

## The American Hour's December 2013 Email Newsletter

Welcome to **The American Hour's December Email Newsletter**. We hope you had a fantastic Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Christmas festivities.



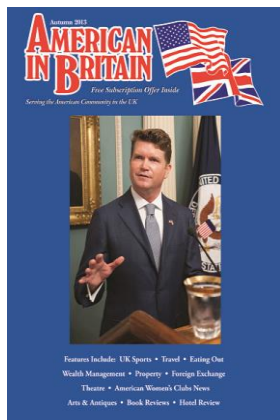
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### AMERICAN IN BRITAIN MAGAZINE – FREE SUBSCRIPTION OFFER!



The autumn issue of *American in Britain* is now out and is also available to view online (click the image to the left). The latest issue of *American in Britain* features reviews of *Punchdrunk's The Drowned Man, Once, The Balcon, Bumpkin Chelsea, Whyte & Brown, and Brompton Asian Brasserie, The Treehouses at Chewton Glen in the New Forest, Travel – Brighton, College Transition: When Expat Kids Make the College/University Transition, Expat Book Reviews, Tips on Saving Money When Purchasing Property in the UK Or Overseas, Property Focus on Kensington, Notting Hill and Holland Park, Recommendations For Discovering England's Capital City, Married Same-Sex Couples Now Eligible For US Immigration Benefits*, plus all the regular features. To view the magazine online please [click here](#). The winter issue will be out in the first week of January 2014.

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To view the autumn issue online please click the cover image on the left.

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## **CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON AND CHRISTMAS WITH THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CHURCH!**

The **American International Church** is a Christ-centered community of faith in the heart of this great city. Our congregation reflects the dynamic international character of London. We are made up of Americans working in this country, British citizens drawn to our warm fellowship, and people from more than 30 nations around the world.

Join us as we prepare for Christmas with special music and readings!

Our Sunday services are at 11am, and our family-friendly Christmas Eve service is at 7pm.

For details, see <http://www.amchurch.co.uk/> or <http://www.facebook.com/AmChurchLondon>

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### **FROM HERE TO ETERNITY**



Don't miss the show critics are hailing as "everything you want from a musical" (Hollywood News) and "a refreshing addition to the West End" (Daily Express). It's currently thrilling audiences with "the melodies of a golden age Broadway musical" (The Times).

Pearl Harbor, 1941, where the girls sing "*don'cha like Hawaii*", the men of G Company sing the blues, and where even on an army base, love and desire are never very far away. But as war approaches, the worlds of four lovers are about to be dramatically ripped apart...

From Here to Eternity is a breathtaking, gutsy and excitingly original show with the "power and stature of Les Miserables" (TheatreguideLondon).

Now playing at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London's West End, book your tickets now [www.fromheretoeternitythemusical.com](http://www.fromheretoeternitythemusical.com)

**THE AMERICAN HOUR HAS 3 PAIRS OF TOP PRICE TICKETS TO GIVE AWAY TO SEE *FROM HERE TO ETERNITY* AT THE SHAFTESBURY THEATRE - [CLICK HERE TO ENTER.](#)**

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## **PUTTING IT TOGETHER AT THE ST JAMES THEATRE**



**Robert Mackintosh, the St James Theatre and Hilary A Williams by arrangement of Cameron Mackintosh present  
Alex Parker's production  
By Stephen Sondheim  
Directed by Alastair Knights, Choreographed by Matthew Rowland with Musical Supervision by Alex Parker  
14 January 2014 – 1 February 2014**

First produced by Cameron Mackintosh in New York, with Julie Andrews over 20 years ago, the London premiere will be performed by a stellar, award-winning cast including: David Bedella, Daniel Crossley, Janie Dee, Damian Humbley and Caroline Sheen.

A revue with a difference... A revue that tells a story... Set at a cocktail party in New York City, two couples - one middle-aged and married, the other young lovers just starting out - reflect through the songs of Stephen Sondheim on the complexities that make up modern relationships.

Direct from a sell-out run in Guilford, the London premiere of this dazzling Sondheim revue will play at St. James Theatre for three weeks only.

Featuring Classics From: Sweeney Todd, Merrily We Roll Along, Follies, Company, Sunday In The Park With George, Into The Woods and many more.

To book tickets or for further information, visit the website:  
[www.stjamestheatre.co.uk/events/putting-it-together/](http://www.stjamestheatre.co.uk/events/putting-it-together/)

**[TO WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO SEE PUTTING IT TOGETHER CLICK HERE](#)**

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## **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA AT GROSVENOR HOUSE**

Leave the winter chills behind and get in the festive spirit with Christmas Afternoon Tea at [Grosvenor House, A JW Marriott Hotel](#).

Launching on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, a selection of traditional, festive finger sandwiches and Christmas pastries will accompany our award winning home baked scones and a special Christmas tea blend.

Looking for Christmas present ideas? New Gift Cards are now available to buy, so why not treat a loved one to Afternoon Tea in The Park Room this Christmas? Gift Cards can be purchase online at [www.parkroom.co.uk](http://www.parkroom.co.uk) or in The Park Room.

**Christmas Afternoon Tea Menu, £39.50 per person**



#### **Selection of Finger Sandwiches**

Roast Old Gloucester Spot Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roast Norfolk Turkey with Cranberry Mayonnaise, Cucumber with Mint Butter, Loch Fyne Smoked Scottish Salmon with Caper Butter, Coldwater Prawn and Spicy Avocado, Clarence Court Free Range Eggs with Mayonnaise and Cress

#### **Home Made Scones with Devonshire Clotted Cream and Strawberry Jam**

#### **Afternoon Tea Pastries**

Chestnut Macaroons, Brandy Brulee, Cranberry Short Bread Biscuit, Orange Blossom and Praline Mousse, White Chocolate Panacotta with Pistachio and Raspberries, Mandarin liquor sponge with buttercream, Chocolate Roulade

#### **Choice of Twinings Speciality Leaf Tea**

Afternoon Tea is served from 2pm – 6pm daily in the [The Park Room & Library](#) overlooking Hyde Park at Grosvenor House, A JW Marriott Hotel. To make a reservation for Christmas Afternoon Tea, which is available from 25 November 2013 and then throughout the festive period, please call +44 (0) 207 399 8452 or book online at [www.parkroom.co.uk](http://www.parkroom.co.uk).

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## **ADOPT A CHRISTMAS ELF**

*Grosvenor House Apartments by Jumeirah Living adds a festive twist to family stays*

**London, September 06 2013:** This winter, **Grosvenor House Apartments by Jumeirah Living** will celebrate Christmas by inviting families to explore London with their very own Christmas Elves. Throughout December, any luxury stay can be enhanced with an **'Adopt a Christmas Elf'** experience; the perfect way to ensure a magical adventure packed full of treats and trips.

The **'Adopt a Christmas Elf'** experience welcomes families to London to discover an exciting Christmas from the comfort of their luxury home away from home. Upon arrival, guests will be greeted with a delicious **Festive Afternoon Tea**. Thereafter, **two enchanting Elves will arrive at the family's residence each day for five days**, ready to delight children and adults alike with a captivating range of activities and excursions.

No Christmas is complete without the fun of traditional decorations. On the first day of the stay, a knock on the door will reveal the family's very own excited Elves, armed with a **beautiful Christmas tree** and supplies of stunning decorations. The family can relax into a cosy afternoon of traditional carols and festive stories from the Elves as they help plan and decorate the perfect tree. The next day, a pirate adventure awaits with a **trip to the London Aquarium**. Located on the popular South bank of the River Thames, the family will be whisked off in a private car to view one of Europe's largest collections of global marine life. With the Elves as pirate guides, mini-pirates will be introduced to fishy friends galore as they walk beneath the waves, and even swim with a shark!

The rest of the week is packed full of magic and mystery. A **comical Christmas magic show** will astound with incredible spells, mysterious mind control and the art of vanishing, with the opportunity for magic fans to learn the secrets themselves. Wizarding experts can then add to their knowledge with a **tour of Harry Potter's London**. Discover fabulous locations from the films, such as the doorway to the Leaky Cauldron, the entrance to Platform 9 ¾ and many, many more.

On the last day of the Elf experience, the family's new fun-loving friends will arrive with baskets full of delicate parchment paper, shiny golden letters, and pots of sparkling glitter. With the children focused on an **afternoon of letter-writing to Santa**, adults may wish to enjoy an **in-residence spa treatment** to relax. Then await the arrival of one last special visitor; **Santa Claus himself**, ready to personally collect any letters and wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

For further information and reservations, please contact:

**Tel:** +44 (0)20 7518 4444

**Email:** [GHReservations@jumeirah.com](mailto:GHReservations@jumeirah.com)



*Grosvenor House Apartments by Jumeirah Living provides the perfect home away from home for exploring London. Combining the service of a five star luxury hotel with the privacy and feel of having your own private Mayfair home, the hotel residence is a unique offering in the capital with 130 'residences' ranging in size from studios to a 5-bed penthouse. Appealing to discerning travellers looking for a more private form of luxury, it offers a highly personalised service with luxurious amenities, full business services and flexible accommodation.*

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Including WHYTE & BROWN, THE BALCON, THE BRITISH PULLMAN, HARD ROCK CAFE LONDON AND BODEAN'S BBQ – more to be added!

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## **THE ORION ORCHESTRA PRESENTS SERENATA LATINA! AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL, SOUTH BANK CENTRE – 20% DISCOUNT FOR READERS**

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, witness a unique fusion of Latin-American music, performed by internationally renowned soloists and dancers, a famous Jazz Ensemble, and a dynamic young symphony orchestra at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on London's South Bank. The evening includes dance and song alongside orchestral music, and will bring a welcome flash of Latin warmth to the cold London December evening.

The amazing music of Latin-America is still comparatively unknown in the UK, and Serenata Latina aims to share this culture with a wider audience, eventually representing music of all Latin-Americas countries, beginning with this event and continuing in future concerts. From famous songs such as Bésame Mucho, Granada and El día que me Quieras,

to Piazzolla tangos and orchestral masterpieces the programme is full of variety, excitement and sensuality.

The brain-child of Orion's artistic director and conductor Toby Purser, Serenata Latina is one of the first events of its kind to be performed in the UK by Latin-American soloists and dancers alongside a British Symphony Orchestra and a London-based jazz group - the James Pearson Trio, famous as resident ensemble at the legendary Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club.

Expect incredible energy from the orchestra too : the Orion Orchestra is one of the most talented and brilliant young orchestras in the UK, with its members selected from the best young musicians leaving music college, and this concert will showcase their exceptional energy and virtuosity.

Tickets are £32 - £12 (premier seats £50) available online at [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk), or by phone 0844 8479910 (booking charges apply). Please reference 'American Hour' to receive a 20% discount on your ticket.

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## **NEW WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICE AT THE LISTER HOSPITAL, CHELSEA**



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**PURCHASING PROPERTY IN THE UK OR OVERSEAS?** See this [article](#)

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## LOOKING TO MOVE IN LONDON OR THE HOME COUNTIES THIS YEAR?



IF SO, PLEASE VISIT THE [LIVING IN](#) SECTION OF THE AMERICAN HOUR WEBSITE. THIS PAGE HIGHLIGHTS DETAILED INFORMATION ON POPULAR AREAS OF LONDON AND THE HOME COUNTIES. PLEASE ALSO SHARE THE PAGE WITH ANY FRIENDS MOVING TO LIVE IN THE UK – OR THINKING ABOUT IT! THE EXCELLENT CONTENT COMES FROM OUR SPONSORS, KNIGHT FRANK, AND PLEASE BE SURE TO MENTION **THE AMERICAN HOUR** IF YOU SPEAK WITH THEM!

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## **FAWCO – THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS OVERSEAS**



serving overseas Americans and  
the international community since 1931

### **FAWCO HAS HAD A PRODUCTIVE 2013!**

By My-Linh Kunst, FAWCO President



On global issues, with the successful launch of the new Target Program - **Human for Rights for Women** and with our UN Reps participating at the policy making level at the UN (see article below), FAWCO is contributing to the improvement of the lives of women and girls worldwide (FAWCO’s 1<sup>st</sup> Resolution). On US issues, we continue to provide a strong voice for the “American family living abroad”. FAWCO’s US Liaison has met not only with IRS and Treasury officials, but also with members of EU Parliament to talk about the impact of new tax and banking laws. I am particularly proud of the successful completion of our Inaugural FAWCO Youth Cultural Volunteers Program launched to enable our youth to explore the world’s culture and issues.

I am constantly amazed at how much can be accomplished when we put (*in the words of our Founder Caroline Curtis Brown*) “enlightened women” together. Caroline’s original vision was “world peace”; our current mission is to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide. All women should live free from fear and their rights to a safe environment, education, health and other basic human rights must be protected.

For this cause, FAWCO volunteers are dedicated, smart and enlightened women who have a passion to make a difference. Their commitment and hard work leaves me awed and thankful. And they do all this amidst personal tragedies and other life challenges.

My deepest thanks to our volunteers for your time, talent and dedication!

## FAWCO UN Reps to Chair United Nations Committees



FAWCO is proud to recognise the efforts of two of its UN Reps, Sara von Moos, UN Rep – Geneva and Erica Higbie, UN Rep – New York, who have been asked to chair committees that they have been involved with as part of their UN duties.

FAWCO UN Representative, Erica Higbie, became active with the Working Group on Girls (WGG) last year helping to organize the “Girls Tribunal on Violence” (<http://girlsrights.org/girls-tribunal-on-violence/>) at the 57<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women.

In August 2013, Erica became Chair of the WGG Advocacy Committee which works with permanent missions to the UN to influence government policy on issues unique to girls such as child marriage, trafficking, FGM and equal access to education.



FAWCO UN Rep Sara von Moos (pictured here in the Human Rights Council Chambers) has been appointed Co-Chair of the UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) Beijing +20 Regional Review Task Force responsible for overseeing the coordination of the conference. Sara’s appointment was made by NGO CSW Geneva President and General Secretary of the World YWCA Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda.

UNECE, which has 53 member states, will hold its Regional Review in Geneva in November 2014 in the form of a two-day conference attended by an expected 200 representatives of UN agencies, NGO’s and women’s groups.

FAWCO (Federation of American Women’s Clubs Overseas) Regional Meetings are a great way for FAWCO club members to get to know FAWCO and network with sister clubs. It is open to all FAWCO clubs (also from outside the region). Visit the FAWCO Region 1 Facebook page or contact [rc1@fawco.org](mailto:rc1@fawco.org) for more information.

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## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LONDON

The Junior League of London celebrated our 34th Annual Boutique de Noel Christmas market this month. With more than 90 vendors, the event kicked off with a Premier Shopping Evening on Friday. Our Saturday Shopping Day welcomed more shoppers from around London and even included a visit from Father Christmas! JLL would like to thank our shoppers, donors and vendors for their tremendous support. Thanks to the money raised, we continue to strive to end poverty and its effects in London.

Our signature Community Program, Holiday Hampers, will assemble and deliver 800 hampers to Londoners in need this holiday season.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Spring with a new roster of events and fundraiser. Our Spring New Member programme will also welcome interested women to join the JLL. To learn more about the JLL and our programmes, visit [www.jll.org.uk](http://www.jll.org.uk)

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## AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF LONDON



Thank goodness for all the wonderful Christmas lights gracing the streets of London! With daylight scarce it is wonderful to have the twinkling lights cheer the darkness in our everyday comings and goings. The holidays often mean a trip back “home” for many expats but there is still much going on for those who stay in the city the entire month or split time here & there.

The AWC Board is hosting the annual Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 10 from 4 to 7 pm at the office at 68 Old Brompton Road. Please join us to share holiday cheer and goodwill. Homemade treats, nibbles, fizz and other assorted beverages will be served. We will also be collecting warm clothing, jeans, thermal underwear and backpacks for the male clients at The Soup Kitchen, one of the charities we support.

Most groups will continue to meet throughout the holiday season. Mah Jong, Bridge, Book Club, Stitching, Monday Morning Coffee, Bumps to Jumps and the Hiking group all continue with regular meetings throughout the month and many have special holiday luncheons planned! Visit the AWC website at [www.awclondon.org](http://www.awclondon.org) to check the schedule if you are not yet a member, or your Weekly Update if you have already joined. The AWC Facebook page is a wonderful resource to keep up with last minute changes or short notice outings. It is also a wonderful resource for travel and restaurant tips. It is a closed group so you must be an AWC member to access this wealth of information.

The Food, Glorious Food group has put together a special tasting tour in Marylebone Village on Tuesday, December 3. Marylebone is currently experiencing a gastronomic Renaissance and expert author and TV chef Celia Brooks will be guide us through specially arranged tastings throughout the late afternoon. Wine and tastings including chocolate, cheeses and English meat delicacies will be crowned with a delectable afternoon tea for what promises to be a memorable event.

One of our most popular trips of the year, the Christmas Market Trip, this year to Vienna, Austria; unexpectedly still has some space available! The trip runs from Tuesday, December 3 - Friday, December 6. Call the AWC office ASAP if you are interested in a wonderful combination of site seeing and market shopping. The group will visit the Vienna State Opera House, The Hofburg Palace, The Imperial Treasury Museum and the Belvedere Palace and more. In addition they will visit the Altwiener Christkindlmarkt, Rathausplatz and Schobrunn Christmas Markets. Some of the ladies will attend La Boheme or The Barber of Seville at the Opera House or a Christmas concert by the renowned Vienna Boys’ Choir at the MuTh Concert Hall. A trip not to be missed and an opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done as well!

These are only a sampling of the activities we have planned for December. Join us for our New Member coffee Tuesday, December 17 at 10 am at the AWC office, 68 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3LQ. Nearest Tube station is South Kensington. Check our website at [www.awclondon.org](http://www.awclondon.org) or call us at 020 7589 8292, we’ll look forward to including you in our next meeting or event.

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## **CHILTERN AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL CHARITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

CAWC Annual Charity Christmas Bazaar – The Bellhouse Hotel Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire; Sunday, November 17, 2013

It was a chilly, grey day outdoors, but when you stepped into the Gerrard's Suite at the Bellhouse Hotel, it was a warm, welcoming, Christmas atmosphere. The CAWC had over 800 individuals attend their 2013 Annual Charity Christmas Bazaar, which raised money in support of The Epilepsy Society and Hestia – a charity that supports victims of domestic abuse. There were over 70 volunteers who contributed to the day.

With over 55 outstanding specialty vendors, crafters and local artisans, shoppers were treated to a vast selection of unique gifts and personal items to purchase. The marketplace consisted of quality-handcrafted items including jewellery, candles, clothing, handmade wooden items, fashion and home accessories, artwork, speciality Christmas items and so much more!

This year the Luxury Hamper Committee created over 290 beautiful hampers to be sold. Each hamper was carefully selected, designed, wrapped and decorated with a gorgeous bow. A detailed label and name were given to each hamper in hopes that a very lucky individual would find them under their Christmas tree this year. A special thank you to Karen Bates and Lety Wicks, for chairing this year's committee.

The Café and Bake Sale created a mouth-watering experience! No matter your appetite: chocolate, chilli con-carne, carrot cake or multiple types of cookies, the Café and Bake Sale offered an array of smells and tastes. Over 50 members donated home-baked goods to be wrapped and decorated, then sold at the Bazaar. Thank you to the Café chairwomen Wendy Hoffmann and Yvonne Tilley-Landmark and the Bake Sale chairwoman Kate Schuman Harman.

The CAWC Annual Charity Christmas Bazaar also offered shoppers a chance to purchase £1 Raffle Tickets in hopes of winning one of more than 60 unique items donated by each of the exhibitors. Thank you to the Raffle Chairwoman, Anne Axus.

The excitement and energy that comes each year with the CAWC Bazaar always rests on the shoulders of a few super individuals. Thank you to the Christmas Bazaar Co-Chairwomen, Maureen Rice and Pam Showalter. Their hard work and determination was brilliant. Additional thanks must also be given to the following CAWC members: Denise Abdussamad, Celestina Akinkunmi, Sara Baghai, Suhaila Baghai, Stephanie Broman, Leslie Collingridge, Debra Delorge, Yvonne Felix, Anna Hawkins, Deb Lennertz, Sarah Maconachy, Bonnie Maurer, Anne Mehr, Saralie Pincini, Anita Strachota, Elizabeth Strats, Lori Urban, and Pam Waller. Lastly, a huge thank you to the CAWC President, Robin Smirnov.

The CAWC is proud to donate all the proceeds to The Epilepsy Society and Hestia. Please look for the CAWC Annual Charity Christmas Bazaar next November at the Bellhouse Hotel, to join in the excitement and shopping experience.

The CAWC is an active group of over 120 expatriate individuals from all over the world. They provide assistance to newcomers in Britain, and a very important part of the club is to give back to the community. The CAWC members are proud to have raised over £225,000 for local charities over the past 20 years with the Annual Charity Christmas Bazaar. Visit them at <http://www.cawc.co.uk>.

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



**December General Meeting**  
**Thursday 5 December**  
**9:30am-12noon**

Royal Automobile Club  
89 Pall Mall, London SW1 5HS

(Nearest tube: Green Park or Piccadilly Circus)  
“The Spirit of Giving” & Camila Batmanghelidjh (left)

We are also very fortunate to have Camila Batmanghelidjh, founder of Kids Company, as our guest speaker. She will give a short talk on her work with vulnerable children and how important it is to support kids living on the extreme margins of society.

We will also be collecting unwrapped toys to donate to Kids Company, so come with a present to give to a child, in the best kcwc tradition of giving. Please put a gift tag on the toy stating the age and gender of the child for whom the toy would be appropriate. Look to our notice in this Newsletter for guidance and details.

After the talk, you can continue to shop, and even enjoy a lovely glass (or two!) of hot mulled wine for a small charge (£5).

And then be sure to join us for our festive Hospitality luncheon at The Balcon Restaurant at the nearby Sofitel Hotel at £25. Sign up at the General Meeting.

This is going to be a wonderful meeting, full of fun and friends, so come ring in the Season of Lights!

### **GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE:**

9:30 - 11:00	Coffee and Mince Pies, activity information, holiday shopping
11:00 - 11:30	Announcements followed by guest speaker
11:30 - 1:00	More shopping; Hot Mulled Wine (£5)
1:00 - 2:30	Luncheon at The Balcon Restaurant, at Sofitel Hotel on Pall

Reminder: Please note that we cannot accommodate babies and small children at General Meetings. If you need to leave early, please do so before the speaker begins to talk. As a courtesy to the speaker and fellow members, please switch mobile phones and tablets OFF or onto SILENT.

There is a £10 non-member fee to attend kcwc General Meetings and lectures which is redeemable if joining on the day.



### **KCWC January General Meeting**

Thursday 16 January

9:30 am-12 noon

Royal Geographical Society

No. 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR (nearest tube: South Kensington or High Street Kensington)

GUEST SPEAKER: Richard Stemp

“The Self as Subject: Introspection from Van Gogh to Emin”

Richard Stemp is an art historian and actor. He has taught at most of the major art museums in London, including the National Gallery, Tate Modern, Tate Britain and Buckingham Palace. He has written and presented two series for Channel 4, Art in the National Gallery and Tate Modern. His books include *The Secret Language of the Renaissance* and *Directions in Art: Painting*, one in a series about contemporary art for children.

Richard Stemp studied Natural Sciences and History of Art at the University of Cambridge, eventually completing a PhD on “Sculpture in Ferrara in the 15th Century”. He also followed a post-graduate acting course at the Academy of Live and Recorded Arts. Since then he has shared his time between acting in and lecturing on the History of Art, taking trips across Italy, Germany, Austria and Russia.

Richard’s subject today, “The Self as Subject: Introspection from Munch to Emin”, is about the modern artistic obsession with the self. He will consider the ways in which artists have used their own image and experience as the subject of their paintings. With “selfies” all the rage now, come Richard will take us on a journey to show how self-portraiture has expanded from mere illustration to expressing the inner state and identity of the artist. Starting with artists such as Van Gogh and Munch, he’ll show how this genre follows through to Andy Warhol and Tracey Emin.

### **KCWC February General Meeting**

Thursday 6 February

9:30 am-12 noon

Royal Geographical Society

No. 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

(nearest tube: South Kensington or High Street Kensington)

GUEST SPEAKER: Donald Jackson -- The Queen’s Calligrapher

“The Saint John’s Bible”

Donald Jackson had a dream, to create the equivalent of the Sistine Chapel for a calligrapher: a hand-written Bible. This dream was realised in the form of a contemporary masterpiece, *The Saint John’s Bible*. He speaks about his work to kcwc.

Completed in September 2011, this work is the result of a 15-year collaboration of artists and calligraphers at a scriptorium in Wales, and a group of scripture scholars and theologians at Saint John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota, under the direction of Donald Jackson. It combines a centuries-old tradition of craftsmanship with the latest capabilities of computer technology and electronic communication. It was written and drawn entirely by hand using quills and paints hand-

ground from precious minerals and stones such as lapis lazuli, malachite, silver, and 24-karat gold, embracing 21st century technology to facilitate the design and creation process.

The beauty and splendour of this world-renowned project has been on exhibition at the Library of Congress, at the Victoria & Albert Museum, at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and is now on a national tour of the United States.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

Upcoming General Meetings: 6 March - Royal Geographical Society  
3 April - Royal Geographical Society  
8 May - TBD  
5 June - Royal Automobile Club

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

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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)

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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)***

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

09 Oct - 12 Jan 2014 [FACING THE MODERN: THE PORTRAIT IN VIENNA 1900](#) The striking paintings of Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele and Oskar Kokoschka star in this major exhibition which examines the central role portraiture played in Viennese painting and the upheaval in the tradition that marked the years around 1900. *Venue: The National Gallery*

11 Oct - 27 Apr 2014 [The Cheapside Hoard: London's Lost Jewels \(a 'must see'\)](#) A major new remarkable exhibition investigating the secrets of the Cheapside Hoard. This extraordinary and priceless treasure of late 16th and early 17th century jewels and gemstones – displayed in its entirety for the first time in over a century – was discovered in 1912, buried in a cellar on Cheapside in the City of London. Through new research and state-of-the-art technology, the exhibition will showcase the wealth of insights the Hoard offers on Elizabethan and Jacobean London – as a centre of craftsmanship and conspicuous consumption, at the crossroads of the Old and New Worlds. *Venue: Museum of London*

16 Oct - 12 Jan 2014. [An American in London: Whistler and the Thames](#) Whistler first arrived in London in 1859 and his early paintings of this period mark one of his most successful and profound assaults on the art establishment of his day. This major exhibition devoted to the American born



artist will include an array of paintings of Chelsea and the Thames River, along with prints and rarely seen drawings, watercolours and pastels. The exhibition will culminate in the display some of Whistler's stunning and iconic Nocturnes including Blue and Gold – Old Battersea Bridge (1872-1877)  
*Venue: The Dulwich Picture Gallery*

16 Oct - 09 Mar 2014 [The EY Exhibition: Paul Klee](#) Paul Klee is a giant of twentieth-century art and one of the great creative innovators of the time. At Tate Modern this autumn, you can rediscover Klee's extraordinary body of work and see it in a new light. Paintings, drawings and watercolours from collections around the world will be reunited and displayed alongside each other as the artist originally intended, often for the first time since Klee exhibited them himself *Venue: Tate Modern*

24 Sep - 09 Feb 2014 [Who Once Lived in My House?](#) 'Who Once Lived in My House?' Lower Concourse Area Tuesday 24 September 2013 - Sunday 9 February 2014 *Venue: Geffrye Museum*

25 May - 02 Mar 2014 [War Games](#) War Games will explore the fascinating relationship between conflict and children's play, providing an insight into the ways toys have been influenced by warfare from 1800 to the present day. With toys and games including Risk, GI Joe and classic Britain's toy soldiers, as well as photographs and archive documents, *Venue: Museum of Childhood*

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 Galiano. *Venue: Victoria & Albert Museum*

14 Sep - 09 Feb 2014 [Afro Supa Hero](#) Afro Supa Hero is a snapshot of a childhood and journey to adulthood, shown through a personal collection of pop cultural heroes and heroines of the African diaspora. Jon Daniel's action figures, comic books and games offer an insight into the experience of a boy of African Caribbean heritage growing up in 1960s and 1970s Britain, in search of his identity. See more at: <http://www.museumofchildhood.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions-and-displays/afro-supahero#sthash.EFPD8KXb.dpuf> *Venue: Museum of Childhood*

18 Sep - 23 Feb 2014 [Yinka Shonibare MBE at Greenwich](#) This autumn Royal Museums Greenwich presents a series of works by the critically acclaimed artist Yinka Shonibare MBE, including a new site-specific commission and sculptures never before seen in the UK. The works respond to the area central to both Shonibare's work and the Museum's collections. *Venue: National Maritime Museum*

21 Sep - 08 Dec [AUSTRALIA](#) The story of Australia is inextricably linked to its landscape and for Australian artists, this deep connection has provided a rich seam of inspiration for centuries. Marking the first major survey of Australian art in the UK for 50 years, this exhibition spans more than 200 years from 1800 to the present day. *Venue: Royal Academy of Arts*

22 Oct - Feb 2014 [POP ART DESIGN](#). Brash, colourful and playful, Pop Art was a movement that signalled a radical change of direction in the post-war period. It shaped a new cultural identity, with a focus on celebrity, mass production, and the expanding industries of advertising, television, and radio and print media. From the mid-1950s to early 1970s. *Venue: Barbican Art Gallery*

26 Oct - 26 Jan 2014 [Daumier \(1808-1879\): Visions of Paris](#) A staunch believer in the Republican cause, a freethinker and chronicler of everyday life in turbulent 19th century Paris, Honoré Daumier lived during a pivotal time in France's history. 'Visions of Paris' sets out to explore his legacy through

130 works, many of which have never been seen in the UK before, with a concentration on paintings, drawings, watercolours and sculptures. *Venue: The Royal Academy of Arts*

24 Oct - 19 Jan 2014 [\*The Male Nude: Eighteenth-century Drawings from the Paris Academy\*](#) This exhibition, of nearly forty French drawings of male nude figures, all drawn between the late seventeenth and the late eighteenth centuries, is unprecedented in Britain. Lent by France's equivalent of the Royal Academy, & the Ecole nationale supérieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris. *Venue: The Wallace Collection*

25 Oct - 25 Jan 2014 [\*Alan Sorrell\*](#) This exhibition will provide the first major survey of Alan Sorrell's oeuvre. Born in London in 1904, Sorrell studied at the Royal College of Art where he became a key figure amongst an outstanding generation of students including Ravilious, Bawden, Mahoney, Barnett Freedman and Douglas Percy Bliss. In 1928, Sorrell won the painting scholarship for the British School at Rome. He would later become Senior Assistant Instructor of Drawing at the RCA. *Venue: The Sir John Soane Museum*



26 Oct - 19 Jan 2014 [\*Masterpieces of Chinese Painting 700 - 1900\*](#) Presenting one of the world's greatest artistic traditions, Masterpieces of Chinese Painting 700 - 1900 will be a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see rare surviving works of art drawn from collections around the world. Explore over 70 of the finest examples of Chinese painting, from small-scale intimate works by monks and literati through to a 14 metre-long scroll painting, many of which are shown together for the first time. *Venue: Victoria & Albert Museum*

01 Nov - 02 Mar 2014 [\*"Uproar!" The first 50 years of The London Group 1913-\*](#) The London Group exploded onto the British art scene in 1913 as a radical alternative to the art establishment and in the wake of two modernist exhibiting platforms, Frank Rutter's liberal Allied Artists' Association and The Camden Town Group, headed by Walter Sickert, whose members the new group absorbed. The first minuted meeting took place on 25 October 1913, and Jacob Epstein is credited with coining the Group's name the following month. *Venue: Ben Uri Gallery*

04 Nov - 31 Jan 2014 [\*Mirror, Mirror-Gleaming silver for Christmas at the London Silver Vaults\*](#) Unveiled on 4th November 2013, gift ideas in the 'Mirror Mirror' display will focus on unadorned silver pieces polished to a gleam: dishes, bowls and boxes goblets and ewers, vases modern and traditional in style, simple candlesticks and cutlery designs and accessories of all sorts....LATE NIGHT CHRISTMAS Shopping event 5th December--enjoy a complimentary drink and festive music while you browse till 8pm. *Venue: The London Silver Vaults*



26 Nov - 05 Jan 201 [\*CHRISTMAS PAST\*](#) Each year, authentic festive decorations transform the museum's period rooms, giving visitors an evocative insight into how Christmas has been celebrated in English middle-class homes over the past 400 years. Step back through the centuries and discover the origins and meanings of some of the rich and vibrant traditions of Christmas past, from feasting, dancing and kissing under the mistletoe to playing parlour games, hanging up stockings,

sending cards, decorating the tree and throwing cocktail parties. *Venue: Geffrye Museum*

25 Sep - 22 Dec [EMILIO GRECO: SACRED and PROFANE](#) Emilio Greco (1913-1995) is best known for his distinctive portrait busts and sensual nudes, strongly influenced by Etruscan, Greek and Roman art. However, like his contemporaries Marino Marini and Giacomo Manzù, he also received a number of important religious commissions. Marking the centenary of the artist's birth, this exhibition includes sculptures in bronze and terracotta as well as a number of the artist's elegant drawings and etchings, characterised by their sweeping, sinuous lines, alongside studies for the monumental religious commissions *Venue: The Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art*

25 Sep - 19 Jan 2014 [Mira Schendel](#) Mira Schendel (1919–1988) was one of Latin America's most important and prolific post-war artists. With her contemporaries Lygia Clark and Hélio Oiticica, Schendel reinvented the language of European Modernism in Brazil. Tate Modern is staging the first ever international full-scale survey of her work. The exhibition reveals aspects of Schendel's dialogues with a diverse range of philosophers and thinkers, as well as her engagement with universal ideas of faith, self-understanding and existence. *Venue: Tate Modern*

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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*

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