



LETCWORTH ADULT EDUCATIONAL SETTLEMENT

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NEWSLETTER

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The Settlement Players

Present

Murder in Company

By

King & Boland

Thurs 19th - Sat 21st

February 2009

Curtain up: 7.45pm

Tickets £6

From David's Music (01462 475900)

Letchworth Settlement
Spring

Plant and Food Fair

9th May 2009

10am - 12pm

With new stalls of locally
produced food.

NEW COURSES

FOR

APRIL 2009

Please ask in the office for more information on our new
courses for the summer including:

'London in Literature' with Paul Crossley

'Poetry Writing' with Richard Brown

'Water- A Turbulent History' with Dr Stephen Halliday

'The English House in the Late 18th Century'
with Madeline Edmead

A Funny Valentine

**The Story and Music of
Chet Baker**

Told by Mike Maran

With live music on stage

13th March 2009 - 7.45pm

**Tickets £10 from Settlement Office
(682828) or David's Music (475900)
Bar Available**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It's probably too late to wish you all a Happy New Year but the sentiments are there! I hope you've had a good start to the year despite the economic gloom. Personally I'm enjoying my classes at The Settlement and I hope you are too.

Since the last newsletter a lot has happened. Most of you will know that the survey about continuing with Madingley for our University courses or employing tutors ourselves resulted in the vast majority in favour of the latter. We were very relieved that most tutors supported this decision. The Programme Committee is regularly meeting and busy compiling the programme for next year with some innovative ideas such as having some back to back 5 week courses. If you would like to suggest a course please make contact quickly.

At the AGM in November it was agreed to disband the Council in favour of empowering the voice of all members. In the future there will be two members' meetings which we hope you will all try to attend. These meetings are the Committee's opportunity to inform you on Settlement matters. We hope to have a speaker at each meeting and some form of refreshment will be served. To make these meetings more accessible to all members we are planning to hold them on Sunday afternoons; the first will be on Sunday 7th June at 2:30pm and the AGM will be Sunday 22nd November at 2:30pm.

We are planning some changes to the Spring Fair and the Craft Fair. The Spring Fair is very special to us as the Gardening Club sell all the plants and seedlings which they have grown. This year we are inviting local food producers to attend both events as a form of food fair. We hope you will put these dates in your diaries and advertise the events for us.

On 13th March Mike Maran returns with "A Funny Valentine", a play written by Mike featuring the life and music of Chet Baker, the famous jazz trumpeter. Many of you will remember Mike's first production at The Settlement "Picasso and Me". Your level of support will give us an indication of whether you want us to continue developing professional theatre at The Settlement.

With the aid of our Deputy Manager Sonia, we are now able to keep our website up to date. Please tell her of any event your group is planning or any news which you would like displayed on the web.

Pat Ellis [Chairman]

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS.....

A reminder for all students and Settlement members to regularly look at the notice boards in each classroom.

I have put up the opening dates from now until July 2010!

You will also find details for all forthcoming Settlement events. If you are able to help us with advertising then please ask in the Office for posters or flyers.

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



Letchworth Camera Club

Annual Exhibition

28th February - 28th March

Letchworth Museum & Art Gallery, Broadway, LGC.

Open Daily 10am - 5pm (closed Wed and Sun)

FLOWER ARRANGING

Starting back after Easter
approximately every other week on
Thursday evening.
Please enquire at the office.

SETTLEMENT PLAYERS OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 4th March - 8.15pm
The Little Theatre, Letchworth Settlement,
Nevells Road.

Fancy treading the boards? Interested in costume or sound and lighting? Come and meet some of our members and see if we are for you!
We always welcome new members!

The evening will include a Casting Reading for our summer play 'Blithe Spirit' by Noel Coward performing on 11th - 13th June.

Call our secretary Sonia Weston on 01462 686136
www.settlement-players.org.uk

IN MEMORIAM: CHERYL TODD...

Cheryl started teaching at The Settlement in 1995. She was a first class flower arranger, inspiring teacher and much loved friend. A member of Hitchin Floral Art Club, she helped run the sales table and workshops while helping represent the club at Chelsea Flower Show. Always willing to help with advice, her knowledge of flowers was vast. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Jenny Stutely

LETCHWORTH SETTLEMENT PRIZE CLUB ENTER NOW - DO NOT DELAY!!

The Settlement Prize Club raises about £900 each year and provides valuable support to the funds of The Settlement. Application forms are now available for 2009. Each entry is a mere £10 to give the chance of winning a cash prize, although multiple entries are most welcome.

On a further note, I have been running the Prize Club for several years now and would like to pass the task on to someone who can give it fresh impetus. If you feel this is a small job that you would like to do then please let either me or the office know. Thank you.

Robert Staddon (01462) 672432

OCCASIONAL WORKSHOPS

21st March 2009
Beadwork with Sue Maguire

23rd May 2009
Digital Photography
Colin Woodbridge

Cost £27.50 per workshop
Please book in the Office
Or call 01462 682828

SETTLEMENT VISITS

Copies of schedules for 2009 visits are in the
Common Room - please help yourself!

Coming up soon:

6th June Rousham, Oxon. Claydon House.

18th June Mottisfont Abbey Garden

Suggestions for visits from November 2009 always welcome.
All visits enquiries to Roy on 01462 686321.

IN MEMORIAM: ELAINE KING

A physiotherapist by profession, Elaine was exuberant in a gentle and thoughtful way. A devotee of the Margaret Morris Movement she became its leader in 1963/64. This movement was, in many ways, the fore-runner of many of today's fitness activities. Also involved in the Settlement Poetry Group, Elaine was a keen supporter of Players Productions and helped at many Fund Raising events. Her husband, Edgar, a member of the Management Committee, died in 1991. He supplied light-fittings for the Hall, Cruse and Spinks Rooms, and laid the original path from the car park to the stoep. We offer condolences to her sons, Adrian and Chris and to their families.

Roy Evans.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

10am - 4pm Sat 23rd May
A course intended for those new to Digital Cameras and keen to get a better understanding of how to use them.
Please enrol in the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February	16th-20th	HALF TERM	OPEN
	19th-21st	Settlement Players Production - 'Murder in Company'	7.45pm
	28th	Jazz Night - SOLD OUT	7.30pm
March	13th	Beadwork Workshop by Sue Maguire	10am - 4pm
	13th	'A Funny Valentine' - Story of Chet Butler	7.45pm
April	3rd	Settlement closes for Easter at end of day	10pm
	4th-13th	Settlement Closed for Easter	CLOSED
	14th	Settlement reopens for Summer Term	9am
	18th	Watercolour Workshop by Ken Woodruff	10am - 4pm
May	9th	Settlement Spring Plant & Food Fair	10am - 4pm
	23rd	Digital Photography Workshop by Colin Woodbridge	10am - 4pm
	25th - 29th	HALF TERM	OPEN
June	7th	Members' Meeting	2.30pm
	11th - 13th	Settlement Players Production - 'Blithe Spirit'	7.45pm
July	17th	Settlement Closed for Summer	10pm
August	17th	Settlement reopens with irregular office hours	9am
September	14th	Most classes start back this week	
October	23rd	Settlement closed for Lace Day	CLOSED
	24th	CRAFT FAIR	
	26th-30th	HALF TERM	OPEN

WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP BY KEN WOODRUFF

Places still available on Ken Woodruff's Watercolour Workshops held at The Settlement on Saturday 18th April and Saturday 13th June 10am - 4pm.

Also places at the Catholic Church Hall, Baldock - eight Tuesdays - 8th, 12th, 19th, 26th May and 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd June. Held from 9.30am - 12.30pm

Forms and more information available from Ken Woodruff.
Ring 01438 748130 and leave your details.

Thank you.....

Ken Woodruff would like to thank everyone who expressed their condolences and sympathy for the loss of his wife Josephine on 4th November 2008. It was a great comfort to know the concern of so many friends and classmates at The Settlement.

NEW COURSES FROM APRIL 2009

We are now taking bookings for the summer courses. Please enquire at the office.

The English House in the Late 18th Century	Tues am	Tutor: Madeline Edmead (Uni Course)
Water: A Turbulent History	Wed pm	Tutor: Dr Stephen Halliday (Uni Course)
London in Literature	Thurs pm	Tutor: Paul Crossley (Uni Course)
Poetry Writing Course	Thurs am	Tutor: Richard Brown

AND FINALLY.....

Please could we ask your help in switching off lights when you leave rooms and adjusting the heat of the radiators rather than opening windows to cool down. Thank you.

Amanda, Sonia and Sam.