WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon

September 2017 Newsletter 33



All Saints' Church, Sanderstead

Chairman's Report – Succession Planning

In the last Newsletter, I announced that both Josie Green (Branch Secretary) and myself (Chairman) would be resigning from the Committee as at 31st December 2017 and appealed for two people to come forward to take over these roles. We have had no applications and unfortunately **the Branch cannot continue unless these roles are filled**. The Branch Committee has worked hard over the years to maintain a very successful branch and we do not want to see it all come to an end. So, please, think about it and put your name forward. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this. You will find my contact details on page 5.

It is becoming difficult to find good tutors and although our two Course Organisers have worked hard with WEA Head Office to find tutors for September, it has not been possible. On page 2, you will see the courses that we will be holding before the end of the year.

The Autumn Lecture and AGM will be held on 28th October 2017 in All Saints' Church Hall. Once again, we are delighted to have Anne Stott (previously lectured on Jane Austen, Victorians in Love and Three Historic Royal Scandals) return to tell us the story of The Other Princess Charlotte, who was the daughter of the Prince Regent, George IV. You will find more details of this on page 3. The lecture will be followed by tea and cakes. Please remember to let Felicity Hartwright (details on page 5) know before the meeting if you are able to bring any cakes along as this helps the planning process.

The lecture will be followed by the AGM and you will find the agenda on page 4.

I cannot close this Report without stating again how important it is that two people come forward to continue with the running of the branch.

Jane Bishop Chairman

AUTUMN COURSES

We have been running a successful Opera Class for many years now and want to see this continue into the future. In January 2017, Cy Lloyd, the lecturer, together with his colleague, John Smith, decided that they would run the class independently of WEA. This idea was so successful that they have decided to do the same again as from September 2017. Therefore the Opera Class will not be run under the auspices of WEA and any queries or comments should be directed to John Smith email: jsmithsaxena@hotmail.com.

Opera Appreciation - Cy Lloyd

Thursdays, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

11 meetings from Thursday, 21st September to 7th December 2017. Half Term Thursday, 26th October 2017.

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

Please note that this class is not being run under the auspices of WEA.

Politics: Seventy Years that Transformed Britain 1657 – 1707 Jim Chrystie

Seven meetings from Wednesday, 1st November 2017 – 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

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

In 70 years the British political world is turned upside down. One King is publicly executed and his second son flees into exile after the last successful foreign invasion of these isles. By the end of this period, Parliament is politically dominant, Protestantism is in the ascendancy, Ireland is a colony and a new political entity - Britain - has been created. None of this was inevitable. So whilst this course looks at what happened and why, it also examines movements that did not succeed. The political radicals - Levellers, Diggers- the messianic religious groups - the Quakers, Ranters and Shakers - and try and see them in their own light. Whilst these 70 years are amongst the important decades in British history, dynamism is not limited to politics. With great literature - Paradise Lost, Pilgrim's Progress, Restoration comedies - pioneering science - Newton, Hooke, Royal Society - and fascinating insight into day to day life - Pepys Diaries, this is history that resonates down the ages.

Wednesday, 1st November to Wednesday, 13th December No Half Term

Art History: Impressionism and its Multiple Facets Caroline Levisse

Two meetings on Mondays, 4th and 11th December. 11.00 am -1.00 pm

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

Jim Chrystie

Fee: £58.80

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WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon Branch Saturday, 28th October 2017 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

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

The Other Princess Charlotte The short life of the Prince Regent's daughter

Lecture by Anne Stott

On 6th November 1817, Princess Charlotte, the daughter of the Prince Regent, died in childbirth. Charlotte was the child of a broken marriage and her short life saw many conflicts with her father. She was rebellious and high-spirited but found fulfilment eventually in a happy marriage. This made her death all the more tragic and a shocked nation went into deep mourning.





Anne Stott has taught History for the WEA, the Open University and Birkbeck, University of London. She has written biographies of the Evangelical philanthropist, Hannah More, and of William Wilberforce and his circle.

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

Annual General Meeting 2017

Saturday, 28th October 2017 at 4.30 pm All Saints' Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, CR2 9AB

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 22nd October 2016 which were circulated with the January 2017 Newsletter. Any comments ahead of the meeting to Jane Bishop, Chairman (020 8763 2750) or email JaneBishop1975@gmail.com
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes, if any.
- 4. Chairman's Report
- 5. Treasurer's Report for the financial year 1st August 2016 to 31st July 2017
- 6. Secretary's Report
- 7. Election of Officers. The Chairman and Secretary will resign as at 31st December 2017.
 - Chairman Vacant
 - Treasurer Jackie Godfrey
 - Secretary Vacant
 - Auditor Roy Stanbury
- 8. Any Other Business and Open Forum

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

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Please let Jane Bishop (Chairman and Mailing Secretary) know of any change of address, telephone or email or if you wish to relinquish membership.

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