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NEWSLETTER

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Angela Angel and the Magic Chair

By
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(a Settlement Student)

Book Launch

on

Thursday 26th June 2008

6.00-8.00pm

In the Brunt Room

This is an invitation only event. If you would like to attend and have a wish in the Magic Chair, please leave your name and address with Angela or in the office.

Settlement Visits

Now taking bookings for:

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| 19th July | Art in Action at Waterperry |
| 26th July | Hidcote & Kiftgate |
| 30th July | Tutankhamun |
| 16th Aug | Festival of Quilts -NEC |
| 30th Aug | Chartwell & Lullingstone Castle |
| 10th Oct | Knitting & Stitching |
| 22nd Oct | Hadrian: Empire & Conflict |

Programme for 2009 now being planned.

Booking forms available in Common Room. Last minute spaces available.

Visits Enquiries to 01462 686321

Watercolour Workshops By Ken Woodruff

Saturday 18th October 2008
and
Saturday 22nd November 2008

10.00am-4.00pm

If you would like to book a place, please contact Ken on 01438 748130.

Cost £14.00/workshop

He will also be selling his paintings at the Craft Fair on 26th October.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



I hope you all enjoy looking through the new brochure and are able to find something of interest to you. There are a lot of 'new' courses as well as newer versions of the established courses.

We are very sorry to be losing most of our sewing team. Val Aitken, Clare Wood, Christina Renwick and Catherine Hursthouse are all giving up after many years of devoted service to The Settlement. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their contributions both in the past and as they go. They have worked unstintingly to find good replacements for us so that standards of teaching will remain high. The new Tutors are Gina Ferrari for Machine Embroidery, Jan Simpson for Hand Embroidery and Elisabeth Rutt for the Masterclass in Stitched Textiles. As Jan won't be starting her daytime class until next Easter, a drop in sewing group has been set up which runs on a Thursday afternoon.

A masterclass run by Anthea Godfrey has been tremendously successful. The Groups have been invited to exhibit at all venues of the 2010 Knitting & Stitching shows. What an accolade, congratulations!

We have yet another change of staff in the management team. We welcome Sam Powell and Sonia Weston as our new Deputy Managers. They will be job sharing the role and we hope that they will enjoy working with us.

I wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing you in September. Remember to spread the information about courses and clubs to your friends and neighbours. Word of mouth is the best possible recommendation! Pat Ellis.

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS.....



♦ **The Settlement will be closed over the following dates :**

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)

It is also hoped that during the 4 week closure the car park will be resurfaced.

Tuesday 2nd September & Wednesday 3rd September enrolments from

9.30am—3.00pm and 7.00pm.—8.30pm (both days)

Closed Saturday 25th October 2008 for Lace Day

Closed Sunday 26th October 2008 for Craft Fair

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2008 - Half-term (still open though)

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

Monday 16th February 2009 to Friday 20th February 2009 – Half-term (still open though)

Close 10.00pm Friday 3rd April 2009

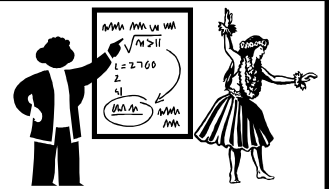
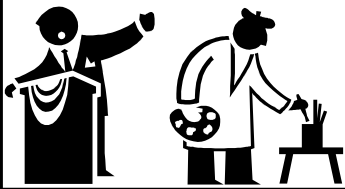
Reopen Tuesday 14th April 2009 (Please note change)

- ♦ Thank you to all Groups and hirers who have given me their forthcoming dates for classes and bookings. This helps considerably when arranging bookings in the diary, particularly as we get busier and busier. Please continue to ask for a booking form for all new bookings that do not fall into your regular meetings.
- ♦ We always welcome information and reports to go into this Newsletter. If you have anything that you would like to go in the next issue, due out in October, then please leave it with the office by 8th September 2008.
- ♦ Thank you to everyone who helped with the Spring Fair on 10 May. We raised £1600 for Settlement Funds.
- ♦ If you or anyone you know has a craft that would like to sell at our Craft Fair in October, please give details to the Office.
- ♦ I am pleased to say that we have 2 new Deputy Managers now helping me with the day to day running of The Settlement. Sam and Sonia may visit your class to say hello and to get a better understanding of the many and varied classes and groups that meet at The Settlement. **Amanda West**

When the Saints went Marching in!

April 5th was a memorable night for the Settlement as it marked the first Jazz Night in its history of many and varied activities. The Memphis Jazz Band presented a night of New Orleans classics evoking transatlantic legends such as Bix Beiderbecke, Willis Armstrong and their British followers. The Hall was packed with merrymakers who danced the night away only pausing for a Fish and Chip supper and the raffle! The event made a healthy £800 profit for Settlement funds and the Memphis Jazz Band have been booked for a return visit on Saturday 28th February 2009. Watch out for signs at the end of the year announcing that tickets are on sale. And remember while you wait for tickets: "It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing" Peter Chapman

COURSE INFORMATION



NEW COURSES FROM SEPTEMBER 2008

You will notice from our new brochure that Cambridge has again supplied us with a great selection of courses for the forthcoming academic year.

Subjects include: Blood, Sweat & Charioteers, Romans in Britain—Heroes or Villains?, The Channel Islands 1940-45, 14th Century Italian Art, The English House in the Late 18th Century, Matisse, Picasso & Innovations in Art in the First Half of the Twentieth Century, Exploring Poetry, Writing for Performance, Discovering the Lost Gardens of Hertfordshire, Settlement in the Landscape, Parks & Gardens in the Landscape, Johnson, Boswell & Life in the 18th Century, An Introduction to Shakespeare's Comedies, The Sixties, Islam: Religion, Empire & Society, A Return to Enlightenment, Water: A Turbulent History, The Problem of Evil, Contrasts in Psychology, It's a Mathematical World and last but not least, Our Restless Planet: It's Geology & Landforms.

It has come to our attention that we have a large number of students who are highly skilled and have many years experience in our craft classes. We thought it would be nice to encourage new students to these activities so we have arranged Beginners classes in : Calligraphy; Beadwork ; Crafts/Embroidery; Novelty Cakes.

Many of these courses run during school hours so if you know of anyone with school age children who may like to attend, please point them in our direction! Of course people of all ages are welcome!

Other new courses include Beginners French, Holiday Spanish for beginners and a history course on Israel & Palestine.

All new courses will be easily identified in the brochure as they are marked with '**New**'.

We hope that you will find courses that interest you and encourage friends and family to come along to The Settlement as well. We are aware that we don't have many 'younger' students at The Settlement, can you help us to change this?

We look forward to seeing you all again in September for what we are sure will be another busy and enjoyable academic year.

Amanda West

Madge Bennett

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Madge Bennett, possibly a name not familiar with very many members. Before 1975 the teaching of crafts had been very limited, confined almost exclusively to The Brunt Room. With the opening of the Cruse & Spinks Rooms in 1975 Madge was one of the team of highly dedicated tutors who launched the expansion of the craft courses. Her specialty was millinery and soft furnishings and she helped greatly to raise funds for such basic equipment as kettles and sewing machines! She was always willing to be included in working parties and helped to make curtains for The Brunt Room and Common Room. She will be greatly missed.

Roy Evans & Barbara Raines

OCCASIONAL WORKSHOPS

Beadwork Workshop



Sue Maguire's workshops continue to be very popular so we have arranged another date on:

Saturday 28th June 2008. 10.00am—4.00pm.
Subject: Herringbone Stitch

Cost £27.50 per workshop. Places can be booked in the Office or please call 01462 682828.

Settlement Players

Wednesday 18 & 25 June at 8pm—Play Readings for *Mixed Doubles* to be performed in November, directed by Lee Hooper

Wednesday 2 July at 8pm—reading for the September open evening play.

Friday 12 September - Open Evening. A short play followed by chance to meet members of the Players.

New members welcome. If you are interested in any of these events, please call Sonia Weston on 01462 686136.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



June	25th	Settlement Players	Play Reading	8.00pm
July	2nd	Settlement Players	Play Reading	8.00pm
	18th	Letchworth Settlement	Closes	10.00pm
August	18th	Letchworth Settlement	Reopens	9.00am
September	1st	Letchworth Settlement	Hall reopens	9.00am
	2nd & 3rd	Letchworth Settlement	Enrolments	9.30am - 3.00pm
	12th	Settlement Players	Open Evening	7.00pm—8.30pm
October	18th	Watercolour Workshop by Ken Woodruff		10.00am-4.00pm
	20th	Council Meeting		7.30pm
	25th	Lace Day		
	26th	Craft Fair		
November	13-15	Settlement Players Production		7.45pm

The Settlement Players entered the Bedfordshire Drama Festival on 23rd April and the cast gave an enjoyable performance of *Still Life* by Noel Coward. They won an award (a very smart silver plate) for "Best Theatrical moment" and two of the cast, Val Barber and Douglas Harding, received nominations for Best Supporting Actress and Best Supporting Actor respectively.

The Players are looking for people keen to help with organizing the costumes used in productions, or to look after our extensive wardrobe. If you are interested, please phone Sonia Weston on 01462 686136.

VISITS REPORT

On Wednesday 2nd April 2008, I went on a Settlement Visits trip to the British Museum with my Mum. It didn't take us long to get there and Roy gave us a map on the coach so we could choose what we wanted to see in the museum. In the First Emperor exhibition it told you about Emperor Qin Shihuangdi's life. The terracotta soldiers were very detailed, there were also terracotta horses, a stork, a swan and a goose. In the exhibition there was also a copy of a terracotta soldier that had been painted, because after the years the paint had fallen off. They managed to paint it using the colours that had been on the real figures. None of the soldiers would have been painted the same colours because the soldiers wore whatever they could afford.

(below are some terracotta soldiers)



In room 49 there was some Roman gold and silver that had been found in Ashwell, there was also a Roman necklace that had also come from Ashwell. In room 27 there was a mosaic dragon that had come from Mexico but unfortunately the room was closed.

We also spent a lot of time looking at rooms 61-66 it was about Ancient Egypt. I saw lots of things that I have learnt about at school such as mummy's, scarab beetle's, shabti figures and canopic jars, it was very busy.

I had a lovely day at the British Museum but my legs were very tired at the end of the day.

Thomas West
Aged 9

AND FINALLY.....

It would be nice to receive some more reports for the newsletter. Perhaps after you go on a Visit, field trip or finish a course.

If a 9 year old can manage it, then surely our students can too! I'm waiting to be inundated.....