

## WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon

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All Saints' Church, Sanderstead

### Acting Chairman's Report

It has been so good to see so many of you either at classes, on outings or some other event over the past year. We are now ready to embark on our September academic year classes and events and I hope to see as many of you again.

Our visit to Broadstairs and Quex Park, see page 4 in this newsletter, will give you the opportunity to visit the world famous Morelli's Ice Cream Parlour recently featured in Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites on BBC2. They have been open since 1932 and serve over 20 flavours of ice cream. This parlour still proudly serves loyal customers today and retains a magical feel of stepping back in time with its soda fountain, juke box, formica tops and pink leatherette booths. Overwhelmingly nostalgic, it is for many a walk down memory lane. Who could resist it!

We start in September with our classes. It was a great shock to us when Mark Banting decided to withdraw from his courses after five weeks last year. It left a great hole in our diaries and Mark was a firm favourite. We have a great replacement in Tom Watson, our new art lecturer. However, please note the changed venue. The Scout Hut was not able to take our booking for Wednesdays and we have had to move the class to All Saints' Church Hall in the afternoon. Please come along and give Tom a chance. You will find details of all the classes on pages 2 and 3.

The Autumn Lecture (followed by the AGM) will take place at 2.30 pm on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at the usual venue, All Saints' Church Hall, Sanderstead. The title will be '*Young Dickens and His London. His early life before he was famous*'. The lecturer will be Ian Porter who is returning to us after two and a half years. You may remember his previous lecture in April 2013 when we had the biggest audience ever at over 120 people. Please put the date in your diary and further details will be circulated in the September newsletter.

Because of postage costs, we no longer circulate the brochure from the branch. WEA Head Office has its own mailing list and they circulate as per that list. If you require a brochure and have not received one direct from WEA, you will find them in the local libraries or you can check the WEA website.

We are still looking for someone to step into Dee's shoes and take on the job of branch treasurer, some experience of figures would be useful and computer skills essential but full training would be available. If anyone out there thinks they could help please let me know.

Just a quick reminder, if you no longer require branch circulations, please let me know.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see you in the Autumn.

Jane Bishop

## 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.

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### 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.

## **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

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

Each year friends and members of our branch are invited to entertainments devised and presented by members in their own homes. These 'At Home' entertainments are a unique social aspect of the WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon Branch. I suspect that we all have topics that we like to share with our friends and relatives, be it interesting subjects we've studied, holidays, or even our job experiences. Offering to hold an 'At Home' would give you the opportunity to share your enthusiasm with other members.

Are you interested in presenting a morning or afternoon 'At Home' on a favourite topic in music, words or pictures? Coffee and biscuits are fine for the social interval.

**Contact Ken Sims on 01689 843695**

## A Visit to Broadstairs, Quex Park and Powell-Cotton Museum, Kent Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015

We will leave at 9.00 am from Limpsfield Road opposite Waitrose Supermarket and the junction with Riding Hill. Please park carefully in neighbouring roads to ensure easy access for residents and emergency services.

The morning will be spent in the quintessential seaside town of Broadstairs. Broadstairs is considered a very healthy and agreeable place to visit. Charles Dickens stayed regularly at Bleak House, then known as Fort House, and Princess Victoria stayed at Pierremont Hall.



You will have time to walk along by the bay and its sandy beach and bandstand or explore the quaint town filled with narrow streets, interesting shops, cafés and restaurants. You can choose to visit Dickens House, Crampton Tower and the Town Museum.

Broadstairs is well known for Morelli's. This is a beautiful example of a 1930's ice-cream parlour and is situated along the Victoria Parade, a good place to stop for a morning coffee (and an ice cream). Try Chiappinis another great ice cream place on The Parade overlooking Viking Bay. Lunch can be bought in one of the many cafés and restaurants or take a picnic to eat by the sea or in the Victoria Gardens.

We will leave Broadstairs at 1.00 pm for the journey to Quex Park and the Powell-Cotton Museum the home of the Powell-Cotton family for the past 200 years.

The Museum houses a collection of natural history exhibits brought to life in outstanding dioramas. This museum is used by special conservation projects today and also has displays of the homes and artefacts of the African and Asia people the family met on their travels.



At 2.15 pm an introductory talk has been arranged, followed by a free flow visit of the Museum, House and Gardens.

The visit ends with a cream tea before we depart for Sanderstead at 5.15 pm.

The cost of this visit is £28 which includes coach hire, driver's tip, entrance and talk fees for Quex Park and a cream tea. To book a place please ring Beryl Mason on **020 8657 6740** to check for availability, then send your cheque together with the reply slip on **page 5** to Beryl at 9 Cedar Court, Sanderstead Road, Sanderstead, CR2 8RA. All cheques are payable to **WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon**. We regret a £5 admin fee will be retained if a place is cancelled. If you cancel and your place cannot be filled, we will be unable to refund the cost of the coach and any other expenses already incurred.

**Please note that this visit does entail some walking, the negotiation of steps and uneven ground.**

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Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Please return to Beryl Mason at 9 Cedar Court, Addington Road, Sanderstead CR2 8RA.**

- I would like to attend the above visit on 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- I enclose a cheque for **£28.00** per person made out to **WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon.**

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Signature ..... Date .....

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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.

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