses currently have spaces but are filling up, so book early to avoid disappointment!

The Eighteenth Century Country House	Tues am	Tutor: Madeline Edmead
The Illuminated Manuscript	Weds am	Tutor: Dr Andreas Petzold
The Contemporary Novel	Thurs pm	Tutor: Dr Sharon Priestley

### IN MEMORIAM—JOHN ELSON

John's death on 26th January has caused great sadness. He did so much for The Settlement since arriving in the Garden City in the late 1950's.

His first love was The Players—where he met Joyce! For forty years he has been Treasurer of The Players—no mean achievement—as well as playing memorable roles. He was indispensable as a set builder, decorator and banner-painter.

He was elected to the Management Committee in 1972 becoming Vice Chairman in 1977, later becoming Property Manager. He was very proud to have been elected as Vice-President in 2006.

We extend our sympathy to Joyce and Family at this sad time. John's friendship, advice and sheer hard work will be greatly missed.

Roy Evans

### SETTLEMENT VISITS

Visits have been extremely well supported so many will fill up quickly. The future programme includes:

		<u>Bookings</u>
Saturday 8th March	Tate Modern	Open
Sunday 15th June	Gardeners' World Live	10th Feb
Saturday 26th July	Hidcote Manor	10th Feb
Wednesday 13th August	Richard III	Open
Saturday 16th August	Festival of Quilts	10th May
Saturday 30th August	Chartwell & Lullingstone	10th Feb
Friday 16th October	Knit & Stitch	10th May

Booking forms are available in the Common Room. Priority is given to those who get their forms in on the opening day for bookings. If you can do a single cheque for multiple bookings this would be helpful!

Enquiries to Roy Evans on 686321

### OCCASIONAL WORKSHOPS



#### Hangin'g Basket Workshop

At Mill End Nursery, Rushden

On Saturday 19th April 2008

From 10.00—12.30pm Cost £10

This is a thoroughly enjoyable morning in which you are shown how plants are grown and taught how to make up a hanging basket. Any baskets you make can be left at Mill End and will be looked after until you collect them when the danger of frost has passed.

#### Beadwork Workshop

At Letchworth Settlement on Saturday 26th April 2008.

Another date for this popular workshop with Sue Maguire.

N.B. There will be no Digital Photography workshop this term due to Tutor holidays, but we will arrange further dates for next term.

### A STUDENT IN PRINT.....

Many of you will know Angela Patchett who is a regular student in our writing classes and groups.....She has written a children's book which will shortly be going to print.

It is called 'Angela Angel and the Magic Chair', priced £7.99 and published by Pegasus Publishers. Please look at our notice boards for more information on what will be a wonderful book for children.

We are hoping to arrange a signing session with Angela, again look out for more details.

