

WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon

**March 2015
Newsletter 23**



All Saints' Church, Sanderstead

Acting Chairman's Report

Having successfully found two excellent people to take on the job of Joint Course Organisers, we are now looking for someone to take on the Treasurer's role. Dee Poulton has been doing this for some time now, but she is looking to move to the West Country, and we need to find a replacement in plenty of time to facilitate an easy transition from one to the other.

The ideal person should have good computer skills with a knowledge of excel and it would be helpful but not essential to have some figure work experience. There will be plenty of help, especially from the Finance office at WEA London Region.

Please contact me, Jane Bishop, (details on **page 9**) if you feel able to help the committee with this role.

Now, let me bring you up to date on forthcoming events.

Jean and Roy Stanbury's Quiz – Saturday, 14th March. There are still some places available for this quiz. Please see full details on **page 3**.

Don't forget to put the 11th April in your diary for our **Spring lecture**. Details on **page 2**. Please note we are **not** doing a book sale this time.

The tour of Broadcasting House is completely full.

There are a few places available on the Outing to Uppark House on 21st May. Please see January Newsletter for details of how to apply.

In this Newsletter, we have details of some new events.

On Wednesday, 24th June, we have an outing to **Manningtree, Old Harwich and the Beth Chatto Gardens**. Full details on **page 4**.

Myra Morgan's two summer walks appear on **page 5**.

Finally, there is an outing to **Broadstairs, Quex Park and the Powell-Cotton Museum** on 17th September, details on **page 6**.

Jane Bishop
Acting Chairman

The Autumn Lecture – 2.30 pm Saturday, 11th April 2015
All Saints' Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, CR2 9AB

A TONIC TO THE NATION
LONDON 1951 and THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN
Presented by Michael Gilbert



This lecture will be followed by tea and cakes

All are welcome, no advance booking required

£8 including tea and cakes

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL, ONSLOW GARDENS,
SANDERSTEAD. CR2 9AB**

‘AT HOME’ ENTERTAINMENTS SPRING 2015

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.

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Saturday, 14th March at 2.00 pm

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| Jean and Roy Stanbury | “Silver Birch” 58 Sanderstead Court Avenue Sanderstead. <i>Walk up the drive between Nos 56 and 60 to reach 58. Silver Birch is the first bungalow on the right.</i> 020 8657 5131 | A Quiz Afternoon Entertaining and fun, I suspect an annual following is developing! You mark your own and a winner emerges. There are no losers, just happy participants. Ample use of projected pictures |
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Vacancy for a volunteer in the 2015 – 2016 programme.

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

A Visit to Manningtree, Old Harwich and Beth Chatto Gardens, Essex

Wednesday, 24th June 2015

We will leave at 8.30 am from Limpsfield Road opposite Waitrose Supermarket and the junction with Riding Hill. Please park carefully in the neighbouring roads to ensure easy access for residents and emergency services.

Manningtree



Our first stop on this visit to Essex will be in Manningtree which is situated on the estuary of the River Stour and claims to be the smallest town in England. There will be time for coffee and a stroll around before we continue by coach along the Stour through the neighbouring parish of Mistley to see the unique Mistley Towers by Robert Adam which stood each end of a church - also of his design.

Old Harwich



We continue on to Old Harwich where the seafaring atmosphere makes this an enjoyable place to explore and have lunch. A short walking tour of about 45 minutes has been arranged which will show us the medieval pattern of streets and enable us to see some of the maritime heritage which still remains. This will include the Treadwheel Crane dating from 1667, the Ha'penny Pier 1854, the High and Low Lighthouses built in 1818 and the Electric Palace Cinema dating from 1911, now the oldest unaltered purpose built cinema in Britain.

Beth Chatto Gardens at Elmstead

At approximately 2.45 pm we will leave Harwich for the short journey to the Beth Chatto Gardens. There are five acres of informal but contrasting gardens including a woodland garden planted with seasonal bulbs, the famous gravel garden designed to resemble a dried up river bed, and a water garden with four large ponds where lush green growth creates a scene of harmony and tranquillity. There is an extensive plant shop with varieties classified by growing conditions and a Tea Room serving refreshments, homemade cakes and local ice cream.



We plan to depart at 5.00 pm to arrive back in Sanderstead around 7.00 pm. The cost of the day will be £24. This will include coach travel, driver's tip, tour of Old Harwich and entry into the gardens. To book a place please ring Beryl Mason on 020 8657 6740 to check for availability, then send your cheque with the reply slip on **page 8** to Beryl Mason, 9 Cedar Court, Sanderstead Road, 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 we cannot fill your place, we will not be able 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.

Guided London Walks

We are again delighted that Myra Morgan, a WEA Sanderstead and Selsdon branch member, has agreed to take us on two more guided walks in London this year following the success of previous walks. Myra is a London Blue Badge Guide and leads regular walks in these areas exploring their rich and fascinating history. However, please note that the administration of the walks this year has changed and cheques should be sent to Myra direct. Full instructions on this below.

The walks will take about **two hours**. We progress at an easy pace but walkers should be comfortable navigating the often uneven pavements and cobbled surfaces and there may be some steps involved. Please wear sturdy comfortable shoes and always bring a sweater as even on seemingly sunny days it can feel cool in the shade.

Each walk will number about 25 people and **will go ahead come rain or come shine**. You may bring a spouse or friend who is not a branch member.

Walk 1: Historic Greenwich – Wednesday, 1 July 2015

Join us for this walk around historic Greenwich where we will hear of its royal connections, its long maritime associations and its Royal Observatory. Enjoy its glorious UNESCO world Heritage site architecture and visit the present day lively market.

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| Cost | £8 |
| Meet | 11.00 am Cutty Sark for Greenwich Maritime DLR Station – to the left of the exit at street level |
| WC | There will be a WC stop about 15 minutes after the start of the walk |

Walk 2: A Walk around Notting Hill – Friday, 24 July 2015

Notting Hill is famous for the Portobello markets, its carnival, its smart restaurants and famous residents but this was not always the case. Join us to hear more about its chequered past – its highwaymen, its slums, its infamous characters and also to see the delights of this attractive area today.

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| Cost | £8 |
| Meet | 11.00 am on Friday, 24th July Holland Park Underground Station – near exit at street level |
| WC | We suggest you use the public WCs on arrival at Victoria (30p) as the only WCs near Holland Park underground station are in the nearby pubs. |

To book, please use the tear off slips on **page 7**. Send your cheque, together with a stamped addressed envelope, to Myra Morgan, 12 Woodplace Lane, Coulsdon, Surrey, CR5 1NB. All cheques to be made out to Myra Morgan (**not** WEA).

Myra is unable to take telephone calls so if you have any queries or need to cancel, please either email Myra at Myramorgan02@yahoo.co.uk or telephone Josie Green on 020 8651 4684.

A Visit to Broadstairs, Quex Park and Powell-Cotton Museum, Kent Thursday, 17th 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 8** 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.

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