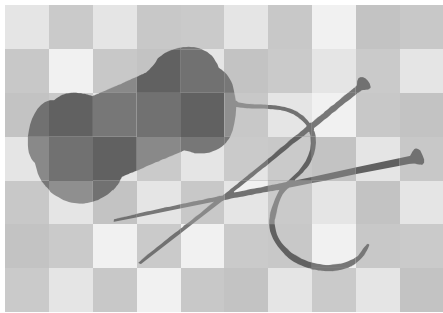


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NEWSLETTER

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CRAFT FAIR

(with new exhibitors this year)

Sunday 26th October

10.00am - 4.00pm

Refreshments and light
lunches available

Admission £1

Accompanied children free

The Lyra String Quartet

**Friday 28th November
7.30pm**

**Tickets £10 from
The Settlement and
David's Bookshop**

The Settlement Players

present
**Mixed Doubles-
An Entertainment on Marriage**

**Thurs 13th - Sat 15th
November
7.45pm**

**Tickets £6
From David's Bookshop (684631)**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

You will note that we have had a very busy summer break- not a holiday! The plan was to redecorate the Hall and Green Room. We then realised that both the Green Room floor and the false ceiling had to be replaced. On taking down the false ceiling we discovered the beautiful original roof and thankfully were able to convince The Heritage Foundation that we should restore it. It's all been very messy and taken a lot of hard work but doesn't it all look beautiful now? Apart from thanking the builder, electrician and decorator [all of whom seem to love The Settlement and take pride in working here], we owe a huge thank you to Sue Dunne and Michael Andrews who put in many extra hours cleaning up the mess and dirt both in readiness for the work to proceed and when completed. Amanda too was on call during the whole process coordinating procedures and helping to choose lights. What devotion to duty! Thank you all.

You will also have noticed that the car park has been resurfaced and the markings corrected. The first attempt left us no room to exit our cars when parked! We have had trouble with cars getting stuck in the deeper pebbles at the bottom end of the (new) car park but several lorry loads of shingle have now been removed so we hope this problem has been resolved, but do please take care.

Sadly Sherry Martin died in August after a long struggle with cancer. She will be greatly missed both in not being at the classes but also Sherry was a great organiser of events for her friends.

You might know that The Settlement is managed by a Management Committee of 12 volunteers elected each November by the Council at the AGM. We employ our Manager, Amanda and Deputy Managers, Sonia and Samantha. I trust that you are now familiar with them and realise what a great job they do for us! On the Committee we do have a steady turnover of personnel which is good as it keeps us fresh and up to the mark [we hope]. It is important to ensure that we have an availability of expertise on the Committee but also approved non-committee persons who are willing to take on various roles according to their expertise and availability. Such roles are: *Health and Safety, Building inspection and small odd jobs, Delivering posters, Organising or helping at a fund raising activity, Presenting a prepared Powerpoint talk to an outside group.* There are of course many other tasks which your own expertise would suggest to you. If you would be able to help in any way please make yourself known to our Manager, Amanda West.

We have a new venture on November 28th with the String Quartet concert. This promises to be excellent but we rely on your support to know whether this is the kind of function which appeals to you. I hope you have an enjoyable term and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on 19th November at 8pm.

Pat Ellis

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS.....



Please note the opening and closing dates of The Settlement until Easter 2009 :

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)

Just a reminder to all Settlement class attendees that outstanding monies are due as soon as possible.

Please come to the office. Thank you.

Amanda West

**SETTLEMENT
COUNCIL AGM
19TH NOVEMBER
8PM
KINCAID HALL**

Congratulations Stephanie!

Our own Stephanie Pettengell is showing two pieces of work in the exhibition at the Stockwood Discovery Centre, Luton, which runs until 2nd November. She is part of New Horizons Textile Group and they were asked to show work at the opening. This is a huge honour. Three other members linked to The Settlement are Joan Randall, Sue Hickman and Barbara Corbett. Congratulations!

TO ALL SETTLEMENT COUNTRY DANCERS

Dear Friends,

I know this letter should have been written weeks ago but I am sure you appreciate I have been very busy preparing for my move to Oxfordshire. But please believe that not a day has passed without me thinking of you all and feeling guilty.

First, that wonderful last Wednesday afternoon when so many of you came and, as I wished, we danced pretending it was an ordinary Wednesday. Shirley had organised everything and I shall not forget any of it. The speeches I will pass over, the flowers were beautiful and lasted a long, long time, the wonderful book of photos and messages - again thanks to Shirley and the co-operation of you all - I shall keep forever and look at often, thank you. Thank you. I have tried to think of a way you could all see it because, within a couple of days Shirley had added a label for the front cover and the photos she and Colin took on the Wednesday afternoon. I look at the photos and read the messages often. I think the book will be the last thing I pack.

I must also thank you all for the very generous gift of money. I have not spent it yet as I hope to buy something for my new home which will remind me of you all. Where I am going there is much craft work done and if I found a small wood panel to hang on my wall I might choose that. I am very fond of wood and the movement of it - and I will send you all a photo once it is bought and in place.

You gave me, and I include those who have gone and especially now, Joan, eighteen very happy years taking the group. I really enjoyed those years - choosing the dances, finding suitable music, wondering if I'd ever teach Phoenix (I didn't). But in the last year or two I knew I must stop as it was taking too much out of me. But I have kept all my tapes, CDs etc and I play them and remember the dances.

Thank you for all the happy times on Wednesday afternoons at The Settlement.

From Barbara Brockway

OCCASIONAL WORKSHOPS

15th November 2008

Beadwork by Sue Maguire

29th November 2008

William Morris by Melanie Camp

29th November 2008

Mosaic by Christine Harrison

Cost £27.50 per workshop.

Please book in the Office

or call 01462 682828.

TUTORS' RETIREMENT LUNCH

If you were an embroiderer or a quilter looking for inspiration for a piece of work with the theme of a Perfect English Summer's Day, you couldn't have done better than take The Settlement gardens on June 5th as your starting point.

But the crowds of stitchers who were there had a different purpose: they were expressing their gratitude and good wishes to four tutors who were now retiring and who had, between them, notched up more than 50 years of teaching a variety of embroidery and quilting courses at The Settlement.

Clare Wood, Christina Renwick, Catherine Hursthouse and above all Val Aitken, had all made distinguished contributions to Settlement courses. They stimulated creativity and encouraged students to produce work of a standard that surprised even themselves. Despite Government cutbacks, Val's hard and sustained efforts have ensured embroidery continues to flourish at The Settlement. All four are handing on a great legacy to those coming after them.

Their past students - some who gained their City and Guilds certificates many years ago - were delighted to have this opportunity, over a sumptuous lunch, to say "thank you" and to wish them well for the future.

Glenda Jones—Student on Val's C&G Creative Embroidery Course, 1999-2001

Settlement Players Audition Dates

Wednesday 19/11/08 and 26/11/08 8pm
Auditions for Cat and The Canary

Wednesday 3/12/08 8pm— Reading for
January Theatre Club entertainment

Watercolour Workshop
by Ken Woodruff

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October	18th	Watercolour Workshop by Ken Woodruff	10.00am-4.00pm
	20th	Council Meeting	7.30pm
	25th	Lace Day	9.30am
	26th	Craft Fair	10am-4.00pm
	27th-31st	HALF TERM	OPEN
November	4th	Visit to Tate Modern	9am
	13th-15th	Settlement Players Production	7.45pm
	19th	Settlement Council AGM	8pm
	28th	Lyra String Quartet	7.30pm
December	16th	Settlement closes for Christmas at end of day	10pm
January	2009		
	5th	Settlement reopens for classes	
	12th	University courses start	
February	16th-20th	HALF TERM	OPEN
	19th-21st	Settlement Players Production	7.45pm
	28th	Jazz Night	7.30pm
April	4th-13th	Settlement Closed for Easter	

SETTLEMENT VISITS

Now taking bookings for 2009:

3rd Jan	Byzantium Exhibition at the Royal Academy
24th Jan	'War Horse' at National Theatre
7th Feb	Masters of Flemish Painting at The Queen's Gallery

Further visits being planned for 2009: a mixture of theatre, art exhibitions, country homes, gardens and textile shows. Suggestions welcome!

Booking forms available from the Common Room.
Visits Enquiries to 01462 686321

SHERRY MARTIN

We are very sorry to announce the death of Sherry Martin. Sherry was a member and fundraiser for The Settlement for many years. As a very skilled needlewoman she contributed to the commemorative hanging in the hall. She will be greatly missed.

HAZEL MORRIS

We regret to announce that Settlement member Hazel Morris sadly passed away on 18th August 2008. A popular member of the Patchwork and Quilting class Hazel was always ready with a kind word and helping hand. She will be truly missed.

NEW COURSES FROM JANUARY 2009

It is not too early to book your places on one of our new courses for the Spring. Enquire in the office.

A Return to Enlightenment	Mon pm	Tutor: Hilary Birkett (Uni course)
14th Century Italian Art	Tues am / pm	Tutor: Margaret Davis (Uni course)
Discovering Lost Gardens of Herts	Tues am	Tutor: Anne Rowe (Uni Course)
Our Restless Planet	Wed am	Tutor: Gillian Sheail (Uni Course)
Romans In Britain: Heroes or Villains?	Wed pm	Tutor: Paul Palmer (Uni Course)
Writing for Performance	Thurs am	Tutor: Teresa Benison (Uni Course)
Intro to Shakespeare's Comedies	Thurs pm	Tutor: Paul Crossley (Uni Course)

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. Please do give us your feedback!! Wishing you all the best in your Christmas preparations - why not visit the Craft Fair on 26th October for a few unique ideas??

Many Thanks - Amanda, Sam and Sonia