

## **WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon**

**September 2015  
Newsletter 25**



**All Saints' Church, Sanderstead**

### **Acting Chairman's Report**

Autumn is on its way and the start of term is just round the corner. We have a very successful branch and we want to keep it that way. To that end, we are now seriously in need of a new Treasurer to replace Dee Poulton who is coming to the top of the waiting list for a new house out of our area. Our accounts are done on an excel spreadsheet so experience of excel is necessary but we are a small branch and the actual accounts and the work involved is not too onerous. We would like a replacement before Dee leaves in order to have an efficient handover.

Please someone come forward (or perhaps there is someone you know who would be willing to take this on) so that we can continue with the smooth running of the branch as before. If you are interested (or just curious at this stage), please get in touch with me, Jane Bishop – details on page 7.

I make no apology for repeating information about our classes on pages 2 and 3. Please let Jackie Godfrey (details on page 7) know if you cannot attend the first few classes so that we can keep a class open if numbers are low and so that we can let you know if a class fails.

On page 4, you will find the poster for our Autumn Lecture to be held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October followed by the AGM after the tea break. Last time, we had a huge turn out for Ian's lecture and it would be good if we could repeat that again. You will find the Agenda for the AGM on page 6.

Don't miss the next season of 'At Homes'. You will find the details on page 5. If anyone is willing to host an 'At Home', please contact Ken Sims – details on page 7

Jane Bishop  
Acting Chairman

# Courses starting September 2015

## Fee Refunds

The course fee from September 2015 is £88 for an 11 week (one term) class. The Branch is again offering a refund of £20 for a two term class and £10 for an 11 week (one term) class.

As usual, you will be able to try out a class before you decide. **If you cannot attend the first class or classes, it is important that you let Jackie Godfrey (contact details on last page) know as this information can save a class which might otherwise fail.** We need a minimum of twelve to keep the class running. If you let Jackie know that you cannot attend the first class or classes and that class subsequently fails you will be informed thereby saving you a wasted journey.

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## Exploring London through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Tutor: Michael Gilbert  
Fee: £56.00 (no refund)

Mondays, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

7 meetings from Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015

Methodist Church Hall, 102 Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey. CR2 9EF

From the end of the Victorian era, six changes of monarch, through two World Wars and on to the new millennium, this series of six illustrated lectures and a guided walk looks at how London expanded and evolved, through developments in transport, architecture and society.

The walk is on the flat and starts at 11.00 am. Notes and a map will be supplied but you will be expected to fund your travel to and from the walk location.

Session 1. Monday, 21 Sep. 1900-1914 - from the end of the Victorian era to the gathering storm.

Session 2. Monday, 28 Sep. 1914-1929 – the Great War followed by the depression.

No Class on Monday, 5 Oct.

Session 3. Monday, 12 Oct. A walk around the Bloomsbury area.

Session 4. Monday, 19 Oct. 1930-1945. Art Deco, Anderson Shelters, the Blitz and V weapons.

Session 5. Monday, 26 Oct. 1945-1959. From austerity to 'You've never had it so good'.

Session 6. Monday, 2 Nov. 1960-1979. The rise of youth culture and high rise buildings.

Session 7. Monday, 9 Nov. 1980-2000. London moves East: Wapping, Canary Wharf, the Dome.

## **Art since 1960**

Tutor: Tom Watson  
Fee: £88.00 (£10 refund)

Wednesdays, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

11 meetings from Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

All Saints' Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, South Croydon, CR2 9AB

When looking at art since 1960, one encounters a range of diverse styles and forms. From piles of sweets in galleries to arrangements of stones in lakes, art has come to incorporate a wide variety of different practices. But alongside this diversity of styles, there has also been an equally diverse array of political agendas, held by both artists and critics alike. In this course, participants will explore major developments in art since 1960, paying close attention to the heated critical discussions that surround them.

**Please note** there will be no half term break – the class will run from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> December (11 weeks). There will also be no access to the kitchen so please bring your own refreshments for the break. If successful, this course will be extended into a second term.

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## **The Enjoyment of Opera**

Tutor: Cy Lloyd  
Fee: £88.00 (£10 refund)

Thursdays, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

11 meetings from Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Methodist Church Hall, 102 Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey. CR2 9EF

The syllabus is created around the operas being performed around the capital and each unit culminates with a visit to that opera – in this sense the learning is extended out of the classroom.

The operas are discussed and analysed in detail (comments, opinions and questions are most enthusiastically encouraged). The composer, underlying musicology, the production, the performances, the motivic development, orchestration and even the harmonic language are dealt with.

The class has many varying requirements – so if you just want to understand the story – or if you wish to harmonically analyse the score (or anything in between) you may rest assured that your needs will be satisfied.

### **Operas to be studied and visited in the first term:-**

Verdi - Otello

Verdi - Il Trovatore

Wagner – Tannhauser

### **Operas to be studied and visited in the second term:-**

Berg - Lulu

Bizet - The Pearl Fishers

Strauss – Elektra

**The Autumn Lecture – 2.30 pm Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**All Saints' Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, CR2 9AB**

**YOUNG DICKENS AND HIS LONDON**  
**His Early Life - Before He Was Famous**

**A Lecture by Ian Porter**

We've heard a lot about Dickens in recent years but little of his early life. Ian takes us from Dickens' birth in Portsmouth to childhood in Chatham to pre "Dickensian" London. We hear not just of Dickens the writer, but Dickens the singer, actor, bored teenager and love lorn young man. And we hear of places still here today, which Dickens used in his stories.



Ian Porter is a Londoner, historian, novelist, non-fiction writer, public speaker and guide. His first novel, Whitechapel, is set in the East End slums of 1888. Ian has extensive knowledge of London and now guides over thirty five different walks throughout London, Greenwich and Rochester. His second novel is set in the world of the Suffragettes.

**This lecture will be followed by tea and cakes.**

**All are welcome, no advance booking required**  
**£8 including refreshments**

**The Annual General Meeting will commence at about 4.30 pm**

## **‘AT HOME’ ENTERTAINMENTS AUTUMN 2015 AND SPRING 2016**

All friends and members of the branch are invited to entertainments devised and presented by members in their own homes, including refreshments at half time. Because of the limitation on numbers it is essential to telephone your hosts and book your place. We like to gather from 15 minutes early, to ensure a prompt start. A donation of £5 to Branch funds is requested.

### **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 1:30 pm**

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| Jeanne and Ken Sims | 35 Falconwood Road<br>Addington<br><br>01689 843695 | <b>Best of ‘C and D are for....’</b><br><br>Some have become talks, but that still leaves a highlight in the Netherlands, a unique area in Turkey and two visits to the north of England. Slides, words and music<br><br>Just coffee and biscuits this time. |
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### **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 at 1:30 pm**

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| Jean and Roy Stanbury | “Silver Birch”<br>58 Sanderstead Court Avenue<br>Sanderstead.<br><i>Walk up the drive between Nos 56 and 60 to reach 58. Silver Birch is the first bungalow on the right.</i><br><br>020 8657 5131 | <b>Who Do You Think They Were? – Part 2: The Croydon Connection.</b><br><br>A look at some local residents we have come across, who are not as well-known as they deserve to be. Have you discovered them too?<br><br>Including music and pictures. |
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### **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 11:00 am**

**Repeated on**

### **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 2:00 pm**

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| Jeanne and Ken Sims | 35 Falconwood Road<br>Addington<br><br>01689 843695 | <b>W is for.....?</b><br><br>A Warm WEA Welcome a-Waits you. Where Will We go, What and Who Will We find?<br><br>Slides, words and music |
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### **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 pm**

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| Jean and Roy Stanbury | “Silver Birch”<br>58 Sanderstead Court Avenue<br>Sanderstead. <i>Walk up the drive between Nos 56 and 60 to reach 58. Silver Birch is the first bungalow on the right.</i><br><br>020 8657 5131 | <b>A Quiz Afternoon</b><br><br>Entertaining and fun, Come and join our annual following. You mark your own answers and an honest winner emerges. There are no losers, just happy participants.<br><br>Ample use of projected pictures |
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Is there anyone else in the branch willing to present an afternoon or evening on a favourite topic in music, words or pictures? Coffee and biscuits are fine for the social interval.

**Contact Ken Sims on 01689 843695**

# **Annual General Meeting 2015**

**Saturday, 10th October 2015 at 4.30 pm**

**All Saints' Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, CR2 9AB**

## **A G E N D A**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in 2014. These were circulated with the January 2015 Newsletter. Any comments ahead of the meeting to Jane Bishop, Acting Chairman (020 8763 2750) or email [JaneBishop1975@gmail.com](mailto:JaneBishop1975@gmail.com)
3. Matters arising
4. Acting Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015
6. Secretary's Report
7. Course Organisers' Report
8. Election of Officers, all of whom are willing to stand.
  - Acting Chairman (and Mailing Secretary) – Jane Bishop
  - Treasurer – Dorothy Poulton
  - Secretary – Josie Green
  - Auditor – Roy Stanbury
9. Co-opted Members (for information)
  - Course Organisers – Jackie Godfrey and Elizabeth Watts-Read
  - Outings Committee – Carole Cowley, Anne Evans, Penny Eveleigh, Beryl Mason
  - General Committee Members – Felicity Hartwright, Ken Sims
10. Any Other Business and Open Forum

**ALL WEA MEMBERS, CLASS ATTENDEES AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED  
TO ATTEND**

## Branch Committee

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| Acting Chairman<br>Mailing Secretary             | Jane Bishop<br><a href="mailto:JaneBishop1975@gmail.com">JaneBishop1975@gmail.com</a>            | 020 8763 2750 |
| Treasurer  | Dee Poulton<br><a href="mailto:d.poulton@live.com">d.poulton@live.com</a>                        | 020 8657 3648 |
| Secretary  | Josie Green<br><a href="mailto:JosieDGreen@hotmail.co.uk">JosieDGreen@hotmail.co.uk</a>          | 020 8651 4684 |
| Joint Course Organisers                          | Jackie Godfrey<br><a href="mailto:jgnewwall@yahoo.co.uk">jgnewwall@yahoo.co.uk</a>               | 020 8647 7602 |
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| ‘At Homes’ Organiser<br>General Committee Member | Ken Sims<br><a href="mailto:ken.jeanne.sims@hotmail.co.uk">ken.jeanne.sims@hotmail.co.uk</a>     | 01689 843695  |
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Please let Jane Bishop (Acting Chairman and Mailing Secretary) know of any changes of address, telephone or email or if you wish to relinquish membership.

Jane Bishop, 5 Hadley Wood Rise, Kenley, Surrey. CR8 5LY

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