

## WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon

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Newsletter 29



All Saints' Church, Sanderstead

### Chairman's Report

Jeanne Sims has asked me to include the following in this Newsletter and I am delighted to insert it here under my own Report. I sincerely hope that this may persuade some people to come forward to help out.

*Jean and Roy Stanbury have decided not to host any more 'At Homes'. Ken and I hope to carry on for the next three years to complete our alphabetic 'At Homes', but after 'Z is for...' in 2019 we will probably retire gracefully.*

*If no volunteers have come forward by then, it will be the end of a very long tradition of 'At Homes' in this branch. We joined 43 years ago, and there were always six to eight 'At Homes' annually. Occasionally these were DIY events, where the host chose the topic eg. Spring; The Weather; Journeys and each guest brought a piece of music or a reading on that subject. Either way, they were sociable, interesting occasions enjoyed by members and hosts alike.*

*Another long tradition in our branch has been the coach outings. These were organised at first by Olga and Maurice Grubb, and after he died, Ken helped Olga. Then Ray and Pat Kilsby took over, and latterly our current outings committee. Now that they are retiring it seems that these, too, will be a thing of the past.*

*The 'At Homes' and outings have for decades given pleasure to our members, and unity to our branch. Without them, our branch will be a poorer thing. Whilst our present volunteers are getting older, where are the younger replacements.? Please think seriously as to whether you could be one of the new generation of volunteers. If so, please contact any member of the committee.*

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**STOP PRESS: The suspense is over and we are glad to say that Cy Lloyd has agreed with WEA Head Office to continue with the opera class in September. All the relevant admin paper work has been completed and the class will start on 22<sup>nd</sup> September – details on page 3.**

Our Autumn Lecture (followed by the AGM) will take place at 2.30 pm on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the usual venue, All Saints Church Hall, Sanderstead. The title will be ***The Bohemian World of Bloomsbury*** and I am absolutely delighted that our lecturer will be Mark Banting, whom many of you will remember from his previous excellent courses on art history. Please come along to the lecture and stay for the AGM which will take place at about 4.30 pm – this usually only takes about 15 minutes.

Sadly, no volunteers have come forward to take over from our present Outings Team.

**Jane Bishop**  
**Chairman**

## Fee Refunds

The course fee from September 2016 is £90.20 for an eleven-week (one term) class. The Branch is again offering a refund of £10 for an eleven-week class. The seven week classes are not eligible for a refund.

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 page 6) 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.

## Courses starting September 2016

<b>19<sup>th</sup> Century Arts and Crafts in Britain</b> Learn about a selection of art works to find out how and why artists made them; for what purposes and for what audiences in particular. Discuss and question the ideas behind the art. British art in the nineteenth century cultivated radical new movements: The Pre-Raphaelites, British Arts and Crafts and Aestheticism, which changed ideas about art and industrial society nationally and internationally. This course will survey major developments, artists and art works for you to learn about and enjoy!  Wednesdays, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm 7 meetings from Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 All Saints' Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, Surrey. CR2 9AB  <b>Please note that we do not have access to the kitchen so please bring your own refreshments for the interval. There will be no half term break.</b>	Tutor: Laura Elliott Fee: £57.40 (no refund)
<b>Happy Birthday Magna Carta</b> Rethinking links between Magna Carta and present realities. This course will provide an introduction to the Magna Carta and its historical, philosophical and political legacies, up to the present day. It will look specifically at 'contexts and contests 1215-1688': is England a special case, or, like Scotland, New Zealand and Russia, is it avid for foundation myths? The course will consider the reception and uses of Magna Carta 1688–2016 and debate the idea of an expanding circle of rights amidst changing rules and rulers.  Mondays, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm 11 meetings from Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 Methodist Church Hall, 102 Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey. CR2 9EF  Half term: 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Tutor: Nicholas Hyman Fee: £90.20 (£10 refund)

<b>Opera Appreciation – Cy Lloyd</b>  Thursdays, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm 11 meetings from Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016 Methodist Church Hall, 102 Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey. CR2 9EF  At the time of writing we do not have details of which operas he proposes to study.	Tutor: To be confirmed Fee: £90.20 (£10 refund)
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## Courses starting January 2017

<b>Current International Affairs</b> Taking a historical perspective behind a current international issue to unlock the complexities of today's world.  Wednesdays, 2.00-4.00 pm 11 meetings from Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 Methodist Church Hall, 102 Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey. CR2 9EF  <b>Please note that the venue for this course has been changed as we have now managed to secure the Methodist Church Hall.</b>  Half Term: 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Tutor: Jim Christie Fee: £90.20 (£10 refund)
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**The Autumn Lecture – 2.30 pm Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**  
**All Saints' Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead CR2 9AB**

## **THE BOHEMIAN WORLD OF BLOOMSBURY**

**A Lecture by Dr Mark Banting**

**From novels to television adaptations, there has been a renewed popular focus on Bloomsbury these last couple of years - often, however, at the expense of the culture-changing art they produced. Today we will combine the gossip with books and paintings, charting Bloomsbury from the early 'at homes' to the Omega Workshop, the Hogarth Press, Monk's House and Charleston by way of Vanessa Bell and Virginia Woolf, their friends and lovers.**



Virginia Woolf & Lytton Strachey (photo by Ottoline Morrell 1923)  
(National Portrait Gallery)



The Memoir Club by Vanessa Bell (1943)  
(National Portrait Gallery)

Dr Mark Banting has a degree in Russian and International Politics and a PhD in Feminist Studies. His interests include Russian Art and at present he is researching British Art History 1830s-1930s. Mark is currently Events Manager for Waterstones, Piccadilly.

**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 2016 AND SPRING 2017**

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.

### **2016**

#### **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00 pm: Last evening of British Summer time!**

Jeanne and Ken Sims	35 Falconwood Road Addington  01689 843 695 .	<b>Best of E and F are for....’</b>  From our 1998 and 1999 At Homes we've chosen to revisit four of our favourite locations. One in England, one in Scotland, one in Bavaria and one in Turkey.  Just coffee and biscuits this time  Slides, words and music
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### **2017**

#### **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00 am**

#### **Repeated on**

#### **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00 pm**

Jeanne and Ken Sims	35 Falconwood Road Addington  01689 843 695	<b>X is for.....?</b>  X has been eXcessively hard, but we have been eXpedient in our preparations. Don't eXpect X-rated material, though as we eXamined our eXtensive slide collection and eXtracted just two genuine 'X's, there may have been eXpletives! In this eXtremity we include some eXceptions, and we eXhort you to come!  Slides, words and music
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### **Vacancy for a volunteer**

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 843 695**

# **Annual General Meeting 2016**

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 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 2015. These were circulated with the January 2016 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. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016
6. Secretary's Report
7. Course Organisers' Report
8. Election of Officers, all of whom are willing to stand.
  - Chairman (and Mailing Secretary) – Jane Bishop
  - Treasurer – Jackie Godfrey
  - Secretary – Josie Green
  - Auditor – Roy Stanbury
9. Any Other Business and Open Forum

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

## Branch Committee

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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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