

and the days grow short

Margaret Thompson Editor.



-when you reach September. We have sadly said goodbye to a lot of dear friends over the last few weeks; a salutary reminder to make the most of the time we ourselves have left; see and do NOW the things we have always wanted to do but never got round to doing; visit the places and people we have promised ourselves we will visit.

September has been a golden month with sunshine picking up the warm colours of the late flowers, the multifarious dahlias, the Crocosmia 'Lucifer', glorious Rubeckia 'Gigantium' and the last flush of the roses. I have just lifted a fine crop of potatoes which should keep my family going 'til Christmas and I am over my ears in tomato sauce. Just roast the tomatoes with whole, skinned cloves of garlic, handfuls of basil, a generous slug of olive oil (you can add courgette or a few green beans etc but not too many) and when cool blitz in the blender and then freeze in small quantities. Magnificent!

Last month I increased the number of Newsletters printed by Kallkwik, at 20p a copy, from 150 to 200, as there was great consternation at the previous monthly meeting, when they had run out. This month I had 70 left over. You can do the maths. As I email out nearly 270 it is clear that some people, who get an email copy, are also taking a printed copy, which defeats the purpose of trying to save our U3A funds and thus negate the need for increased fees. In future I am only going to print 150 copies each month, so think carefully as to whether you should be collecting a Newsletter at the monthly meeting, depriving a member who does not have a computer of their copy, when you have already read it on line.

It is interesting to look at our membership statistics as many members are concerned, that while we want to encourage new members and thus new ideas and energy, we do not want WU3A to grow so big that it becomes impersonal.

Committee Notes from

John Carleton Chairman



The Third Age Trust has established a roll of honour, which will be kept at the U3A national office, recording the names and achievements of U3A members whose

work has made possible the activities of local U3As. At today's meeting your committee was delighted to learn that our recommendation for the name of Reg. Cooke, our founder, first Chairman and then President, to be added to this list has been accepted. The certificate of the award will be displayed at our monthly meetings in due course.

The new computer equipment, partly financed by a Grassroots Grant, has now been purchased. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to our Treasurer and to Colin Richards, for all of their hard work over many months in bringing this project to fruition, for the benefit of us all.

Year	Total members	New members	Number leaving
2005/6	339	8	17
2006/7	376	18	5
2007/8	392	55	33
2008/9	447	35	23
2009/10	427	17	

One of the strengths of our U3A is the friendly atmosphere at our well attended monthly meetings which, because of our numbers, can be accommodated at the police club. May I take this opportunity of welcoming all new members to our merry band and wish you fun and friendship.

Study Group Topics By Margaret Foster

Study Group Coordinator

Studygroups@watfordu3a.org.uk

TIME goes by so fast I could hardly believe it is six months since the last Study Group Leaders Meeting, but it is, and on Friday the 18th 35 SGLs met for the September meeting. It was nice for me to put more faces to names.

A big thank you to Colin Richards who kindly gave us a short PowerPoint presentation showing us the "New Digital Equipment" which was purchased with the grant from Grassroots. Colin will be running training sessions on the use of the equipment.

Among other topics discussed was the SGFair; the general feeling was that it was enjoyable and a success, with several groups swelling their numbers as a result.

Would any SGL who did not manage to join us at the meeting please collect the "Guidance for Photocopying at Kallkwik" sheet from me at the monthly meeting, to put in your SGLs' pack.

Attention all groups who use Hollytree House. A request from the manager regarding the dishwasher. If it is full or half full please switch it on and do not leave it with dirty china. If there are only a few items please let the office know, leaving a note for them to see if no one is there.

It is time to think about up-dating the 'Synopsis'. Would SGLs please let me have any alteration to their entry by November.

Holiday French has restarted at Watford Boys Grammar School on Wednesday Mornings from 10.30-11.30a.m. if you would like to join the group please sign the list on the board and go along and enjoy the session. I wish you a safe and happy month and hope to see you at the monthly meeting.

Study Group Half-Year Accounts

A reminder to all study group leaders to let the Treasurer have your half-year accounts as at 30 Sept. For the half-year, only the SGL account summary form is required showing the half-year monthly receipts and expenditures and the opening and closing balances. Do not wait for all the invoice/receipts - annotate where necessary. SGL's with nil or small on-going petty cash can make the usual Nil return, either on the SGL account form, by letter or by email.

Alan will not be at the October monthly meeting, but would like all returns please by 14 October. Alan Wray Treasurer



Gardening Group Stockwood Park by Pam Grant

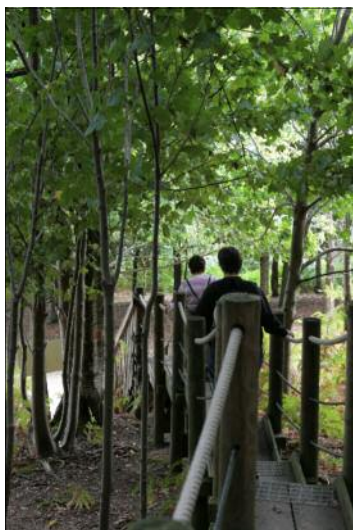
OUR August outing to Stockwood Park near Luton gave us a short journey for once and a chance to visit a site that has been completely redesigned since some of our members visited before.

The fresh planting has had a year to settle and everyone enjoyed exploring all the various areas of new and old gardens. With an educational slant to the design the new areas were themed and everything was well labelled. Stockwood Park Discovery Centre is managed by Luton Museums service and the outbuildings had also been reorganized to hold beautifully presented displays of items showing life over the years.

There was a lot to see including a carriage collection and a fascinating Art exhibition entitled "Chou Fleur" in which shoes were constructed in paintings by imaginative and rather strange use of flowers and leaves. Everyone then enjoyed a leisurely cream tea to complete a relaxing afternoon.



Stockwood Park photo Diana Livesey



Groombridge Place



[L] Ann & Pam photo Jean

September saw us travelling off to North Kent to Groombridge Place. The formal gardens around the house were designed in the original walled area and were very varied and well kept. The house (not open to the public) and the grounds were used for the recent filming of *Pride and Prejudice* as the home of the Bennett family and there was a small but nicely presented display of costumes and photos. There was also a flying display of birds of prey. The Enchanted Forest was reached by a short walk by the canal or through the vineyard and proved a very enjoyable "walk through the woods with conversation pieces" to quote one member! We saw a dinosaur, a dragon on its nest, went past the tepee, up to the totem pole and then possibly along the raised boardwalk through the trees. There were real live deer too. It made for a very different and enjoyable afternoon.

Find Out How to Use Our New Digital Equipment by Colin Richards

BY NOW many of you will have seen some of our new laptop computers, our projection screen and the new projector. At this month's Study Group Leaders' Meeting, I gave a short presentation using this new equipment and inviting all interested people to attend a half day course in the basics of how to connect up laptops and projectors.

Any U3A member can attend, but the course is essential for people who set up equipment for their group, for visiting speakers, or who are giving presentations themselves and have nobody to set up the



equipment.

Remember that your Study Group will not be able to use any of our digital equipment, unless there is at least one trained person in your group.

Each course lasts a couple of hours and will start with short demonstration & presentation from me. The main part of the course will be a practical session where three groups of people put together and take apart three sets of equipment in turn: one new laptop & new projector, another new laptop & the projector at



the Fire Station, and our old laptop & projector.

Dates for the courses have not been finalised, but we are planning to run them in October and November. If you would like to attend, please put your name on the list on the notice board.

Watford U3A's Projectors & Laptop computers

To check availability and make a booking for a digital projector & a laptop computer contact:-

Colin Richards

Email: digitalequipment@watfordu3a.org.uk

A Wonderful Imaginative Production

From Francis Goode

ON the 17th of September a number of members of our Shakespeare Group travelled in three cars to Stratford-upon-Avon, as we have done in the past two years. This time we saw the matinee performance of 'The Winter's Tale', and we were not disappointed. It was a wonderful, imaginative production. An example of this was when two giant bookcases started leaning forward and many, large books came cascading, crashing down. Thunder and lightning further dramatised the wildness of the place where the unfortunate baby of Hermione was deposited. And the bear that consumed Antigonus was more than fifteen foot tall. We were all very impressed and thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Photography is strictly forbidden and this year we took it literally (to the disgust of Margaret our editor; but I wear my halo at a jaunty angle).

WU3A Almoners

Irene Lowe

Peggy Element

Janet Carleton

Kathleen McMahon



The Marriage of Henry VIII to Kathryn Parr

By Pat Harding
OUR September Trip was to Hampton Court Palace where we could attend the celebrations and preparations of the wedding between

Henry VIII and Kathryn Parr.

On our arrival we could collect cloaks to wear as Courtiers or Lords and



Ladies of the court. There were several events that we could attend through the day, such as a welcome, helping Kathryn choose her wedding dress, joining Henry in his last hours as a single man, attending the council and watching the final procession.

There were also garden tours, and audio guides round the Palace which were excellent. Each room also had a guide and they told us lots of extras to add to the audio.

The final procession in the Base Court was great fun especially as the speeches got faster and faster in order to beat the rain.

The coach picked us up outside the Palace but unfortunately there was heavy traffic and rain nearly all the way back. A different outing and very enjoyable.

[L] Janet Dare & Jackie Connal "All we wanted was a G&T".



The Lords and Ladies: Morgans and Birketts!

WINEAPPRECIATION

The Wine Man; He Say Yes....By John Britten

OR rather he said "Oc" because for our August wine tasting we concentrated upon the wines of the Languedoc region of Southern France.

The rules of "Appellation" status have changed a few times in the past decade and greater attention now has to be paid to the wine's labelling, but careful study can pay good dividends. Grenache features strongly in many of the region's red wines, sometimes on its own, but often blended with Syrah and other grapes. One such blend – an organic Vin de Pays from Domaine La Croix Martelle - used the "Holy Trinity" blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre which resulted in a very drinkable copy of Grant Burge's well known Australian red, but at £4.99 it was far more affordable.

For the first time ever, this was a wine liked by every-one in the Group. The session ended with one of Tony's irregular quizzes. We all paid attention, but Carol heard all the clues properly and took the prize as our expert of the month.

WALKING: Coach Outing to Canterbury by Peter Manhire

ON SATURDAY 22nd August thirty members of the U3A Watford joined the Watford HF Ramblers on a coach outing to Canterbury for a day's walking. Serious walkers completed a 12 mile ramble, whilst others enjoyed a more leisurely stroll of 6 miles.

The weather was perfect for a day in the countryside. The longer distance walkers started at Soakham Farm to walk along the North Downs Way via the pretty village of Chilham and on to Canterbury. The 2nd group joined the North Downs Way at Oakham Down, to walk through beautiful woods to Chilham village, where the coach took them to Canterbury, to spend the afternoon sightseeing.

Several of us spent time exploring the gardens along the Great Stour river and enjoyed tea and toasted tea cakes in a grape vine covered patio before leaving at 5.00pm. Our excellent driver Norman brought us safely back to Watford.

Thoughts From Current Affairs by John Crowder

AS USUAL, newspaper headlines provided the starting point for most of our September discussion.

We accepted that there is need to protect children and vulnerable adults but the scope of vetting proposed for anyone who has even limited but regular contact with them was considered OTT. The media must take much of the blame for an unbalanced view of the problems.

Free supplies of heroin for addicts might reduce crime but there were doubts about the longer term effects. However, addiction to cigarettes was something that almost all of the Group had overcome at some stage. Many of us had started to smoke following the example of parents and this led to a wider discussion of single-parent families and some of the problems ascribed to their proliferation.

Population growth and overuse of the world's resources, the huge national debt, the Morris/MG sell-off, the cost of health care, decline in the teaching of history, all provided grist to our mill.

PEACE HOSPICE SEPTEMBER RAFFLE -

Many thanks for all the generous donations, buying the raffle tickets and donations from The Scrabble and another Anon. donation we made a handsome £258. We look forward to the Christmas raffle in December when from the look of it it will be bigger than ever. Thanks again. We can still collect donations or you can bring them along to any Monthly Meeting.

June and John Baughen

STUDY GROUP NEWS

Please keep 'The Study Group Diary' for Group Leaders contact numbers and times and venues of Study Group Meetings.

Anglo-German Walks

4th Friday 10.00am
Interested tel Dick. Chapman

Antiques

2nd Tues of the month
2.30pm-4.30pm at my home.

Thanks to bribery (extra portion of pudding) we managed to get the services of our very own antique restorer/gilder, aka husband, to talk about gilding. He regaled us with details of mercury gilding (ormolu), and electroplating on metals, and the difference between that and leaf gilding, on mirrors, furniture, etc, showing us the tools needed for each stage of the process. Mercury is no longer used for these types of works, and even for the making of hats as in the old days, as the fumes there from turned people mad Think Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland not so funny when you think of the reason for the madness. Different types of preparation was used under the gilding to give a different end finish and which were related to the period and even country where gilding was used and which was essential to know when gilding for dealers who liked things to be as authentic as possible. Mostly the public didn't know about these 'tricks of the trade'. It was a very informative and good meeting, with excellent questions (and some good answers!). Now, where's that pudding.....?

13 Oct Antique toys, samplers, etc.

Art Appreciation

2nd Mon 10.00 for 10.30am at Hollytree House.

At our September Meeting Heather Pound gave a very professional presentation, deviating from our theme of Portraiture, although there



Sheila Wolff

were many faces to be seen, we had a wonderful glimpse of the amazing art and design of the Celts and Vikings, from long before the birth of Christ to the present day. The Celts swept across the world from N Europe, to the Far East, then back in a great sweep across the Steppes beyond the Urals So this beautiful design work is continually being unearthed and copied in modern crafts and jewellery.

12 Oct 'Creating a Likeness', The Victorians by Kathy McMahon.

Beginners Bridge

Alternate Weds 10.00am-12 noon. Class full.

Book Discussion Gr

4th Mon 2.00pm-4.00pm
28 Devereux Drive.

We will tackle a selection of old classics, "The Mill on the Floss" by George Eliot, novels by Graham Swift and Amitav Ghosh and, later, the biography by Diane Athill. All are supplied by the library in as many copies as we need. We are seven but would love to be 8 or 9.

Chess

2nd & 4th Tues 9.30am

Computers 3rd Thurs

2.00pm Thorpe Community Room, Garston Fire Station, St Albans Road, (Next Asda)

There is a charge of 50p per person to cover costs.

Cryptic Crosswords

1st & 3rd Fri of the month.

Current Affairs

3rd Tues 10.00am
Hollytree House.

The possibility of starting a second Current Affairs Group has been explored but doesn't seem appropriate at present, although we are still full and have a short waiting list.

NB: The group will not meet on Tuesday 20th October.

Those of us visiting the Houses of Parliament on that day should meet at the **Essex Arms at 08.50am.**

Cycling

10.00am 1st Mon & 3rd Wednesday starting at Watford Met Station.

5 Oct Bridle paths; Sarratt.

21 Oct Mystery ride led by Alan D If you haven't returned your list of emergency contact numbers to me please let me have them next time you see me.

European Studies

4th Wed 10.00am

We are now looking at aspects of the social life across Europe.

Exploring London

7 Oct Osterley House and Park. W list. NB: We will be leaving:-

Bushey Synagogue at

9-30am, Terry Waterfall

Chalk Hill at 9-35am, Essex Arms at 10-00am.

Not as stated on ticket.

4 Nov Imperial War Museum Waiting list.

Film Group

1st Thurs 2.15pm

18 Herga Court

1 Oct "Tea with Mussolini"



Barbara Rogers

Director Franco Zeffirelli. (1999) Cher, Judy Dench, Joan Plowright, Maggie

Smith & Lily Tomlin. A story of civil disobedience. Semi-autobiographical tale from the early life of the Director.

5 Nov "Sliding Doors"

(Director Peter Howitt) (1998) Gwyneth Paltrow and John Hannah. There are two sides to every story. Helen is about to live both of them at the same time. Romance was never this much fun.

Food & Nutrition

Combewood House. 2.00pm
27 Oct T.B.A.

Gardening

3rd Thurs 10.00am

15 Oct High Beeches in Sussex for Autumn colour hopefully. Our last outing of the year. Some tickets remaining. Price £16.

19 Nov 10 am at Hollytree House. Talk: "The History

and Care of Orchids"

17 Dec 10 am at Hollytree House. Christmas Social. Details to follow.

Greetings Cards

Hollytree House

8 Oct Embossing and using CDs. (inc.Christmas).

12 Nov More Christmas (inc.weaving).

10 Dec Boxes and men's cds.

History

2nd Mon 2.00pm Fire Station

Garston (Asda CP off A41)

12 Oct and 9 Nov & 14 Dec: Looking at Georges III and IV and a quiz for the Christmas meeting.

Italian 10.00am alt Thurs

A self help group, using audio/visual material, written exercises and original Italian texts. We are guided by a fluent Italian speaker.

London Theatre Group

Luncheon Club

4th Wed in month

We are still up and running and would



Fay Sanderson

be pleased to see any members who would like to join us for lunch. Please phone Fay for further details.

MoneyMatters

1st Thurs Hollytree House; corner of Gammons Lane & Courtlands Drive, Watford 10.00am. to Noon.

Music Appreciation

3rd Wed: 10.00am Coffee and chat. 10.30am meeting.

Needlecraft

1st & 4th Mon Combewood House. Group full.

Opera

2nd Monday in month

2.00pm at Christine's house.

12 Oct David Hancox will be giving a presentation on tenors using CD recordings so that we can listen and compare the different styles and voices, and learn something of their life stories. 26 Nov Thursday I have reserved tickets for the ENO's production of 'Turandot' Please let me know asap if you are interested, as I have to pay for the tickets by 26/10.

Panto Group

Rehearsals press on a pace.

9 Oct 2.00pm Hollytree House Gammons Lane/ Courtney Dr. Directors/individual acts. Full cast run through of all items (work in progress) to show /assess progress to date. Please phone /email Margaret Thompson if you really cannot make this date.

Pathfinders Group

The Essex Arms **9.25am**

27 Oct Ashridge

24 Nov Letchmore Heath followed by Christmas Lunch at The Blue Check. PLEASE let Jan know if you are coming to the lunch.

Performing Arts

Johanna's Mon 7.30pm

Autumn Programme

The two plays selected for discussion this season are both at Watford Palace Theatre, starting at 7.45pm.

24 Sep-17 Oct "My Mother Said I never Should"

2 Nov-7 Nov "Adolf Hitler: My part in his Downfall" by Spike Milligan. We shall be going to the first play on **Tuesday 6th Oct** and the 2nd on **Fri 6th Nov**. Please book your own tickets.

9 Nov The discussion group for both plays will be at our house. 12 St Mary's Avenue, Northwood. **NOT Johanna's.**

11 Jan The next Play Reading at 9 Nancy Downs. In the meantime some members of the group are rehearsing two sketches for the Christmas show. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Photo Manipulation

Falconer School, Bushey
2nd Tuesday of the month
4.00pm-5.30pm

13 Oct Gerry Adams will be explaining another of the vast array of tools available in Photoshop. During the school summer holidays the Schools computer suite was fitted out with new computers which can only be of benefit to us all. Group full at present.

Poetry Read & Study

Monday evening, monthly by arrangement. New members welcome.

Return to Cycling

2.00pm 1st Thursday

This group is run jointly with Watford Park U3A.

Short rides in the Watford area based on the Watford Council map, starting at the Pump House at **2.00pm**.

1 Oct.

Science Interest

3rd Monday 10.00am

19 Oct What is Amateur Radio? - Brian Hodgson
New members welcome.

Scrabble 1

2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Our group is still full.

Scrabble 2

2nd Thurs 10.00am.

Our group is now full. Maybe someone would wish to start Scrabble 3?

Shakespeare

Last Wed 2.00pm

28 Oct Now we have done: 'The Winter's Tale', fairly thoroughly; we are on to a new play decided by discussion. We are also looking at the Bard's sonnets and other poems.

25 Nov will be the last meeting in 2009, as we have no meeting in December.

Snooker

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) **11.00am-1.00pm.**
Joint Group with WPU3A.

Sporting Forum

September saw us 'bowled over' with an afternoon's friendly competition at the Hollywood Bowl, north Watford (not LA California).

20 Oct Ian Smithson, who is a Regional Director with League Football Education
17 Nov Morley Myers – International journalist.

15 Dec Social afternoon with quiz.

Strollers

2nd & 4th Tues 11.00am

New members welcome.
Distances are not shown but are usually 2.5 to 3 miles.

13 Oct Brenda and Valerie - Walk in Leavesden Country Park CP the Woodland Centre, College Road, Leavesden **North Site**, eat at the Swan.

27 Oct Cindy and Barbara

Walk around Letchmore Heath Park and eat at the Three Horseshoes.

10 Nov Pat (Lucas) -Canal walk at Harefield Park and eat at the Coy Carp.

24 Nov Phil -St. Albans. Park in the Museum car park; eat at the Six Bells.

The Explorers

2 Oct Essex Arms 9.30am or CP 10.00am near Ashridge Monument 'Ashridge, Autumn Walk' Leaders Diane & Alan. Eat ???

6 Nov TBA.

4 Dec Planning meeting.

If you are joining us and you let the organizer or leader know by phone, then if you are late someone will wait for you. My mobile phone number is

The Rock 'n' Roll Yrs

4th Thursday each month
2.30pm Hollytree House.

Contact: Andrew Cannon
22 Oct The Shadows and Cliff Richard.

26 Nov Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent.

Dec NB : No meeting!

Thirsty Walkers

Every 4th Thurs.

The **Essex Arms at 9.30am** to share cars.

22 Oct Alan and Carol Rose will lead the walk to Chipperfield. Lunch at The Windmill. Some of us will be in Croatia during that week, so please support Alan's walk if you can!

26 Nov This is the last walk of the year. Led by Alan Betts and Jill Jenkins through Wigginton starting from The Greyhound. We hope to have some menus available for the New Year Lunch at this time.

Toffee aka Tea/Coffee

Group 3rd Thursday
10.00am-12.00 noon.

This month we were a small happy group. Our topics of conversation started with "Those were the days", Memory Training, to "The odd things that have happened to us", causing the odd Red Face. As you can imagine both topics caused more than a ripple of laughter. Plus we had a couple of serious items.

If you fancy a Toffee and biscuits and good company please drop in and join us. We will always make room for you. For more information contact Margaret Foster, Study Group Co-ordinator. Phone or e-mail.

15 Oct 19 Nov and 17 Dec

Tuesday Trekkers

Meet 9.45am start at 10.00am.

13 Oct Leaders Jean & Peter. Meet and Eat Cricketers Pub Redbourne. Jean has new roller skates so is offering lifts, please contact direct!

13 Nov Leaders Carol & Allan. Location TBA, waiting instructions from Carol.

8 Dec Leader Brian can't believe it's almost the end of yet another year!! Location is dependant on availability of snow ploughs.

Walks of about 5mls ending at a very worthwhile pub.

U3A Singers

1st & 3rd Monday 2.30pm

Meeting as usual after our summer break, when we shall continue where we left off, working on the music for Christmas.

Anyone interested in joining the group is more than welcome to come along to our next meeting.

Walking

Most walks start at JS A41

Eight Miles 9.30am

14 Oct Epping.

11 Nov Codicote.

9 Dec Sarratt.

Six miles 10.00am

28 Oct Jordans.

11 Nov Tring Lakes.

Dec No Walk.

Wine Appreciation

Last Friday in the month.

Writers Workshop

Come and develop your writing skills.

New members welcome.

**Thank you to you
all, especially
Study Group
Leaders,
who have sent in
NEWS.**

WATFORD BOYS SCHOOL COMPUTER COURSES

The Preliminary programme for a further series of courses, in conjunction with Watford Park U3A, is planned for the autumn term as follows:

Word – Basic (2wks 2nd and 9th September)

Word – Intermediate (3wks 16th, 23rd and 30th September)

Word – Advanced (1wk 7th October)

Excel – Basic (2wks 14th and 21st October)

Excel – Intermediate (3wks 4th, 11th and 18th November)

Excel – Advanced (1wk 25th November)

Housekeeping – (1wk 2nd December)

Cards/Posters/Flyers – (2wks 9th and 16th December)

Helpers: Are you able to volunteer to help during these courses? If yes please give me a ring or email with availability. Without a team of helpers the attendees will not gain the full benefit of these short courses.

These courses are held at Watford Boys' Grammar School, Rickmansworth Road on Wednesday 4 – 5.30pm – term time. If you are interested in attending any of the above courses please contact Danny or Jean Fuller.

The Top Brass Jazz Orchestra
Friday 16 October St Luke's Church 8.00pm
a concert of Big Band Jazz and Swing music
Tickets £10

ENGLISH CLASSICAL PLAYERS

The Watford Colosseum is due to close for refurbishment in 2010 so ANOTHER SEASON of five great concerts at Watford Colosseum will run from 24th September through to 30 December 2009, all preceded by a Pre-Concert talk with musicians commencing at 6.30 pm, prior to the concert start at 7.30 pm.

In addition an Organ Recital by Thomas Trotter at 4.00 pm will precede the talk and Purcell School Symphony Orchestra concert on Sunday 8th November.

Book before 24th September for a Season Ticket costing £45 (single tickets £15). After that date the price increases to £60, or £20 per concert.

Thanks to support from the John Lewis Partnership free tickets are on offer for anyone under 25 in full-time education or unwaged.

For further information go to www.watfordconcerts.com or telephone 01923 888320

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ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA 'TURANDOT'

by Puccini

Thursday 26th November
A coach has been arranged to take a party from the Essex Arms on the Cassiobury estate to the London Colosseum to see this performance.
Dept. 5.30 p.m.
Cost £52.10 including £45.10 per seat £7 coach.
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USED SPECTACLES

At the October meeting I will be collecting your unwanted spectacles for the charity "Vision Aide".
Thank you.
Jacqueline Godfrey

Committee members

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John Carleton
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Yvonne Fitton
Study Group Coordinator
Margaret Foster

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Films are shown each Monday at 12.00 for Senior Citizens and include tea and biscuits for £3.50. (*can't be bad*). titles can be obtained on line or by telephone 08712 240240

Monthly Meetings

1st Tuesday

10.00am – 12.00noon.

TALKS PROGRAMM

6 Oct Neal Holms-Smith Veteran trees.

3 Nov is Diane Randall Bees both honey & bumble and Manuka honey.

1 Dec 'The Christmas Variety Show' with **The Performing Arts Group** and **The Panto Group**.

For More detail contact Speaker Secretary:-

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Material for the November Newsletter

***MUST* be received by: 20 October**

For Written contributions see Study Group Diary or the website contact details.

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