

## The American Hour's September 2013 Email Newsletter

Welcome to **The American Hour's September Email Newsletter**. We hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break and is ready for the return to normality! We would also like to extend a big welcome to all our new subscribers and those of you who are new to the UK! Below you will find news, upcoming events and activities over the Fall period.



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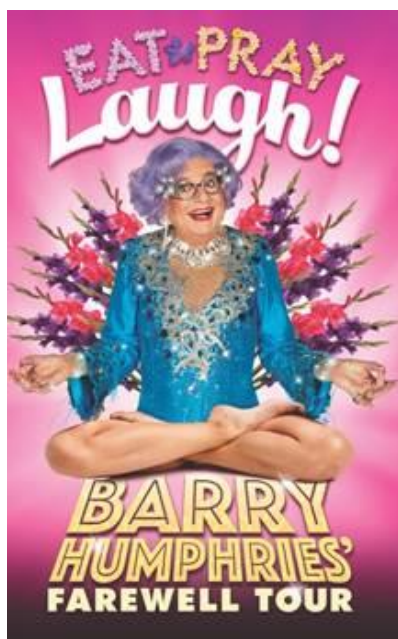
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**EAT PRAY LAUGH! BARRY HUMPHRIES' FAREWELL TOUR** Directed by Simon Phillips



Global star and legendary entertainer Barry Humphries, whose creations include iconic Australian housewife *Dame Edna Everage* and the exuberant cultural attaché, *Sir Les Patterson*, takes his final bow across the UK with his acclaimed farewell tour, **EAT, PRAY, LAUGH!**

Barry Humphries has already bid farewell to audiences in Australia and New Zealand, receiving rapturous standing ovations and reviews, with further performances added across the tour, such as *Edna* was the demand.

**EAT, PRAY, LAUGH!** Will give audiences around the country a final chance to see Humphries – one of the world's sharpest wits and finest comic talents, and a gigastar of stage and TV over the last 60 years – as well as allow the maestro to thank his many fans.

Act One of **EAT, PRAY, LAUGH!** Features gentle, grandfatherly Sandy Stone, perhaps Humphries' greatest creation, and the outrageous Les Patterson – according to Dame Edna “*this is just a bit of foreplay really before I make an orgasmic appearance in Act Two!*”

Surrounded by spectacular sets and gorgeous and talented dancers, Dame Edna promises to ‘empower’ her audiences with what she describes as ‘a meditation on loss, gender, climate change, gay marriage and ethnicity’.

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## **WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO AN INTIMATE GIG WITH PRIMAL SCREAM**



**Absolute Radio** and **Hard Rock Cafe** today announced that legendary rock and rollers **Primal Scream** will be the next act to perform an exclusive live set as part of the **Absolute Radio Sessions** at **Hard Rock Cafe London** on **Thursday 19 September**.

Fronted by Bobby Gillespie, Primal Scream are best known for their anthemic hit album 'Screamadelica' and epic singles 'Rocks Off', 'Come Together', 'Loaded', and 'Country Girl'. The band recently stormed the Pyramid Stage at this year's Glastonbury festival, cementing them as live music legends and one of the most exciting live acts of all time.

Primal Scream's latest album 'More Light' was released in May 2013 to critical acclaim, with the first single "It's Alright, It's OK" being championed by Absolute Radio. Primal Scream recently announced a short UK tour in support of 'More Light', in December. The indie legends will play London's Brixton Academy and Glasgow SECC, before finishing at Manchester Academy.

The gig will continue the legacy of phenomenal live music at the rock and roll hallowed grounds of Hard Rock Cafe London, which has seen acts such as Mystery Jets, Ben Howard, The Lumineers, Travis and The Vaccines play as part of the Absolute Radio sessions.

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**MEET ACCLAIMED AUTHOR, MICHAEL DOBBS - *"Literati"* at Grosvenor House presents the author behind international bestseller, *House of Cards***

On the eve his latest crime thriller novel "A Ghost at the Door" launches, Grosvenor House, A JW Marriott Hotel is set to present Michael Dobbs, political powerhouse and author of internationally acclaimed bestseller, *House of Cards* at its next Literati event on 11 September.



A fascinating career has seen Michael Dobbs at the very heart of British politics. A man with stories to tell, it is Dobbs' impeccable research and international contacts that lend true authenticity to the exciting backdrops of his novels. *A Ghost at the Door* is no exception and this novel will be brought to life by Michael at this exclusive Literati event.

As Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party, Dobbs was with Margaret Thatcher when she took her first steps into Downing Street as Prime Minister, and again 18 years later with John Major at the end of his reign. He was also Deputy Chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi.

"*A Ghost at the Door*" sees the return of Dobbs' character, Harry Jones. Harry isn't your usual adventurer, for a start he's a millionaire, a Member of Parliament and heroism isn't the standard stuff of modern politics. But he's a man with a dark and bloody past from his days spent in the British Army.

In the novel, Harry has lost everything; his seat at parliament and his fortune, but he still has Jemma, with whom he proposes and life seems to be coming together. However, this exciting new phase opens a Pandora's Box of chaos that belongs firmly in the past. Harry is forced to confront unanswered questions about his father, who died ten years ago leaving him his fortune and becomes obsessed with discovering the truth. Does Harry know when to stop? Join Michael Dobbs on this journey at Literati on 11 September.

Dobbs' most famous novel, "*House of Cards*" is a tale of recrimination and revenge. More than twenty years since its first publication, it is still considered to be the definitive political thriller and the BBC adaptation of the novel received 14 BAFTA nominations and won two. Today, Kevin Spacey and a host of Hollywood stars are starring in an explosive US adaptation.

Literati will present Michael Dobbs exclusively in association with Simon & Schuster Publishing, on Wednesday 11 September, 6.30pm - the eve of the "*A Ghost at the Door*" launch. Tickets are priced at £20 which includes an intimate and interactive discussion with Michael, a signed copy of the book, welcome drinks and canapés.

To book a place or to find all the latest information on upcoming Literati events held at Grosvenor House, please visit the Literati Book Club website [www.grosvenorhouseliterati.co.uk](http://www.grosvenorhouseliterati.co.uk), email [literati@marriott-hotels.com](mailto:literati@marriott-hotels.com) or call +44(0) 20 7399 8196. **Literati is set to present iconic broadcaster, Kate Adie OBE with her new novel "Fighting on the Home Front" on October 17<sup>th</sup> and tickets are also available to purchase.**

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## **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOUSE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**

**Annual Symposium** in association with the Eccles Centre for American Studies: **The Rediscovery of Wisdom**

**Monday 9 September, 6.45pm**

**LOCATION: British Library, Eliot Room, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB**



Our 2013 speaker is Rory Sutherland, Vice-Chairman of Ogilvy & Mather and Technology Correspondent for The Spectator. According to Rory, "recent advances in the social sciences, Darwinian psychology and behavioural economics point to one conclusion: a lot of very clever dead people were right all along." Rory's starting point will be Franklin's maxim: "There are two ways of being happy: We must either diminish our wants or augment our means - either may do...it is for each man to decide for himself and to do that which happens to be easier."

**Tickets:** £7.50/£5 Friends and concessions

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New York will shortly boast the tallest residential building in the western hemisphere, an 84 storey tower on Park Avenue whose top penthouse is already under contract for \$95m dollars. Ultra luxury housing and construction is booming in Manhattan and prices are on the increase - but so too is the need for moderately priced rental properties.

As expats living in the UK you may think that now might be the time for an updated valuation on your property or you may be concerned about the on-going management of your US home. Help could be at hand as Citywise Real Estate is unusual as it not only has a dedicated, diligent team in New York, but also the founder, Daniel Bloom is a

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## **LONDON BEYOND SIGHT – MISSION ACCOMPLISHED AND READY FOR ALL TO ENJOY**

A tremendous range of London landmarks are now accessible for blind and partially sighted people through audio description. Masterminded by VocalEyes, forty prominent Londoners were inspired to choose their favourite landmark and capture it in words, both for posterity and also for the benefit of blind and partially sighted people. They worked with VocalEyes' professional describers and recorded the descriptions, all of which are now online at [www.vocaleyeyes.co.uk/londonbeyondsight](http://www.vocaleyeyes.co.uk/londonbeyondsight), freely available as podcasts. The well-known names come from the arts, politics, media, sport, religion, music, medicine and architecture.

Judy Dixey, director of VocalEyes said, "The London Beyond Sight project has been enormous fun as well as hard work, getting London celebrities involved in our project, and encouraging them to select all sorts of London landmarks as their favourite part of London. You can't believe how fascinating a red pillar box can be, until you discover what Tony Robinson thinks about it and start to examine it in detail through his description. How many of us are aware of the Buxton Memorial Fountain, hiding in Victoria Tower Gardens just by the Houses of Parliament, and so movingly chosen by the wonderful actor David Harewood?"

“It’s a real serendipity, another 38 hugely varied landmarks which mean a lot to some very interesting people; the whole project can be endlessly fascinating to both blind/partially sighted and sighted people alike with an interest in exploring London, either virtually or physically.”

Sir Derek Jacobi CBE chose to describe the Old Vic Theatre, where he debuted under the directorship of Laurence Olivier. “As I am fortunate enough to have had a long career acting on stage and screen, I was impressed when I learned about VocalEyes’ work to bring the arts, particularly theatre, to blind and partially sighted people; so I was thrilled to be asked to become Patron in 2006,” said Sir Derek. “London Beyond Sight is a wonderful new initiative, which I’m really pleased I could participate in. And what a great company to be part of, many prominent Londoners who have worked with VocalEyes’ expert describers to produce some fascinating recorded descriptions of a diverse collection of landmarks. They’re available for everyone to enjoy.”

“I am as proud of this as anything I have done and tell everyone about this beautiful and alternative capture of London. There is nothing like it,” said artistic director and choreographer Siobhan Davies, who selected the tower cranes at Kings Cross as her favourite. You can find the other iconic and sometimes quirky choices by well-known individuals following on below.



Loyd Grossman OBE, FSA (left) chose the Royal Artillery War Memorial at Hyde Park Corner and you can listen to his recording describing this sculpture at [www.vocaleyeyes.co.uk/londonbeyondsight](http://www.vocaleyeyes.co.uk/londonbeyondsight)

The Royal Artillery War Memorial at Hyde Park Corner was very controversial when it was designed by Charles Sergeant Jagger in conjunction with Lionel Pearson in the twenties, as it was regarded as shocking to show the real cost of war. Loyd Grossman said that London’s public sculpture was one of the most extraordinary things he noticed when he moved to London in 1974 and that this memorial brings out the fact that war is about individuals.

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**October 11-13, 2013** the Region 1 Meeting will be hosted by Chilterns American Women's Club. The meeting will focus on getting member clubs to work more closely together, sharing club resources and “going digital” with social media. FAWCO member clubs from England, Scotland and Ireland are invited to attend. Visit the FAWCO Region 1 Facebook page or contact [rc1@fawco.org](mailto:rc1@fawco.org) for more information.

### Call for Applications - Target Project - Human Rights for Women



For the new Target Program *Human Rights for Women*, FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation are seeking to identify a project which protects the rights and improves the lives of women worldwide. FAWCO is seeking applications for projects which focus on women's rights as human rights, including but not limited to those which promote peace and end gender-based violence, increase civil and/or political participation, increase economic opportunity or promote social change.

Project applications are due September 30th and may be submitted by FAWCO Global Task Forces, FAWCO Member Clubs and individual members, and FAUSA and its members. For more information about Detailed Target Project Guidelines and Selection Criteria as well as The Target Project

Application, go to the FAWCO website ([FAWCO website](http://www.fawco.org)) or contact Johanna Dishongh, Target Chair, at [target@fawco.org](mailto:target@fawco.org)

### FAWCO Youth Cultural Volunteers in Dubai



The inaugural programme for the **FAWCO Youth Cultural Volunteers - hosted by AWA Dubai** has just concluded. The week-long programme (**July 16-23, 2013**) was attended by seven FAWCO teens from Germany, the Netherlands, Ireland, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The teens were hosted in AWA Dubai members' homes and had the opportunity to do hands-on volunteer at three different local charities. Participants also made new friendships with Emirati youths who were volunteers from the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding. In the words of Julia Goldsby (AIWC Cologne): *A plaque inside the Burj Khalifa states this: "I am the life force of collective aspirations and the aesthetic union of many cultures. I stimulate dreams, stir emotions, and awaken creativity." For cross-cultural teenagers everywhere these words inspire us to work together.* Please contact [fawcoyouth@fawco.org](mailto:fawcoyouth@fawco.org) for more information.

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### JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LONDON



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**Save the Date:** Mark your calendar for 15 & 16 November our annual Boutique de Noel Holiday Market held at Kensington Town Hall. With vendors selling gifts, clothing, food and more, shopping at Boutique de Noel is the perfect way to celebrate the start of the holidays! To learn more, visit <http://www.jll.org.uk/bdn>

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## AMERICAN WOMEN OF BERKSHIRE AND SURREY (AWBS)



### Expect the Unexpected at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual AWBS Holiday Craft & Gift Fayre

One of Berkshire's leading fund-raising fairs will take place at Ascot Racecourse on Friday 8th November from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Local residents can get a head start on their Christmas shopping and avoid the London crowds at the American Women of Berkshire and Surrey's 30th Holiday Craft and Gift Fayre. The event is the major fund-raiser for

AWBS with 100% of the Fayre's proceeds funding charities across Berkshire and Surrey. The 2012 Fayre raised over £12,000 for local charities.

This year's event will feature a record 90 plus companies offering inspirational craft and gift ideas for the festive season. Gretta Flint, AWBS President said, " We have worked all summer to generate interest in our event and been overwhelmed by the response. Our members nominated their favourite exhibitors and we painstakingly researched charities to support in the local area with 6 charities chosen including ABC to read, Aik Saath-Together as One, Alzheimer's Society, Ascot Day Centre, Riverside Day Nursery, and Your Sanctuary. Our exhibitors feature companies from as far afield as West Yorkshire, Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter, Brighton and Bournemouth to join local artisans from Berkshire and Surrey exhibiting at the event and all help support the chosen charities."

"The stunning historic main complex at Ascot Racecourse has been a real draw and allowed us sign up exhibitors from major London and UK events including the Spirit of Christmas and the Country Living Fairs, and the Chelsea Flower Show. We have also selected artists, designers and craftspeople from prestigious art groups like Hidden Art London and Cockpit Arts, the UK's only creative-business incubator for designer-makers. The end result is we have a range of superb art, bags and leather goods, books and stationery, ceramics, fashion, glass, health and beauty, home and interior accessories, jewellery, luxury gifts and woodcraft exhibitors. In other words, something for everyone in a large, hassle free environment!"

As well as the chance to do their seasonal shopping, visitors to the Fayre can enjoy home baked treats, gourmet food from specialty suppliers, tea and coffee, entertainment and live demonstrations. With free parking available, tickets are priced at £5 with children under 17 free.

Fayre Website: [www.awbs.org.uk/philanthropy/craft-fayre](http://www.awbs.org.uk/philanthropy/craft-fayre)

Photo from last year's fayre available on Flickr: <http://flic.kr/s/aHsjCHHnW8>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/39032763@N02/sets/72157631932958511/>

This year the venue is inside the main Ascot Racecourse which offers more space, so it will be easier to shop than ever, and no stairs.

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## AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF LONDON

What a glorious summer it has been! Day after day of bright sunshine, blue sky, light breezes and warm temperatures; one could be forgiven for forgetting they are in Blighty. The days are waning a bit, but light still lingers well into the evening and there is much to be enjoyed as summer gives way to Autumn's golden glow and cool evenings.



*Drinks At The Serpentine!*

September is a bustling month at the American Women's Club. Most of our fellow members who spent time with friends and family in America over the summer holidays have returned and bring renewed enthusiasm to our outings and events. We welcome new members who are just beginning their time here in London and want to offer whatever help and advice we can to ease the transition and make London feel like home. Prospective members, new members and well established members are all invited to join us at 10 am for the New Member Coffee, Tuesday, September 17, at the AWC Clubhouse, 68 Old Brompton Rd, SW7 3LQ; closest tube station is South Kensington. No RSVP necessary, just show up ready to mingle.



We have many activities in September that are absolutely free, you can decide to participate at the last moment, and don't take up too much time. Join a rotating group of ladies for Monday Morning Coffees, taste testing coffee across the city. They meet every Monday at 10 am for a satisfying coffee, or tea if you prefer, and treat and pleasant conversation. Check the weekly updates for exact locations. This month Everbean, near Bond Street station; Tapped and Packed, near Tottenham Court Road & Godge Street; and Monmouth Coffee, near Borough, London Bridge, Monument or Bank are the chosen venues. At the other end of the day is drinks every Thursday at the Serpentine Bar and Kitchen at Hyde Park from 4 - 6 pm. Rain or shine it is a wonderful place to check in and catch up, ask for travel or restaurant recommendations and just have a good laugh.

Day and evening Book Group, Sticking, Bridge, MahJong and Spanish Conversation are just some of the regularly meeting groups to join, develop new interests and skills and meet other women who share this life changing experience. Somehow doing something you've always done, or never done,

seems just a bit different doing it in a foreign country and our always fluid membership means frequently meeting new and interesting people.

There are still some available openings for the Travel Group's trip to Normandy, France. This a trip that shouldn't be missed while you are in London! Our guide will bring alive the momentous events of June 1944 and give detailed background to the whole campaign. The "D Day" Invasion was most certainly the greatest seaborne landing operation that will ever be. It is sure to be an awe inspiring experience. The group leaves on Thursday, September 26 and returns Sunday, September 29. It is a luxury coach tour. More details are available in the London Bridge and Weekly Update. Partners and friends are welcome on this fabulous trip.

Our next ladies only trip is to Budapest, Hungary, Monday to Thursday, October 7 -10. We are still just below the minimum requirement so if you are interested please contact the office ASAP. Budapest is a magical city with a rich history situated on the beautiful Danube. There is a full itinerary including tours of the Matthias Church & Fisherman's Bastion, tea at the New York Cafe, House of Terror, town of Szentendre and St. Stephan's Basilica and much more. Homebase will be the lovely Corinthia Hotel in Pest.

Can't get away overnight? No worries. Join us for a day trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. It is steeped in culture and history, set in the beautiful rural Warwickshire countryside, on the banks of the river Avon. We set out at 9 am on Wednesday, September 18 from outside the Gloucester Road tube station. RSVP by September 9th to the office or check The Bridge or Weekly Update for more details.

Like to get out of London and get a bit more exercise? Join the Hiking Group for the monthly hike on Wednesday, September 4. Meet at 9:45 at the London Bridge Rail Station to set out for the Hever to Leigh hike. It is a fascinating and beautiful walk through the "Garden of England". You'll see two castles, a stately home, rivers, ponds, woods, undulating hills and three lovely villages. Please bring a water bottle, wear sturdy walking shoes or boots and money for lunch in a local pub and the train ticket. You may also want a plastic container or Ziplock bag for the local blackberries along the trail, ripe for the picking.

These are just a sampling of the offerings in September and into the fall at the AWC. Join us for our kick-off Annual Activities Fair at our September Monthly meeting at the Landsdowne Club on Tuesday, September 24 from 10 am to noon. Afterwards join in a group luncheon at a nearby restaurant, no need to RSVP, a count will be taken at the meeting. The Landsdowne is located at 9 Fitzmaurice Place, Green Park is the nearest Tube station. If you are not already a member you are welcome to come test the waters at the meeting and even sign up for two activities before becoming an official member!

Check us out at [www.awclondon.org](http://www.awclondon.org), or contact us at [awc@awclondon.org](mailto:awc@awclondon.org) or call the office at 020 7589 8282, we'd love to hear from you!!

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## **CHILTERN AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB**

The Chilterns American Women's Club (CAWC) is a group of approximately 140 North American and International women, including some British women. In the past, we have had a few men who were members as well! With many long-term residents in our midst, as well as newcomers, we provide a network of support and local information to those new to the area. Our club offers the opportunity to network with other transplants to the Chilterns through meetings, outings, social occasions and



charitable events. We are a great resource to newcomers and our returning members have made lifelong friendships and connections.

CAWC has a monthly General Meeting which takes place at the Buckinghamshire Golf Club and various other activities and outings throughout the month. At our general meetings, we visit with other members, share our latest experiences, and sign up for various activities. The general meetings offer practical information and feature a different speaker or activity each month. We also have vendors who sell unique British and American products. This year our outings and activities have taken us to Royal Ascot, Boodles tennis at Stoke Park, the potteries at Stoke on Trent, private tours of Buckingham Palace, German Christmas Markets, antique markets and fairs, just to name a few! We are very proud that our hiking group was just featured on the BBC radio 4 programme, Ramblings, presented by Claire Balding.

Our club is part of the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO), a network of over 17,000 expatriate women around the world. For more information on FAWCO, visit the FAWCO-website, at [www.fawco.org](http://www.fawco.org)

For details on becoming a member please email our Membership Chair: [membership@cawc.co.uk](mailto:membership@cawc.co.uk) or go to our website [www.cawc.co.uk](http://www.cawc.co.uk)

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## **kcwc – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN LONDON**

Having just celebrated our 30th anniversary year, kcwc is charging ahead with a full Autumn schedule of activities. Our members, who come from over 50 countries around the world, bring a special richness, diversity and energy to our club. We provide so many wonderful things to enjoy: inspiring lectures, opportunities to learn about art and antiques, art history and literature, science, politics, current events and different cultures. And then there's so much to do: adventurous trips, learning and sharing different languages, exploring London, going on walks, or playing tennis, bridge and golf. In short, we provide an abundance of intellectual and social delights! For women who are either new to London or who have lived here for a while, kcwc is a great way to enhance our lives and develop new friendships.

We will be holding our **first General Meeting** of the year on Thursday, 12 September, from 9:30am-12 noon at the Lansdowne Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, Mayfair, W1J 5JD. Traditionally, our September General Meeting is a Social and Signing-up coffee morning where we get to meet and catch up with our friends, greet and meet new members who are just joining our club, and sign up for some of the wonderful activities planned for the year. Our guest speaker in September will address what may seem to be primarily a men's issue: Prostate Cancer. Professor Paul Forster will outline the key facts about the disease, the latest developments in research and treatments, the role of women in prodding their men into action, and the ambitious plans that Prostate Cancer UK, together with its partner The Movember Foundation, have put in place to make up for lost time.

At our **October General Meeting, on the 10th of the month at the Royal Geographic Society** at 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR, Professor Fawaz A. Gerges will be speaking to us about one of the most important current events on the international political scene - the Arab Spring, or, more poignantly, "The End of the Arab Spring?" Back by extremely popular demand, Professor Gerges is a Professor of international relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science where he directs the Middle East Centre. He earned a doctorate from Oxford University and an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, has taught at Oxford, Harvard and Columbia,

and was a research scholar at Princeton and chairholder at Sarah Lawrence College, New York. He has written several books, including *The New Middle East: Social Protest and Revolution in the Arab World* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), articles that have appeared in numerous international journals, and given scores of interviews for various media outlets throughout the world. We are looking forward once again to hearing his views on the current happenings in the Middle East.

**Our November meeting, also at the Royal Geographic Society, will feature Sir Robert Rogers KCB, the Clerk of the House of Commons.** As the chief executive of the House of Commons in Parliament, Sir Robert remains the principal adviser to the Speaker on the House's privileges and procedures. His other responsibilities relate to the conduct of the business of the House and its committees, and he is also accounting officer for the House. Sir Robert will tell us what really goes on when the cameras are off!

kcwc's **Antiques & Design** group starts off the year with four special activities. First, they will enjoy a curated tour on Thursday 19 September at the Museum of London, "Clothes and the Stories They Tell", where famed Museum of London Costume Curator, Beatrice Behlen, will lead them on a private tour of the museum's Dress Collections, featuring clothing from the 18th century through to the modern day. Join Ms Behlen as she introduces us to some of the pieces currently on display explaining how to "read" clothes and reveal the stories each outfit tells.

Next the group will enjoy a very special private evening viewing and talk at the Queen's Gallery: "In Fine Style - Art of Tudor and Stuart Fashion" on Wednesday 25 September. The group is joining our British History group to invite members, partners and guests to see the exhibition on Tudor and Stuart fashion in its final days at the Queen's Gallery. Bringing together from Her Majesty's collections, garments, jewellery, accessories and armour with drawings and paintings by Van Dyck, Holbein, Hilliard and Lely, the display explores artists as stylists who helped present monarchs as magnificent leaders of taste, using sumptuous costumes as visual propaganda to convey messages of power, status, wealth and religion.

Croissants and contemporary jewellery are the topic of a **breakfast talk by BBC Roadshow expert Joanna Hardy on Thursday, 3 October at Goldsmith's Fair.** kcwc beats Breakfast at Tiffany's with this rare offer – a private introduction to a premier jewellery show with a world class gemmologist! Ms Hardy's expertise is evident in her Jewellery School of Excellence Master Classes educating the collector on contemporary design trends and what to avoid when making an investment in jewellery and gems.

Topping things off for the month, the group will enjoy a special private tour by the curator of the **Bellville-Sassoon exhibition at the Fashion and Textile Museum on Thursday, 17 October.** Bellville Sassoon has been synonymous with high fashion for over 50 years. As Britain's foremost couture label from the 1960s onwards, founder Belinda Bellville, with designers David Sassoon and Lorcan Mullany, dressed many of the world's most stylish women, including Diana, Princess of Wales. This exhibition traces the history of British glamour from the couture houses of the late 1950s, to the celebrities who became clients of the company. It also explores the influence of ready-to-wear and Vogue patterns.

**Our After Six in the City activity enjoys fun social events in the evenings.** The group encompasses everything from fine dining to spending time exploring posh pubs, and activities such as cooking classes, sporting events and concerts. They'll be having their first Girls' Night Out this season on Wednesday 25 September at The Pantechnicon, which is tucked away behind Lowndes Square in Knightsbridge, enjoying cocktails, nibbles, and fun!

**kcwc's Art History group** is especially alive and well. On Tuesday 10 September they will hear a lecture on the British Museum's exhibition, "Life and Death in Pompeii and Herculaneum", which is the result of close collaboration with the Archaeological Superintendency of Naples and Pompeii. This show brings together over 250 fascinating objects, both recent discoveries and celebrated finds from earlier excavations. David Bellingham of Sotheby's, who has his doctorate in the art of Pompeii, will be our lecturer for the day. Then, on the 17 of September, art historian and British art specialist Angus Haldane will discuss British Art during the Industrial Revolution, how industrialisation influenced and altered the landscape in the art of Turner, Wright of Derby, Lowry, and the poetry of Blake. The group will also sponsor an Italian art series: "Three Cities - three Centuries", on Tuesdays, 24 September, 1 and 8 October. The first lecture explores the early ideas of the Renaissance in Florence looking at the key painters and patrons of the 1400, as well as the movement of Florentine painting to the court of Milan through Leonardo daVinci, and Michelangelo's impact in Rome in the early 1500s. The next talk will cover Venetian painters such as Titian in the late 1500-1600s. Finally, 17th Century Rome is explored, where patronage flourished and artists such as Carracci, Caravaggio and Bernini contributed heavily to the splendours of this Baroque era. Art historian Caroline Brooke will lecture.

On Tuesday 12 November the **Art History's "Walk through 500 years of British Art"** offers a circuit of Tate Britain's unparalleled collection from its beginnings to its end. This tour has been arranged to ensure that the collection's full historical range, from 1545 to the present, is always on show. There are no designated themes or movements; instead, you can see a range of art made at any one moment in an open conversational manner. A Tate curator will be taking us around the newly laid-out galleries.

Then, on Tuesday, 26 November, the group will explore the **National Gallery's exhibition, "The Portrait in Vienna 1900: Klimt and Schiele"**, where the striking paintings of Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele and Oskar Kokoschka take centre stage in portraiture in Viennese painting.

And of course, our ever popular **Western Art Survey Course begins in mid-January**. Now in its 18th year, under the guidance of Dr Chantal Brotherton-Ratcliffe, a top lecturer at Sotheby's Institute, along with other expert lecturers, we will look at each major stylistic period. This includes Ancient Greece and Rome through to the Modern Era, encompassing a general survey of Western Art. Museum tours including visits to the British Museum, the National Gallery, the Wallace Collection, Tate Modern and Tate Britain. This is the 18th year that kcwc will be offering this extremely popular course.

**kcwc's British History Group will be learning about "The Huguenots of London"**, one of the greatest waves of immigrants ever to arrive in England. on Monday 23 September. The group will then tour the area of Spitalfields where a large group settled when they arrived here and visit the Dennis Severs house, where can be found an authentic "experience" of life in the 18th century. And if you're completely new to London, join the group to find out about all the annual events that usually take place in the city at the Carlton Club on Thursday, 26 September. In October, the group will hear a lecture about the history and importance of the Inns of Court in London, the centre of the Britain's legal system and will then get a walking tour of two of the most historic enclaves in London, The Temple and the Middle Temple Hall. Then, on each Monday in November, come and listen to four lectures given by Richard Tames that will reveal the development and influence of the British Empire, its power and impact through the centuries.

**kcwc's Empty Nesters** give those members with children away at university or recently graduated a chance to get together to share their experiences over dinner and a movie, among other activities. And Fabulous Single Ladies is for single kcwc members (divorced/separated/widowed/never

married) who would like to meet other fabulous singletons and go out together to the many events London has to offer.

**The Contemporary Art group** meets once a month to visit contemporary art galleries in London, usually on a Wednesday in the middle of the month, at different venue every time.

**kcwc's Magic of the East activity** offers the opportunity to explore the diverse lifestyles, traditions and culture of Asia and the middle east. on Wednesday, 23 October, they will pay a visit to The Central Mosque in Regent's Park, also known as the Islamic Cultural Centre. King George VI donated the land to the Muslim community of Britain in return for a donation of land in Cairo by King Farouk of Egypt and Sudan to build an Anglican cathedral. You've seen its prominent gold dome; now you can come and see this fantastic building from the inside! The group will also celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights celebrated by Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities. It represents the victory of good over evil and light over darkness, symbolising joy, love, reflection, resolution, forgiveness, light and knowledge.

**kcwc's Photography Group** holds what is essentially a monthly forum for the intermediate level photo enthusiasts to meet, review photos, critique and learn new techniques and styles. The sessions are run by a photography teacher who sets up themes for each session.

**kcwc's Travel Group** has several trips on offer this season, including a tour of Kew Gardens, a World Heritage site, on Friday, 20 September, with a special visit to the Royal Kitchens; they have lain untouched since Queen Charlotte's death in 1818 and have recently been opened for visitors. Join the group for a special walking tour through the hills of Umbria, Italy, in one of two trips the group will be taking in October. Nearer to home, you can explore the River Thames on a walk from Henley-on-Thames to Marlow on Friday, 18 October, and explore Eton College and Windsor on Wednesday, 6 November, with a local Blue Badge guide. This trip features take a private guided tour of Eton College, including School Yard, Cloisters Court, Lower School (Eton's oldest classroom), Upper School (17th century classroom) and College Chapel. The tour continues to College Hall (the original 15th century dining room) before ending in the Museum of Eton Life. A very special trip is also scheduled for Wednesday, 12 November, where kcwc members will go to Paris for the day and savour the history and gastronomy of one of the world's greatest cities with two themed walks that bring the city's history and cuisine alive in a unique and entertaining way. The event includes an innovative three-course lunch taken at three different restaurants. Over the course of a four-hour historic walk, they will take in some of the city's iconic sites along with their starter, main course and dessert (including wine). After dessert and coffee, the walk extends to the culinary food shops of Saint Germain des Prés with tastings and retail opportunities at specialist food shops that maintain tradition with modern trends before heading back to the Gare du Nord by Metro for the return to London.

kcwc sponsors two charities, Independent Age, which combats isolation and poverty amongst older people, and The Haven, a non-medical breast cancer support group. They do everything, from scrubbing kitchens and serving food for others, But when these two charities don't have a group project for us, we head off to other local charities to lend a hand.

Our **London Walks group** will walk in the footsteps of Jewish Londoners from nearly 1000 years ago to today on 7 October, as well as learn about the trials and tribulations of Jewish life in London. Synagogues and cemeteries are obviously part of the tour, but so are stories from the shops and streets where ordinary Jews made a mark on our fashion and cuisine. Be prepared to meet poets, politicians and a prince!

**kcwc's Parenting team** launches this year's monthly gathering with a coffee and planning session on Thursday, 26 September. Now that the children are back in school, you are welcome to come share any ideas about what you would like to get out of the Parenting Group this year, speakers you might like to hear, or perhaps you would just like to get to know other fellow moms, especially if you are new to London or new to kcwc.

**kcwc's Toddler Group** focuses on children 18 months to five years, and they plan on fun and creative activities for the kiddies, as well as some "mums only" time as well. Their first activity is a meet-up at London Zoo, Regent's Park, on Wednesday, 11 September. New members of the Toddler Group are particularly urged to attend.

#### **RECENT EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS:**

kcwc Members' Art Show at Debut Contemporary Gallery on 12 June where the talent and creativity of our members was showcased. Works included paintings, drawings, quilting, photography, sculpture, textiles, jewellery, ceramics and books.

kcwc June Luncheon in Mountbatten Room at the Royal Automobile Club. Our Guest Speaker was Mme Ménéhould de Bazelaire du Chatelle, Director of Hermès Cultural Heritage On The Émile Hermès Collection: The Secret Beyond the Door. The final General Meeting of the year brought our milestone 30th anniversary to a stylish grand finale. Hermès, having graciously honoured kcwc by creating a bespoke anniversary scarf, gave our members a special glimpse behind the scenes of this world-renowned house of luxury to reveal the history of the Hermès style.

kcwc at Althorp Literary Festival where members felt like a "Princess for a Day" as personal guests of Earl Spencer at what is his family's home for five centuries, enjoying a three-course luncheon prepared by the Earl's personal chef, authors' talks, time to visit some of the rooms, gardens and stables of the house, as well as the resting place of Diana, Princess of Wales.



On 14 June, nearly 80 members of kcwc, accompanied by some of their spouses and friends, attended the 10th Anniversary of the annual Althorp Literary Festival as guests of the Earl Spencer at his family's Northamptonshire estate. Joining the group in the photo is Conservationist and Author Stanley Johnson (front row centre) and his wife. Johnson spoke about his life's work, mentioning anecdotes about what it is like to be the father of the irrepressible Mayor of London, Boris Johnson.





Outgoing kwcw President Susan Lenora, NBC News Foreign Correspondent Jim Maceda and wife Cindy, Vice President, Book Group Activity Leader Bee Robb, and Treasurer Adrienne Poulard pose in front of the Althorp House in the Spencer estate in Northamptonshire after the 10th Althorp Literary Festival.

(Note: Non-members wishing to attend our General Meetings and/or lectures as a guest must be most welcome to attend for a £10 fee. This fee is applicable towards kwcw membership fee should the guest apply for membership on the same day.)

For information about joining kwcw, please contact us at [info@kwcw.org.uk](mailto:info@kwcw.org.uk), or telephone (020) 7863 7562, and request an information packet which will be posted free of charge. Visit: [www.kwcw.org.uk](http://www.kwcw.org.uk).

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## AMERICAN WOMEN OF SURREY (AWS)



Upcoming American Women of Surrey (AWS) Events. For more information, please visit [www.awsurrey.org](http://www.awsurrey.org)

*Founded in 1975, the American Women of Surrey (AWS) is an expatriate club with over 350 members representing almost 40 nationalities. AWS' involvement in local charities gives members the opportunity to make a lasting philanthropic footprint in the community. Since 1981, AWS has raised and donated over £570K in funds and gifts-in-kind, supporting more than 150 charities.*

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## NORTHWOOD AREA WOMEN'S CLUB

NAWC is a multi-national social and cultural non-profit making organisation whose members represent 25 nationalities. The club meets the first Thursday of each month at St John's Church Hall, Northwood. The club offers an exciting programme of outings, events, speakers and interest groups. New members are always welcome.

Fundraising plays an important part in club life with monies raised for our Charity of the Year, the local Northwood Live in Scheme which supports elderly people to remain independent in their homes.

For more details please contact us at : [info@northwoodareawomen'sclub.co.uk](mailto:info@northwoodareawomen'sclub.co.uk)

For more information visit [www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk](http://www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk)

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## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

**Zonta International** is a worldwide service organisation and was founded in Buffalo USA by the wives of the early Rotarians, hence it's structure is built on the same lines as this organisation. We are a women's club only and are based in Guildford, with our monthly meetings taking place at the Holiday Inn in Guildford.

Our main aim is to improve the status of women worldwide through:

Networking and Fellowship (we are an international group)

Stimulating Speakers on many subjects

Leadership programmes for young women

Community and international service projects, mainly aimed at helping other women

We also organise outings & events.

***All meetings are held at the Holiday Inn, Egerton Road, Guildford GU2 7XZ***

***6.30 for 7.00 pm unless otherwise stated - Two Course Buffet Dinner: Members £20, Guests £25***

***Booking is essential, please email [Guildford@zontad29.org](mailto:Guildford@zontad29.org)***

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Business Meeting – Members Only

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Ice, Rising Seas, Changing Wildlife”

Dr Colin Summerhayes: "Antarctica and the Arctic: Melting

December TBA

Christmas Party

2014:  
Breisgau, Germany

Invitation to 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Zonta Club, Freiburg im

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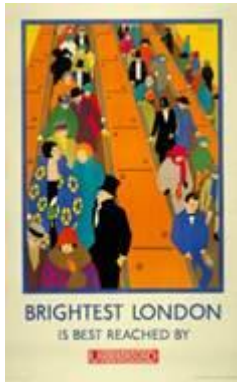
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**ARTS EVENTS IN LONDON: A BRIEF SELECTION – SEPTEMBER 2013 AND BEYOND (click the link below to take you to the relevant website)**



15 Feb – Oct 2013 [Poster Art 150 – London Underground's Greatest Designs](#) Since its first graphic poster commission in 1908, London Underground has developed a worldwide reputation for commissioning outstanding poster designs, becoming a pioneering patron of poster art - a legacy that continues today. Poster Art 150 will showcase 150 of the best designs which have been chosen by an independent panel. Visitors will be invited to vote for their favourites and the most popular poster will be revealed at the end of the exhibition. Well-known posters, including the surrealist photographer Man Ray's 'Keeps London Going' pair, will feature alongside lesser-known gems. The exhibition will also offer a rare chance to view letter-press posters from the late nineteenth century. *Venue: London*

*Transport Museum*

06 Feb - 13 Nov [Murillo at the Wallace Collection: Painting of the Spanish Golden Age](#) The Wallace Collection houses one of Britain's most important collections of paintings by the seventeenth-century Spanish artist, Bartolomé Estebán Murillo, with eight masterpieces and several by his workshop and associates, Francisco Meneses Osorio and Juan Simón Gutiérrez. This special display is timed to coincide with the exhibition, Murillo and Justino de Neve. The Art of Friendship being held at the Dulwich Picture Gallery. *Venue: The Wallace Collection*

28 Mar - 29 September [Life and death in Pompeii and Herculaneum](#) Neil MacGregor, director of the British Museum said "This will be a major exhibition for the British Museum in 2013, made possible through collaboration with the Archaeological Superintendence of Naples and Pompeii which has meant extremely generous loans of precious objects from their collections, some that have never travelled before. Pompeii and Herculaneum, two cities on the Bay of Naples in southern Italy, were buried by a catastrophic volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in just 24 hours in AD 79. This event ended the life of the cities but at the same time preserved them until rediscovery by archaeologists nearly 1700 years later. The excavation of these cities has given us unparalleled insight into Roman life. *Venue: The British Museum*

17 May - 17 September [PROPAGANDA: POWER & PERSUASION](#) Propaganda is all around us. It is used to fight wars and fight disease, build unity and create division. Whether monumental or commonplace, sincere or insidious, propaganda is often surprising, sometimes horrific and occasionally humorous. While it's never neutral, it can be difficult to define and identify. *Venue: The British Library*

06 Jul - 29 September [Mexico-A Revolution in Art, 1910-1940](#) Mexico: A Revolution in Art, 1910 – 1940, will examine the intense thirty year period of artistic creativity that took place in Mexico at the beginning of the twentieth century. The turmoil of the revolution between 1910 and 1920 ushered in a period of profound political change in which the arts were placed centre stage. Often referred to as a cultural renaissance, artists were employed by the Ministry of Public Education on ambitious public arts projects designed to promote the principles of the revolution. *Venue: Royal Academy of Art*

10 Jul - 16 Feb 2014 [Club To Catwalk: London Fashion in the 1980s](#) Discover the creative explosion of London fashion in the 1980s in a major exhibition at the V&A. Through more than 85 outfits, Club to Catwalk: London Fashion in the 1980s showcases the bold and exciting new looks by the most experimental young designers of the decade, including Betty Jackson, Katharine Hamnett, Wendy Dagworthy and John Galliano. *Venue: Victoria & Albert Museum*

**27 Jul - 29 September** [\*\*The Queen's Coronation 1953\*\*](#) This summer marks the 60th anniversary of one of the most momentous occasions in 20th-century British history – the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. To mark the anniversary of the event, a major exhibition for the Summer Opening of Buckingham Palace will bring together for the first time since Coronation Day, a spectacular array of dress, uniform and robes worn by the principal royal party. Works of art, paintings and objects used on the day will also be on display to recreate the atmosphere of that extraordinary occasion. *Venue: The Queen's Gallery. Buckingham Palace*

**20 Jun - 15 September** [\*\*The Discovery of Paris: Watercolours by Early Nineteenth-Century British Artists\*\*](#) The Discovery of Paris - few exhibitions could have a more appealing theme. Focusing on the period c. 1802-40 and featuring seventy watercolours, preparatory drawings and associated prints, this exhibition includes outstanding works. 'The Discovery of Paris' charts the remarkable contribution of the British to the iconography of Paris, depicting the French capital as it became the major destination for mass middle-class tourism that it has remained ever since. *Venue: The Wallace Collection*

**11-15 September** [\*\*20/21 British Art Fair\*\*](#) The 20/21 British Art Fair, the only fair which specialises exclusively in British art. The fair is a pivotal date for collectors of British art and continues to attract an enviably loyal following in London's busy art fair calendar. Successful for over 26 years, its particular strengths lie in the excellence and range of Modern (1900-1945) and Post-War art (1945 – 1970). The fair also has a wide selection of contemporary art (1970 onwards). Each year the 56 exhibitors bring to their stands a great variety of work. *Venue: Royal College of Arts. Kensington Gore. London SW7 2EU*

**19 September - 22 September** [\*\*Ceramics in the City\*\*](#) The Geffrye's annual celebration of ceramics returns to the museum in September 2013. Featuring around 50 ceramicists from across the UK, the event showcases the work of both leading names and rising talents. Prices start from £10 for small objects, rising to several hundred pounds for large-scale work. *Venue: The Geffrye Museum*

**20 September - 11 Jan 2014** [\*\*The Glamour of Bellville Sassoon\*\*](#) Bellville Sassoon has been synonymous with high fashion for over 50 years. As Britain's foremost couture label from the 1960s onwards, founder Belinda Bellville with designers David Sassoon and Lorcan Mullany, dressed many of the world's most stylish women, including Diana, Princess of Wales. This exhibition traces the history of British glamour from the couture houses of the late 1950s, to the celebrities who became clients of the company. It also explores the influence of ready-to-wear and Vogue patterns. *Venue: The Fashion and Textile Museum. 83 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3XF*

**21 September - 19 Jan 2014** [\*\*PEARLS\*\*](#) Experience the beauty and allure of pearls which across centuries and cultures have long been associated with wealth, royalty and glamour. This autumn the V&A and the Qatar Museums Authority explore the history of pearls from the early Roman Empire through to present day. *Venue: Victoria and Albert Museum*



**23 September - 29 Sep [GOLDSMITHS' FAIR- 2013.Week One](#):** The Goldsmiths' Fair is the ultimate one-stop destination for those seeking out jewellery and silver by the most exciting independent designer-makers in the UK. Established in 1983 the Fair has grown in stature and allure and is today a prestigious one-of-a-kind event in Europe. You will find talent, passion, creativity, innovative design and superlative craftsmanship handmade by craftsmen. This two week Fair features 180 makers from around the country. *Venue: The Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane London EC2V 6BN*

**25 September - 29 September [LAPADA ART & ANTIQUES FAIR-BERKELEY SQUARE](#)** The LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair in Berkeley Square, Mayfair, London is this Autumn's must-visit event for sourcing and buying fine art and antiques. Among the exceptional works on offer are furniture, jewellery, carpets, tapestries, antiquities, clocks, ceramics, silver and fine art. The fifth annual LAPADA Fair follows the success of last year's event, where more than 17,000 visitors from around the world attended over the course of five days. *Venue: Berkeley Square, Mayfair, London*

**12 Jun - 22 September [A Crisis of Brilliance, 1908-1920: Nash, Nevinson, Spencer, Gertler, Carrington, Bomberg](#)** C.R.W. Nevinson, Stanley Spencer, Mark Gertler, Dora Carrington, David Bomberg and Paul Nash became some of the most well-known and distinctive British artists of the twentieth century. Students together at the Slade School of Art in London between 1908 and 1912, they formed part of what their esteemed drawing teacher Henry Tonks described as the school's last 'crisis of brilliance'. As their talents evolved they became Futurists, Vorticists and 'Bloomsberries', and befriended the leading writers and intellectuals of their day. *Venue: Dulwich Picture Gallery*

**08 Jul - 26 October [60 Lustrous Years: The London Silver Vaults 1953 - 2013](#)** In 2013 the London Silver Vaults marks its 60th anniversary. Customer celebrations commence with the Vaults' announcement of a 60 Lustrous Years Prize Draw. From June 1st, visitors to the Vaults will have the opportunity to enter the Draw for a £1,000 prize to spend at the shops. The Draw closes on 31st October, so the lucky winner will be able to buy some very special Christmas presents. *Venue: The London Silver Vaults Chancery*

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