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# Kensington + Chelsea Foundation

## A better life together

How can we work together to reduce the significant inequalities that exist in Kensington + Chelsea?

Kensington and Chelsea is a borough usually associated with affluence and wealth, but it also has areas of severe deprivation and significant inequalities.

Some startling facts that you may not know about K+C:

- K+C has the worst rate of school exclusions in London and 1 in 4 children live in poverty

- K+C is in the lowest 20% of Local Authorities for mental health performance
- The unemployment rate in K+C is 50% higher than the London average and 1 in 5 workers live in poverty.

The K+C Foundation was set up in 2008 by local resident, Jeremy Raphaely, who was aware of these inequalities in our borough and was determined to gain support from like-minded people to help address them. Over the last 12 months, they have invested £1.8m in over 157 impactful local projects that improve the lives and life chances of some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable residents in our borough. The Foundation's priorities for 2022 and beyond will focus on reducing education inequalities, increasing skills and employment and improving mental health. They would very much welcome the opportunity to talk to individuals and businesses who are interested in supporting their local community.

Please contact Charlotte Rossan,  
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## Christmas Luncheon at the RAF Club – December 2021



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## President's Message



Days are still dark and damp as I sit in late January to pen my March–June Newsletter message. Hard to imagine that Spring will spring bringing warm breezes to caress us as we bask in longer sunlit evenings. But that is the heralded promise of this season when all things renew, not least KCWC enjoying growing membership and heightened energy. The latter is no doubt due to our new Board already making great contributions in club governance. I am delighted to find a VP at my side again with the election of the talented and charming Farzana Seddon. Maria Puleio, moving from Membership to Events has kicked off her area with a great evening concert event for members and partners Friday 8 April, so be sure to check out these details.

These ladies are part of a cast of Board officers and Activity Leaders whose energy never ceases to amaze me. Thank you for the KCWC renaissance you help to foster and sustain. March also sees the return of our New Members Coffee on Thursday 10th, when we welcome new and prospective members to learn about KCWC membership. Details follow in the newsletter pages but look for your invitation and diary the date.

Our General Meeting *Speaker Series* – a KCWC trademark – continue from the

Royal Geographical Society with engaging speakers. Thursday 3 March, we welcome house historian, author, radio and TV contributor Melanie Backe-Hansen enlightening us on London residential history. Thursday 5 May, our guest is Colonel Jane Davis, OBE, QVRM TD DL whose talk “Hot Lips and Beyond” will showcase her fascinating career from Nurse to Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater London. Thursday 9 June, we reacquaint ourselves with a KCWC favourite, author Anne Sebba, followed by a convivial luncheon at the lovely Kensington Palace Pavilion.

Lest you think our Programmes team has been basking in the reflected glow of attracting these fascinating women, they are not sitting on their laurels. Bookings are already taken into 2023 for a new array of captivating speakers prepared to immerse us in compelling topics such as Artificial Intelligence, women's achievements in male-dominant arenas, and more. We remain, as Lord Spencer once christened us, “the thinking woman's women's club”. It has been my honour to preside over an organisation with so many intriguing, capable, and accomplished women, perennially curious to see what London has on offer. This season should be no different. So put on your thinking caps and walking shoes, mothball your winter jumpers, and enjoy Spring and early Summer, KCWC-style.

Best wishes,

**Mary Narvell**  
President KCWC  
[president@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:president@kcwc.org.uk)

## 2022 – 2023 General Meeting *Speaker Series*

**6 October 2022**

**Rebecca Salter**

**President of the Royal Academy of Arts.**

(37th President, but the first woman)

Royal Geographical Society.

**Inspirational Black Women:**

**Maggie Semple and Chi-chi Nwanoku**

Dr Maggie Semple is a successful business woman and entrepreneur.

In 2010, Maggie founded the *Semple* brand comprising a luxury bespoke womenswear business with a working atelier in Covent Garden, an online magazine with over 8 million viewers and an events programme.

Chi-chi Nwanoku, Founder of Europe's first majority Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) orchestra. Awarded the OBE in 2017 for Services to Music, she won the

Commonwealth Cultural Enterprise Award, Creative Industries Award, Top 10 BBC Women in Music.

**Pamela Scriven QC**

Bench of the Inner Temple, Chair of the Family Law Bar Association; both her life on the Bench and her cases from the Family Division are fascinating.

**Dr Matthew Higgs PhD**

The history and relevance of Artificial Intelligence.

Please continue to check our website and newsletters for updates on our 2022–23 General Meeting dates and when these, and other, prestigious guests will take part in our *Speaker Series*.

### February General Meeting *Speaker Series* – 3 February 2022



### Foodies enjoying delicacies from Le Marche region of Italy, at Rossodisera



## Activity Leaders Update

Two years ago, we started hearing about a highly infectious virus which was spreading westward through Europe and around the globe. At the time, who would have thought that after two very long years we would still be dealing with the coronavirus and its impact on how we lead and live our lives.

Through it all, KCWC has kept on going, holding General Meetings and many activities virtually. In a time when we were asked to maintain a social distance, when we could not go and meet friends for coffee, KCWC members were able to stay connected.

It is thanks to our terrific Activity Leaders that there was such a rich offering of activities in which we could participate. Now that it appears that life can return to some kind of pre-pandemic normality, our ALs have yet again outdone themselves with a wide-ranging array of activities.

Further on in this newsletter, you will find a calendar of activities and descriptions of all the interesting, informative activities on offer.

A huge thank you to our Activity Leaders who weathered all the ups and downs of the past two, very uncertain years. We would not be where we are without your commitment, creativity and hard work.

KCWC members make the Club the success it is. All our ALs are volunteers who have a passion or skill to share with us. If there is an activity you would like to see, speak to



*Jilly Ferrero, Kathleen Crook, and Marian Vobach*

us, we would be delighted to work with you to start an activity group.

A special thank you to Barbara Welch who, in addition to being the AL for Yoga, is also taking on 'Passion for Fashion' from Yulia Shirokova. Our sincere thanks to you, Yulia, for your efforts as an AL.

There remain AL vacancies in Golf, Glorious Gardens and Photography. The Club is also looking for several members with a technical background suitable to fill the Web Manager and eCommunications positions.

The Activity Leader Liaison Team is here to work with the ALs and also with our members in helping to maintain and build the many wonderful offerings of our Club. In the renewed sprit of Spring and of getting back to 'normal' life, please join us in this venture. We are all the beneficiaries. We look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Spring.

Your ALL Team,

**Jilly Ferrero & Kathleen Crook &  
Marian Vobach**  
[activity@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:activity@kcwc.org.uk)

## New Members' Corner



*Victoria Chelini*



*Natalia Zavacki*

Meet our new Membership Team, Natalia and Victoria. Natalia comes from Croatia and speaks Croatian, Russian and English. Victoria speaks French, English, German, Italian and Spanish. They have both extensive life experience as expats in various countries spanning throughout Europe and North America. Feeling lost? In search of ideas or advice? Do not hesitate to reach out to them: [members@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:members@kcwc.org.uk).

2022 brings a new wave of hope and the social calendar at KCWC is an exciting one! The many upcoming activities are an amazing opportunity for our newest members to mingle, learn, discover and share fabulous moments with fellow international women.

Do not miss out on the New Members Coffee morning this upcoming 10th March at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in Knightsbridge, where you will be introduced to fellow new members and welcomed by the Activity Leaders and the Board members. You can register directly online on our website, RSVP to Vivien: [marketing@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:marketing@kcwc.org.uk).

Very best wishes from your Membership Team,

**Victoria Chelini & Natalia Zavacki**  
[members@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:members@kcwc.org.uk)

### NEW MEMBERS COFFEE MORNING – WELCOME TO OUR NEW KCWC FRIENDS

**Thursday 10 March, 10:00am – 12:00pm**  
**Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge SW1X 7LF**

A morning specially tailored to our newest members, come meet some of our Activity Leaders, Board Members and other volunteers, and hear about the multitude of activities and events they organise for you. This is also a wonderful opportunity to ask any questions you may have about KCWC and explore the many volunteering opportunities it offers you.

**If you are a new member and have not yet received an email invitation,**

**please contact Vivien Matthews on**  
[marketing@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:marketing@kcwc.org.uk).



## March General Meeting

### ***SPEAKER SERIES***

Thursday 3 March  
9:30am – 12:00pm  
Royal Geographical Society  
1 Kensington Gore SW7 2AR

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**MELANIE BACKE-HANSEN**

How often have you approached your London street, square or front door and wondered “who lived here before I did? What is the history of my neighborhood?” Well as ever KCWC aims to help! Join us as house historian Melanie Backe-Hansen shares her two decades experience as a specialist researcher in the social history of houses and streets throughout the UK.

Melanie served as a consultant for the BBC2 popular series *A House Through Time*, and More 4's *History of Britain in 100 Homes*. She is the author of *House Histories: The Secrets Behind Your Front Door*, and *Historic Streets*



*Melanie Backe-Hansen*

*and Squares: The Secrets on Your Doorstep.* A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, The Society of Authors, and the Historical Writers' Association, she is a regular contributor to national media including *The Times*, *The Telegraph*, and the *Daily Mail* as well as several lifestyle magazines, radio and websites.

Come and learn how to find out everything about *The Street Where You Live*.

## May General Meeting

### ***SPEAKER SERIES***

Thursday 5 May 2022  
9:30am – 12:00pm  
Royal Geographical Society  
1 Kensington Gore SW7 2AR

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**COLONEL JANE DAVIS OBE QVRM TD DL**

KCWC is always keen to showcase accomplished women doing a herculean job and so May finds us honouring Colonel Jane Davis OBE, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of London. Having qualified as a nurse in 1976 after training at St Stephen's Hospital London, Colonel Davis has specialised in A&E nursing care primarily at NHS London Hospitals. A highly decorated individual having been awarded the distinguished Order of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours in 2012, Colonel Davis had previously earned the QVRM in the Honours of 2001.

After serving as the Queen's Honourary Nurse 2005–09, the Colonel was appointed Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London in 2008 and in 2018, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, a post she continues to hold.

She was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Territorial Army in 1981, a Colonel in Afghanistan deployed in 2011 where she served as Senior Nurse.



*Colonel Jane Davis OBE QVRM TD DL*

When Covid concerns threatened the NHS capacity, Colonel Davis was called upon to organise the Nightingale Hospitals.

Colonel Davis travels widely with The HALO Trust an International NGO that she has supported for over 27 years with specific attention to training programmes for minefield paramedics. In this capacity she has visited Angola, Mozambique, Somaliland, Kosovo, Abkhazia, Georgia, Nagorno Karabakh, Cambodia, Lebanon, Ivory Coast, Sri Lanka, The West Bank, Columbia, Zimbabwe, Myanmar and Afghanistan.

It is our distinct honour and privilege to welcome Colonel Davis to our podium to celebrate her dedicated career in public service and health advocacy.



# June General Meeting

## SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday 9 June 2022  
9:30am – 12:00pm  
Royal Geographical Society  
1 Kensington Gore SW7 2AR

GUEST SPEAKER:  
ANNE SEBBA

It is always a pleasure to welcome esteemed author, Anne Sebba to our podium, as a guest speaker we have previously hosted to great acclaim and enjoyment. She joins us after promoting her newest release hard copy book at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Now out in paperback, Anne will relate the story of *Ethel Rosenberg, A Cold War Tragedy*.

The story of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg – considered America's Dreyfus Affair – has captivated and divided those familiar with this notorious and tragic case. A young Jewish American couple, the Rosenbergs were the first civilians to be charged and executed for espionage in peacetime. Caught in an anti-Communist fever,



Anne Sebba

prevalent in the early 1950s, the couple, in particular young mother Ethel, have long been considered victims of a miscarriage of justice, haunting the national conscience. Anne brings an informed perspective owing to her copious research that has reignited interest in this case and the questionable charge that the Rosenbergs were guilty of passing atomic secrets to the Russians.

## Calling All Techies!

### WE NEED A NEW ECOMMUNICATIONS TEAM!

We have openings for volunteers with technical backgrounds:

**eCommunications Manager** – responsible for the development and communications strategy of the Club's online presence, as well as our Zoho email provider. This is a KCWC Board position.

**Web Manager** – responsible for handling the technical side of the website. This is an eCommunications helper role.

**Content Manager** – responsible for keeping the website up to date. Also an eCommunications helper role.

**eNews Manager** – responsible for our monthly email Newsletter and the occasional eBlast alert to our members. Also an eCommunications helper role.

**eCommunications Manager** (*Board Member*).

Helper Roles:

**Web Manager – Content Manager – eNews Manager**

If you would like more information, please contact Karen Gustovich, our eCommunications Manager, on [eCommunications@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:eCommunications@kcwc.org.uk) or Susanne Schulz, our Web, Content & eNews Manager on [web@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:web@kcwc.org.uk).

### ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR ENEWS IN YOUR INBOX EACH MONTH?

Are you receiving our eNews in your inbox each month?

If not, you are missing out on special announcements, General Meeting information, and updates on activities newly listed on our website. As much as we love our print newsletter, the content is gathered months in advance making it impossible to contain up-to-date information, so if you're missing out on our eNews, you're missing out on a lot.

To add your name and email to our e-mailing list, please contact [enews@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:enews@kcwc.org.uk).

## KCWC at a Glance

### GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER SERIES



KCWC General Meeting Speaker Series are usually held on the first or second Thursday of a month. The location and event details are published in the Newsletter, eNews and on the Website, [www.kcwc.org.uk](http://www.kcwc.org.uk). Join us to listen to our fascinating speakers while enjoying coffee with friends and Activity Leaders. Our General Meeting Speaker Series are free to members and open to guests for an admission fee.

Polite Reminder: Our Speaker Series meetings and many lectures take place in private member clubs. Regrettably, these venues do not permit babies or children to attend. Please respect the dress code of no denim, trainers, or flip flops as well as refrain from mobile phone use or the consumption of food or drinks brought from outside the venue.

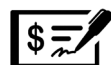
**Have a friend who is interested in attending the General Meeting Speaker Series?** Guests are welcome at General Meeting Speaker Series. The guest fee is £15.00, **redeemable if joining on the day**.

### SIGNING UP AND PAYING FOR ACTIVITIES



**Online** – The KCWC website allows members to register and pay for activities directly. Simply log into [www.kcwc.org.uk](http://www.kcwc.org.uk) and explore the many activities and events available to you as a member. Then choose your activity(ies),

add to your Shopping Cart and follow directions for payment. Both debit and credit cards are accepted with no additional charges incurred for credit card use. You will receive a receipt email confirming your purchase and listing the activity details. The email address of the Activity Leader is available. Please always feel free to email her with any questions you may have before or after registration/payment.



**Offline** – KCWC will continue to allow for some activity registration and payment (with debit or credit card) at our General Meeting Speaker Series, when circumstances allow our bookkeepers to attend. However please be advised that we are attempting to move away from in person registration in favour of a website based only registration and payment system.

**Please Note** – Your place for any KCWC activity or event is only guaranteed by payment. **Refunds are not made by KCWC** if you cannot attend an activity. However, you may be allowed to find a member to take your place and who may reimburse you directly for your paid costs. Please notify the Activity Leader if you intend to resell your place so that her attendance list is accurate. Permission from the Activity Leader is required before registering/purchasing a place for a guest or non-KCWC member.

**Penalty** – There is a £20.00 charge for violation of this guest policy and for all stopped or insufficient fund cheques.

## Member Information

### NEW MEMBERS/RENEWALS

Annual dues are £115.00 plus a one-time £15.00 administration fee for new members. You can join KCWC or renew online at [www.kcwc.org.uk](http://www.kcwc.org.uk). Membership forms are available on our website. Fill in the application and provide payment via a debit or credit card. To join offline, or renew your membership in person, you may attend a General Meeting Speaker Series and visit the bookkeeping desk where payment can be provided by cheque though preferably a debit or credit card.

A new membership is effective for 12 months from the date that payment is processed or a member ID number is issued, whichever occurs first. Subsequent renewals are effective for 12 months from the original expiration date. Members who renew up to three months after their expiration date will be considered to be renewing retroactively

to their last expiration date. After three months the payment will be considered to be for a new membership and will incur a £15.00 administration fee. Please note that dues are non-refundable and membership is non-transferable.

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards will no longer be printed as we look for a more sustainable alternative to our current format. These will likely be sent electronically, upon completion of membership renewal or application.

### MOVING HOUSE?



If you have a change of address, do be sure to notify [members@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:members@kcwc.org.uk). Newsletters are sent only to UK addresses. If you are moving abroad, you can access KCWC newsletters on our website until your membership expires.



### QUESTIONS?

Please email [members@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:members@kcwc.org.uk).

### LOOKING FOR OCCASIONAL HELPERS

We are looking to create a list of members who are willing to help out, in small but significant ways, at our General Meetings and other similar events.

When the need arises, we would send out an email to the list of registered helpers and if you are able/willing to help with the tasks at hand, simply reply to the sender.

Contact me today at the email address below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mimi Rolbant – [secretary@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@kcwc.org.uk)

## New to KCWC?

HERE ARE OUR TOP TIPS TO HELP YOU JOIN IN AS A NEW MEMBER AND BEGIN ENJOYING ALL THAT LONDON HAS TO OFFER!



- Glance at the KCWC At-A-Glance page. You'll find practical information about the club.
- Read the Hospitality Section of our newsletter. This group's goal is to welcome you specifically as a new member and make you feel a special part of our Club. Discover London neighbourhoods at our Coffee Mornings and Happy Hours. Be on the lookout, too, for an invitation to our twice yearly New Member Coffees designed to introduce you to KCWC and all its offerings.
- Attend a General Meeting Speaker Series. This is the best way to meet members while hearing fantastic speakers in prestigious venues. Please join the lunch that often follows a meeting. They are a great way to make friends and enjoy some great restaurants.
- Check out the coming month's Activities. Do not hesitate to sign up for any and all that interest you. They can sell out quickly. Always please let an Activity Leader know you are a new member. She will introduce you and help you feel especially welcome.

## How to get involved

KCWC is always on the lookout for new enthusiastic volunteers be it to co-lead an activity or to serve on the Board. Getting involved in our Club and our community is a rewarding and fun experience as well

as a great way to meet other members. If you wish to hear more about how you can get involved in KCWC, please contact [vp@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:vp@kcwc.org.uk). If your interests lie specifically in volunteering to start an activity area or help lead one, please contact [activity@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:activity@kcwc.org.uk).



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Twitter name: @kwc\_womensclub

Instagram name: kwcWomensClub

kwc members only group:

[www.facebook.com/pg/kwc.kwc/groups/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/kwc.kwc/groups/?ref=page_internal)



## Member Benefits

**Coûtant Veterinary Consultancy:** An experienced Consultant veterinarian/ surgeon who provides private veterinary care to exclusive domestic and international households.

I oversee and orchestrate prescribed preventative & ill-health care plans for each individual pet by working collaboratively with head of household, primary veterinarian(s) (in multiple jurisdictions) and household staff/Head of Household using a bespoke, bank-grade secure private household channel within Coûtant Private App. I also provide 'in-person' referral services/procedures from either your primary practice\* and/or appointed\* tertiary referral hospital to ensure smooth continuity of care. Coûtant Private Veterinarian is focused on creating a safe, personalised, respectful, and trusting long-term family relationship. Household spaces are purposefully limited to a small number of families, with waiting list allocation released on a first come first serve basis.

Benefit for KCWC members, I'm happy to offer a 10% discount who commit to either a 6 month or 1 year retainer arrangement. Contact Dr Elise Robertson on [e.robertson@coutantprivatevet.com](mailto:e.robertson@coutantprivatevet.com).

**Crossing Travel:** Crossing Travel is a group of passionate women who wake up every day to make the world better through travel. We book hotels and holidays all over the world giving you bespoke unparalleled customer service. For the wonderful ladies of KCWC, we offer a free planning service where we will curate your trip or recommend hotels based on

your preferences and the best rates, and tag you with VIP benefits at the hotel. With every trip you book with us, we contribute a part to [@GirlRising](https://www.girlrising.com), helping women and young girls. Send us your requests and watch the magic unfold, the world and its unique experiences await you. Contact [sangeeta@crossing.travel](mailto:sangeeta@crossing.travel) or [annhawkins@crossing.travel](mailto:annhawkins@crossing.travel).

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[www.crossing.travel](https://www.crossing.travel)

**One Aldwych:** One Aldwych, London's cultured, independent hotel, is set in Covent Garden among smart boutiques, vibrant restaurants, and thrilling theatres. The newly refurbished interiors are richly layered, sophisticated and modern, creating an inspiring atmosphere. The bedrooms and suites reflect the style of an elegant residence and the best of British design, with every detail carefully considered and finished to the highest quality. The hotel is renowned for its iconic *Lobby Bar* and two stylish restaurants offering exquisite dining and drinks. The Health Club offers state-of-the-art equipment in the 24-hour gym, a stunning 60-foot chlorine-free swimming pool, a sauna, and a steam room, as well as three treatment rooms. A warm welcome awaits you from a team of individuals delivering brilliant service with a friendly smile.

*Benefits to KCWC members include:*

-15% discount at One Aldwych Bars and Restaurants, namely *Eneko*, *Indigo* and *Lobby Bar*.

• 10% discount on Natura Bissé or Oskia treatments in the Health Club at One Aldwych.



- Breakfast included when booking a room only rate at the hotel, with complimentary upgrade subject to availability.

**Star Hotels:** The Franklin Hotel is set in an elegant Victorian building nestling in the lush beauty of the private Egerton Gardens, combining the warmth of a private home with the impeccable service of a luxury hotel. Celebrity designer Anouska Hempel has combined the charm of an English house with the magic of Italian design, and the result is a unique, original style that has transformed the Franklin into one of the most outstanding 5-star boutique hotels on the London scene. A 20% discount applies to food & beverage for KCWC Ladies.

**Qured:** In a such difficult period, where health is a main concern, we have secured a partnership with Qured: they offer approved Covid-19 PCR and antibody tests delivered to your door, with a GP telephone consultation included should you test positive. Our PCR tests include the option of an official travel certificate, which an increasing number of countries now require to gain entry or to avoid the need to quarantine. Tests start from £119 and include support from a healthcare professional, with results in 48 hours of receipt at the lab, available to view in the Qured smartphone app. Qured also provides doctors on-demand across Greater London. Book now and see a doctor in the comfort of your own home in as little as four hours, so you can get well sooner. Our doctors are supplied with high quality PPE and strictly adhere to government infection prevention guidelines.

KCWC members are offered £10 off any of our services with code QUREDKCWC. Go to [www.qured.com](http://www.qured.com) to access our services.

**ROSL Royal Over-Seas League:** (ROSL) is a Commonwealth accredited organisation with HM the Queen as their Patron. They were founded in 1910 to promote international understanding and friendship across the Commonwealth and beyond.

As a not-for-profit members club, they help promote artists and musicians across the Commonwealth, and they support life-changing humanitarian projects in Commonwealth communities.

ROSL members and guests enjoy a heritage clubhouse, Overseas House, in the heart of St James's, where they can meet and dine, enjoy the garden overlooking Green Park, and stay over in one of their 80 bedrooms. They also put on a vibrant event calendar packed with current affairs, concerts, lectures and art exhibitions.

Through membership, you can access over 100 of their reciprocal clubs worldwide and connect with their extensive network of global branches such as Bombay Gymkhana (waiting list to join is years long), Tanglin Club, Singapore, Penn or Cornell in New York, to name a few.

KCWC members are offered a 25% discount on their joining fee. To find out more, visit [www.rosl.org.uk/benefits](http://www.rosl.org.uk/benefits) and to take up the offer, [email membership@rosl.org.uk](mailto:emailmembership@rosl.org.uk) and mention your KCWC membership.

**Cook With Me:** A magical voyage through the world of cookery, to invite children and parents to develop their passion for delicious food while helping children understand how nutrients and sustainability are the building blocks of wellbeing.

I believe the *Cook with Me* project will do a 'little good' to our society since our children

are our future and I'm delighted to share great news with you: *Little Lasagne Sisters* has been shortlisted for the People's Book Prize. Please find below the link to please vote and spread the word ... one more reason to secure a copy on your bookshelf or to offer as a present:

<https://peoplesbookprize.com>

Pharmacologist and Cordon Bleu Haute Cuisine diploma chef, Elisabetta Astolfi, introduces in every book a personified ingredient who whisks the reader on a trip through the history of the recipe.

KCWC members are offered a special 30% discount and a personally dedicated copy.

Please visit:

[www.astolfistudio.co.uk/cook-with-me](http://www.astolfistudio.co.uk/cook-with-me) and to take up the offer, email [elisabetta@astolfistudio.co.uk](mailto:elisabetta@astolfistudio.co.uk).

**Live Honestly Healthy:** An expert holistic health and wellness coaching service advising how small changes in your lifestyle can lead to a more fulfilling, healthy and balanced way of life. Creator and coach Martina Berducci helps you manage stress, feel more energized, and eliminate unhealthy habits through her step by step support.

KCWC members receive an initial 50-minute FREE consultation (currently remote for Covid-19 safety) to identify areas where you may need support offered with strict confidentiality. [hello@livehonestlyhealthy.com](mailto:hello@livehonestlyhealthy.com).

**Orange Moon:** Orange Moon is a new branch of a Sicilian company established in 1969. Now it is well known in Italy and Germany. It is launching the distribution in the UK of artisan products like hand cut Sicilian

candied oranges coated with the finest dark/white chocolate, mouth-watering almond pastries and a selection of delicious Panettoni and Colombe. The Almond pastry incorporates all the secrets, history and traditions of Sicilian confectionery. Orange Moon synthesises the perfect fusion between the Sicilian tradition and innovation, using unusual fruits and combination of ingredients. Contact [maria@orangemoon.uk](mailto:maria@orangemoon.uk) to claim your 10% discount and also for bespoke gifts. The amazing partnership offer to all KCWC members to create your own present for every seasonal celebration.

For additional information, contact Maria Puleio on [maria@orangemoon.uk](mailto:maria@orangemoon.uk) or on +44(0)7899344348, or check out our website at [www.orangemoon.uk](http://www.orangemoon.uk).

Follow us on <https://www.instagram.com/orangemoonchocolateuk/>

**Soneva:** Combining luxury with a conscientious approach to environmental sustainability, Soneva is a pioneering family of properties and products changing the nature of hospitality. From world class hotels in outstanding natural locations (Soneva Jani and Fushi and a luxury yacht in the Maldives; Soneva Kiri in Thailand), the guest is offered holistic encounters in luxurious and inspiring environments while being delivered with exceptional intuitive service from world-class hotels to outstanding natural locations.

KCWC members will receive 10% off room rates and two personalised complimentary experiences whilst on resort.

**The Franklin Hotel:** Set in an elegant Victorian building nestled in the lush beauty of the private Egerton Gardens, The

Franklin Hotel is the brainchild of designer Anouska Hempel. Combining the warmth of a private home with the impeccable service of a luxury hotel, the celebrity designer has brought the magic of Italian style to the charms of an English townhouse creating a unique 5 star boutique hotel on the London scene.

KCWC members qualify for a 20% discount applied to food & beverages.

**The Private Clinic of Harley Street:** This private clinic is a multi award winning skin care provider with over 35 years' experience.

KCWC members enjoy a complimentary/free Skin Peel and consultation with our expert Skin Team at 98 Harley street, W1. Call 0203 3256 6524.

**Beauty By Nicole Fenton:** Nicole has over 30 years of experience in the beauty world and offers a full range of professional services in her quiet quaint salon. Specialities are facials, hair removal and massage.

KCWC members are offered 10% off treatments in addition to any existing discounts offered by the salon.

**Joy Flanagan Design:** An interior design service company offering bespoke curtains, blinds and soft furnishings.

KCWC members are offered a free one hour design consultation and a 15% discount for any curtain, blinds and soft furnishings order.

**BADA (British Antique Dealers' Association) Friends:** Established to encourage members of the public to participate and expand the work of the

BADA Cultural and Educational Trust, BADA Friends offers a unique programme of private tours, masterclasses, webinars and special offers including free admission to many art and antique fairs.

KCWC members are entitled to a 15% discount on joining the group.  
[www.bada.org/friends](http://www.bada.org/friends).

**CAF:** With over 20 years' experience, CAF is the leading provider of philanthropy services for dual UK/US taxpayers. Their team of specialists will guide step by step through philanthropy using their established and trusted service.

KCWC members are entitled to a free half-day advisory workshop to help support their charitable giving.  
[www.cafonline.org/cadf](http://www.cafonline.org/cadf).

**YHANGRY:** spend time with friends and family, over great food.

Starting from just £100 (including your grocery cost!) you can now book a professional chef to come cook for you and your family or friends at home. Perfect for intimate birthday brunches, exquisite dinners and of course, our personal favourite: Mexican fiesta nights!

Visit [www.yhangry.com](http://www.yhangry.com) to find out more, and don't forget to quote "KCWC10" for your 10% Discount. For virtual cooking classes or weekly dinners with family, simply email [info@yhangry.com](mailto:info@yhangry.com).

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## KCWC Online Resources

### WEBSITE

[www.kcwc.org.uk](http://www.kcwc.org.uk)

**Activities** – View the Calendar and search for any activity category that you would like to explore. Learn about upcoming activities, General Meeting Speaker Series and Hospitality events.

**News** – Read the latest online version of the Newsletter, see the listings of members' Classified Ads and learn how to advertise on our Website. You can also find a Photo Gallery of members at various activities.

**My Membership** – Use this area to update your membership information, check out our Member Benefits, the club's by-laws and to renew your membership.

**Member Benefits** – Find out about exciting offers and discounts available to all members with direct links to each organisation.

### FACEBOOK

[www.facebook.com/kcwc.kcwc](http://www.facebook.com/kcwc.kcwc)

Stay up-to-date with KCWC activities and events, connect with other members and learn more about what's ahead on our group Facebook page. Photos are sent to [socialmedia@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:socialmedia@kcwc.org.uk) and members can post their own, but approval is needed directly online.

### TWITTER

[www.twitter.com/kcwc\\_womensclub](http://www.twitter.com/kcwc_womensclub)

Follow the latest happenings in and around London with KCWC on Twitter.

### INSTAGRAM

[www.instagram.com/kcwcWomensClub/](http://www.instagram.com/kcwcWomensClub/)

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### After Six and Wine Society – Wine Tasting At Amathus – 9 February 2021



## SPECIAL EVENT

A MUSICAL EVENING WITH THE STRADIVARIUS PIANO TRIO

The National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place SW1A 2HE

Friday 8 April 2022

6:30pm – 10:00pm

KCWC is pleased to invite its Members and their guests to a special musical evening at the prestigious National Liberal Club. While representative of the private membership clubs that are a special English tradition, the NLC is also an example of the dynamism of British culture in being the first gentlemen's club to open its doors to women members in 1976.

You are also invited to make it a full evening by adding a two-course dinner in the company of the musicians, members and guests.

Guests are welcome to both the concert and dinner.

### Evening Programme:

6:00pm: Welcome drinks in the first floor *Smoking Room*.

6:30pm: First half of concert in the *David Lloyd George Room*, with its Steinway Grand Piano.

7:10pm: Interval. Drinks served in the *Smoking Room*.

7:30pm: Second half of concert.

8:30pm: Dinner in the *David Lloyd George Room*.

### Ticket Options:

#### Members:

Concert & welcome drink: £42.00

Concert, welcome drink & dinner: £85.00

#### Guests:

Concert & welcome drink: £48.00

Concert, welcome drink & dinner: £91.00

Please book your tickets on our website.

Questions? Contact Maria Puleio on [events@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:events@kcwc.org.uk).



## SPECIAL EVENT

JUNE LUNCHEON

After The June General Meeting

The Kensington Palace Pavilion, Kensington Palace, Kensington Gardens W8 4PX

Thursday 9 June 2022

12:30pm – 3:00pm

### Ticket Options:

Members: £58.00 • Guests: £60.00

KCWC is thrilled, in this unique year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, to be hosting the June Luncheon at the elegant Pavilion Restaurant. Our elegant venue situated in the heart of Kensington Palace's grounds, overlooking its famous Sunken Garden. The Pavilion temporarily replaces the Orangery, and its light and tropical décor provides a very tranquil setting for our end of season luncheon.

Join us for a delicious three-course lunch, including a welcome glass of

Prosecco, one glass of red or white wine once seated, and tea/coffee/*petit fours*. Additional drinks may be purchased/paid directly to the restaurant on the day.

Menu pre-orders will be required so please book early to secure your place. Seating plans will be determined nearer to the date, so please send your seating requests to Maria Puleio on [events@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:events@kcwc.org.uk) when booking your tickets on our website.





## KCWC Activities

Activity Leaders conceive, organise and coordinate all KCWC activities and registrations. Please contact them at their specific activity email address if you have interest or questions regarding their events.

**Cancellation Policy: KCWC has a No Refund Policy.** However, it is sometimes possible for a member to privately “sell-on” her space or request that an Activity Leader

assist in filling your spot from a waitlist if you cannot attend. Please inform your AL as promptly as possible of your inability to be present on the day so that another KCWC member may be able to take your place.

*Polite Reminder:* Many lectures and meetings take place in private members clubs. Please adhere to their dress code of no denim, trainers or flip-flops. Also, please no outside food/drinks or mobile phone use in the venues.

Unless otherwise specified, you must log into our website ([www.kcwc.org.uk](http://www.kcwc.org.uk)), locate the activity(ies) of interest to you, and purchase a ticket(s) to confirm your attendance at one of our fantastic activities.

## After Six in The City

### Activity leaders:

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We enjoy fun social events in the evenings. The group encompasses everything from fine dining to posh pubs, and activities such as cooking classes, sporting events and concerts.

We welcome your ideas for outings.

### AMATHUS WINE TASTING – TAKE 2 – CO-LEAD WITH WINE SOCIETY

**When:** Wednesday 9 March, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Where:** Amathus Wine Shop, 72 Old Brompton Road SW7 3LQ

**Cost:** £30.00

Due to high demand and space limitations, we will once again this month visit the wine cellars of Amathus Wine Shop in South Kensington.

We will enjoy a fun evening of wine tasting led by Amathus' education and training experts. They will take us on a tour of six of their own hand-picked bottles, giving us a taste of a variety of styles and grapes from around the world. We will be taken through the basics of how to taste wine, factors of influence, ways to describe and what to look for in a wine.

Price includes glass of Prosecco on arrival, wine tasting, charcuterie and cheese platters with a selection of breads. There is the option to stay in the area for dinner afterwards.

This event is co-lead with *Wine Society*.

Please book your ticket (on our website) early to avoid disappointment.

### MORENA BAR AND RESTAURANT

**When:** Wednesday 23 March, 6:00pm – 9:30pm

**Where:** 10–11 Eccleston Yards SW1W 9AZ

**Cost:** Your own tab

Join us at Morena, a Latin-American-inspired bar and restaurant situated in the quaint and secluded Eccleston Yards in Belgravia.

We will enjoy a drink or two in the upstairs lounge area, which has been reserved just for our group. There is also the option to try their tasty Latino street-food appetisers with your drinks, or stay on for dinner in the main restaurant. Drinks and food your own tab.

### NIBBLES AND DRINKS

**When:** Wednesday 20 April, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Where:** Coco Momo Restaurant and Bar Kensington, 25 Gloucester Road SW7 4PL

**Cost:** £7.00

We are delighted to be hosting another evening at this popular South Kensington bar and restaurant. We will enjoy a drink or two in its newly furnished bar, which has been reserved just for our group. The small cost will cover a selection of breads and dips. There is always an option to stay on for dinner.

We encourage new members to come along as it's a nice way to meet other women in a small group, social setting.

Drinks and dinner your own tab.

## Antiques & Design

### Activity leaders:

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Exploring Decorative Arts, Design, Vintage Clothing, Jewellery and Antiques. We offer expert lectures, visits to galleries and special exhibits around London and further afield. Please, check on the website for upcoming events by Antiques and Design. Lots to come this season.

### WOMEN TEXTILE DESIGNERS – A TEA TIME TALK WITH ASHLEY GRAY

**When:** Tuesday 8 March, 3:30pm – 5:00pm

**Where:** Virtual lecture via Zoom

**Cost:** £15.00

March is the month to celebrate women with International Women's Day a date on the calendar. At Antiques and Design, we thought this would be a great opportunity then

to explore women in textile design. No one is a greater authority than specialist Ashley Gray, owner of Gray M.C.A., a gallery sourcing the rarest and most important examples of early 20th century to modern day artist textiles. Fabrics are a vital ingredient in the story of contemporary art and female designers have played a pivotal role in their design and manufacture worldwide. Be it Liberty, Heal Fabrics, Sanderson and Son in the UK, Bloomcraft and Fuller Fabrics in the USA, or Wiener Werkstatte from Vienna, textiles are literally the fabric of design.

It is a privilege to welcome Ashley Gray who is a pioneer in the specialist art field of textile as well as original fashion illustration recognising both as art forms worthy of a gallery all their own. We are grateful to the BADA Friends Trust for this invitation.

#### **WEST HORSLEY PLACE: A PRIVATE HOUSE TOUR**

**When:** Monday 11 April, 2:00pm – 5:00pm  
**Where:** Epsom Road, West Horsley, Surrey KT14 6AN  
**Cost:** £37.50

There has been a manor house listed at West Horsley since the Norman Conquest. However the core of the present house is 15th century. Since that time, the manor at West Horsley has seen many owners, not all ending happily. Indeed Henry VIII seized the house in 1536 gifting it to his cousin Henry Courtenay who, only three years later, was beheaded after an accusation of involvement in a Catholic plot. Sir Walter Raleigh's son, Carew, held the deed as did Lady Elizabeth Fitzgerald, the "Fair Geraldine" of the Earl of Surrey's sonnets. Currently in the ownership of Bamber Gascoigne who inherited unexpectedly from his great aunt and godmother, the Duchess of Roxburghe, West Horsley Place is undergoing restoration. Join us at the invitation of BADA Friends for this fascinating and informative visit with price inclusive of house tour and guide book.

#### **150 YEARS OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF NEEDLEWORK: CROWN TO CATWALK**

**When:** Tuesday 17 May, 11:00am – 12:00pm  
**Where:** Fashion And Textile Museum, 83 Bermondsey Street SE1 3XF  
**Cost:** £25.00

150 years of the RSN will explore this historic organisation's contribution to the world of embroidery. The exhibition will present collaborations with the great names of the Arts and Craft movement, commissions produced for the British Royal family, contemporary works created for top designers and special pieces by talented students of the RSN.

We will be accompanied by a specialist guide to lead us through this wondrous exhibition.

#### **CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE: AN ARTS AND CRAFTS JEWEL**

**When:** Wednesday 25 May, 2:30pm – 4:00pm  
**Where:** Southgate, The Green, Arnos Grove N14  
**Cost:** £22.00

Christ Church, Southgate was built in 1862 to accommodate a growing community in the area, after the Weld Chapel, the original church on this site. The new building, designed by

George Gilbert Scott, included Pre-Raphaelite stained glass windows supplied by the Morris firm and incorporating the work of Burne-Jones, Rossetti, and Morris himself.

Cricket fans will be delighted with the interesting cricketing history associated with the parish, owing to the Walker family who lived in the area for 141 years. The Walker brothers, of which there were seven, founded the Southgate Cricket Club in 1855 and were instrumental in establishing Lords in 1877. Join us for a few coveted places offered by our BADA Friends for this guided visit.

#### **WRITERS, MISTRESSES, ABANDONED WIVES: A WALK ABOUT CHELSEA'S LITERARY WOMEN**

**When:** Tuesday 5 July, 11:00am – 1:00pm  
**Where:** Sloane Square Tube Station SW1W 8BB  
**Cost:** £27.50

Our friends at BADA are offering us six spaces for what will certainly be a sold out walk focusing on some of the famous women associated with the literary and artistic life of leafy Chelsea. Our guide, Anthony Davis FSA, will regale us with tales of female writers and the often unsung and unappreciated wives and mistresses of male authors. To tantalise you, there is a poetess whose brother kept a zoo and a novelist who died three weeks after her honeymoon.

Included in the ticket price is admission to the Masterpiece Fair for Two. So come along to exercise your body, literary brain and artistic eye!

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## *Art History*

#### **Activity leaders:**

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Join us as we explore art throughout the centuries. We offer lectures, series, courses and museum/gallery visits in London and beyond.

Please keep checking our website and newsletters for new activities or contact the Activity Leaders for information.

#### **LOOKING WITH EYES WIDE OPEN – THE SCEPTICAL EYE**

**When:** Wednesday 9 March, 10:00am – 12:30pm  
**Where:** East India Club, 16 St James's Square SW1Y 4LN  
**Cost:** £30.00

Recognising that a painting is by one artist rather than another can sometimes be like recognising the handwriting of someone you know well. It is an immediate and certain recognition, but you probably couldn't put into words what exactly is so distinctive.

It is vital for us to be able to tell the difference between something the artist himself put on his canvas, and something that was added – or removed – in the subsequent decades of the

painting's life. In this session, we will ask whether we are seeing what the artist produced, or whether time or other humans have altered it.

The final challenge is to distinguish between artist and copyist or forger. Determining the difference between copy and original is one of the most difficult areas of the art world. This is the ultimate test for the seeing eye!

#### **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: WHISTLER'S WOMAN IN WHITE: JOANNA HIFFERMAN, A TWO PART SERIES**

**When:** Wednesdays 23 and 30 March, 10:00am – 12:30pm

**Where:** East India Club, 16 St James's Square SW1Y 4LN

**Cost:** £30.00 per lecture

This set of two lectures by Jo Rhymer explores the world of **James McNeill Whistler 1834–1903**. He was an American artist active during the American Gilded Age and based primarily in England.

In the first session, Jo will look at Whistler's images of the Thames and his connections with French avant-garde artists including Gustave Courbet, who worked closely together with Whistler in Normandy.

In the second session, Jo will focus on the exhibition at the Royal Academy "**Whistler's Woman In White; Joanna Hifferman**" which runs from 26 February – 22 May 2022.

Many of Whistler's works feature the red-haired figure of Joanna Hifferman. Her relationship with Whistler ran deeper than artist and muse. Her close professional and personal relationship with the artist lasted for two decades, yet little about her role or influence as a friend, model, lover and collaborator in his life has been explored – until now.

This exhibition brings together portraits of Hifferman, ranging from innovative paintings, prints and drawings that challenged cultural norms and established Whistler's reputation as one of the most influential artists of the late 19th century.

#### **WUNDERKAMMERN – OPENING THE CABINET OF CURIOSITIES IN MODERN EUROPE**

**When:** Tuesday 24 May, 10:00am – 12:30pm

**Where:** East India Club, 16 St James's Square SW1Y 4LN

**Cost:** £30.00

In this lecture, Albert Godetzky will explore the beginnings of a collecting culture in Europe as well as the motivations which came to govern the organisation of art and artefacts in the *Kunst- and Wunderkammern* of the 16th and 17th Centuries. From small, ornate tabletop cabinets crafted from rare woods and inlays, to sequences of opulent rooms in princely palaces, European collectors brought together diverse objects – often of an exotic provenance – to impress upon visitors the collector's erudition, wealth and power.

We will consider a selection of case-studies revealing the breadth of the nature of collecting, from the court of Rudolf II in Prague to the merchants of Holland during the seventeenth

century, the so-called Golden Age. Finally, we move from the historical examples to address the ways in which the *Kunst- and Wunderkammern* have shaped the nature of our modern-day museums and galleries. Albert Godetzky will tie together the various threads showing how collections changed from symbols of power, to tools of learning in today's art world.

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## **Asian Culutre**

**Activity leader:**

OPEN

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We welcome anyone who is interested in ancient or contemporary Asian culture whether you wish to explore food, literature, art, movies, music and/or history.

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## **Bark in the Park**

**Activity leader:**

OPEN

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We are currently looking for an Activity Leader for this activity. If you'd like to help out, please contact the Activity Leader Liaison Team on [activity@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:activity@kcwc.org.uk).

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## **Bible Study**

**Activity leader:**

Patty Taylor

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#### **WEEKLY MEET UP**

**When:** Thursdays, 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Rotating in members' homes

**Cost:** None, except occasional workbooks

Each week we review and discuss a self-contained Bible reading which allows for flexible attendance. We look forward to welcoming you to our group. We meet every Thursday but skip the Thursday scheduled for the KCWC General Meeting Speaker Series so as not to conflict.

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## **Book Group**

**Activity leader:**

Sarah Coleby

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We are a group of book lovers who enjoy reading both fiction and non-fiction. We like to get together to discuss our reading and we like to invite authors to come and speak to our group. All are welcome. You do not have to be a regular book group attendee to join us, just someone who loves books and has good recommendations to make.



## **INTIMACIES BY KATIE KITAMURA**

**When:** Monday 21 March, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Where:** Coco Momo Restaurant and Bar Kensington, 25 Gloucester Road SW7 4PL

**Cost:** Your own tab

An interpreter has come to The Hague to escape New York and work at the International Court. A woman of many languages and identities, she is looking for a place to finally call home. She's drawn into simmering personal dramas: her lover, Adriaan, is separated from his wife but still entangled in his marriage. Her friend Jana witnesses a seemingly random act of violence, a crime the interpreter becomes increasingly obsessed with as she befriends the victim's sister. And she's pulled into an explosive political controversy when she's asked to interpret for a former President accused of war crimes.

A woman of quiet passion, she confronts power, love, and violence, both in her personal intimacies and in her work at the Court. She is soon pushed to the precipice, where betrayal and heartbreak threaten to overwhelm her.

There is an option to join the group for lunch before the meeting (your own tab), please see details on the website.

Please book a free ticket on the website to register your interest.

## **STATE OF TERROR BY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON & LOUISE PENNY**

**When:** Monday 25 April, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Where:** Coco Momo Restaurant and Bar Kensington, 25 Gloucester Road SW7 4PL

**Cost:** Your own tab

After a tumultuous period in American politics, a new administration has just been sworn in. Secretary of State, Ellen Adams, is determined to do her duty for her country. But she is about to face a horrifying international threat...

A young foreign service officer has received a baffling text from an anonymous source. Too late, she realizes it was a hastily coded warning. Then a series of bus bombs devastate Europe, heralding the rise of a new rogue terrorist organization who will stop at nothing in their efforts to develop their own nuclear arsenal.

As Ellen unravels the damaging effects of the former presidency on international politics, she must also contemplate the unthinkable: that the last president of the United States was more than just an ineffectual leader. Was he also a traitor to his country?

There is an option to join the group for lunch before the meeting (your own tab), please see details on the website.

Please indicate your interest in attending the lunch and book group meeting, or book group meeting only by booking ticket(s) on the website.

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## **Bridge**

**Activity leader:**

Katy Cooke

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If you are a Bridge player, we would love to hear from you. We play in an informal and friendly atmosphere at a member's home, using UK standard English (ACOL) and American style five card majors bidding systems. The level is intermediate, including those aspiring to this standard. For more information, or to register, please contact the Activity Leader.

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## **British History**

**Activity leader:**

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The British History group presents lectures and walks that explore the history of London and Britain. Please keep checking our website and newsletters for new activities or contact the Activity Leaders for information.

### **ALONG THE ARCADIAN THAMES – CO-LEAD WITH COUNTRY WALKS**

**When:** Thursday 12 May, all-day event (approx. 9:00am – 5:00pm)

**Where:** Meeting point to be confirmed to registered participants

**Cost:** £24.00 (does not include train & ferry tickets, nor lunch)

Join Tim Potter for a beautiful walking tour along the historical river Thames. It's especially beautiful in spring and 300 years ago, it was named Arcadia, a rural paradise just ten miles from Central London. The view of the Thames at Richmond, painted by many but most famously by JMW Turner, transformed ideas of natural beauty as the formality of the Tudors and Stuarts gave way to the rise of Romanticism.

Richmond has had a royal connection for 700 years and we'll explore the remains of the Tudor Palace where Elizabeth I died. In the 18th Century, the riverside became a centre of culture to rival the Royal Court. Great writers like Jonathan Swift and Alexander Pope provided the intellectual entertainment for the rich and famous who built great houses along the river Thames. Later, King Louis Philippe of France was in exile there from 1815 as was his grandson, Philippe, who reigned France for just two days.

From French royalty we'll move to Rock royalty and visit Eel Pie Island, the birthplace of British Rock and Blues: including Rolling Stones, The Who, Pink Floyd, Rod Stewart, and Eric Clapton.

We'll eat in a riverside pub before returning to Richmond, using a historic ferry, to explore Ham House and the Richmond bank.

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Accurate at time of publication. For the most up-to-date information, please check the activities calendar on [www.kcwc.org.uk](http://www.kcwc.org.uk)

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	<b>March 1</b> 10:30am Contemporary Art – From Kings To Hipsters: The Art of British Perfumery – A Guided Tour – WAITLIST ONLY 11:00am French Conversation	10:00am London Walks – Marylebone: A Georgian Gem in Central London	<b>2</b> 12:30pm March General Meeting, Speaker Series, RGS, Speaker: Melanie Backe-Hansen 12:30pm Hospitality – Lunch after the March General Meeting, Coco Momo Restaurant and Bar Kensington 6:30pm Classical Music & Opera – <i>Shen Yun</i> – Classical Chinese Music and Dance Performance with Private Drinks Reception	<b>3</b> 9:30am March General Meeting, Speaker Series, RGS, Speaker: Melanie Backe-Hansen 12:30pm Hospitality – Lunch after the March General Meeting, Coco Momo Restaurant and Bar Kensington 6:30pm Classical Music & Opera – <i>Shen Yun</i> – Classical Chinese Music and Dance Performance with Private Drinks Reception	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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## Classical Music & Opera

### Activity leader:

Phyllia Chen

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We welcome anyone who is interested in exploring the wealth of classical music and opera that London has to offer. Join us and share the experience with other music lovers.

### ***SHEN YUN* – CLASSICAL CHINESE MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCE WITH PRIVATE DRINKS RECEPTION**

**When:** Thursday 3 March, Drinks 6:30pm, Performance: 7:30pm  
(2 hours + 20 min interval)

**Where:** Eventim Apollo London, 45 Queen Caroline Street W6 9QH

**Members\*:** £70.00, £90.00, or £120.00 (see website for seat selection)

**Guests\*:** £75.00, £95.00, or £125.00

\*Ticket price includes one show ticket, a programme and private KCWC drinks reception with light snacks and refreshments.

Created in New York by artists with a mission to revive the magnificence of ancient Chinese culture and wisdom, this large-scale production features the world's oldest art form – Classical Chinese Dance – and will transport the audience to a world of wonder.

The *Shen Yun* Orchestra is the first in the world to permanently combine classical Western and Eastern instruments. Ancient Chinese instruments such as the soul-stirring *erhu* and the delicate *pipa* lead the melody on top of a full orchestra of Western strings, percussion, woodwinds, and brass. The music's blend of traditional Eastern melodies with powerful Western orchestration is pioneering, and *Shen Yun*'s all-original compositions have won the praise of award-winning musicians and critics alike. Join us for an unforgettable evening.

Learn more on [www.shenyun.org](http://www.shenyun.org)

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## Contemporary Art

### Activity leader:

Edee Simon-Israel

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We meet six times a year to visit contemporary art galleries around London. The aim is to meet gallery directors and curators and have a conversation about the art on display. Comments and critiques are highly encouraged and no experience or knowledge of art is necessary.

### **FROM KINGS TO HIPSTERS: THE ART OF BRITISH PERFUMERY – A GUIDED TOUR – WAITLIST ONLY**

**When:** Tuesday 1 March, 10:30am – 1:30pm

**Where:** Fortnum and Mason, 181 Piccadilly W1A 1ER

**Cost:** £35.00

And now for something a bit different, just in time for Mothering Sunday! If you have never thought of the creation of a perfume as an art, then this tour will definitely change your mind. Natalia Markland, a Fragrance Foundation UK Academy-trained perfume specialist and historian, will be our guide through the mysteries and secrets of the historic British houses and their creations. Since the end of the XVII century, Britain successfully competed with Italy and France for the right to be called the capital of the perfume industry. World-famous British houses such as Floris, Atkinsons, Penhaligon's and Grossmith created exceptional scents for the rich and royals of the world.

During this 3-hour immersive tour, you will discover tastes and preferences of Queen Victoria, Elisabeth II, Duke Orloff and Winston Churchill. You will learn about the role of a royal perfumer and wedding scents of Princess Diana, Kate Middleton and Meghan Markle. We will visit VIP rooms and special perfumeries, and may even have the opportunity to meet some of the creators in person.

### **VISIT TO AN ARTIST'S STUDIO IN PRIMROSE HILL**

**When:** Wednesday 16 March, 10:45am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Chalk Farm Underground Station, Adelaide Road NW3 2BP

**Cost:** £10.00

We have been invited to the home studio of artist Sandra Shashoua in Primrose Hill. Shashoua, originally from Rio de Janeiro, graduated from the City & Guilds of London Art School, with a focus on painting. She first concentrated on portraiture, with a number of commissions from prominent British politicians and intellectuals. In 2013, her art practice turned to sculpture. Currently working in her preferred medium of smashed fine china, she creates a very personal body of work using the abstract shapes of the china pieces and a myriad of colours.

### **PRIVATE VISIT TO CONTEMPORARY ARTIST JEWELLERY GALLERY IN MAYFAIR**

**When:** Thursday 7 April, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

**Where:** Elisabetta Cipriani Gallery, 23 Heddon Street W1B 4BQ

**Cost:** £10.00

The Elisabetta Cipriani Gallery of Wearable Art has graciously invited KCWC's Contemporary Art Group for a private visit. The gallery, established in 2009, invites world-leading contemporary artists to create aesthetically innovative and socially relevant jewellery projects. Since the opening of her namesake gallery, Elisabetta's pioneering vision has redefined the boundaries between jewellery and fine art, capturing the imaginations of artists and collectors across the globe.

### **LONDON ART FAIR: PRIVATE TOUR AND VIP PASSES – WAITLIST ONLY**

**When:** Thursday 21 April, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

**Where:** Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street N1 0QH

**Cost:** £10.00

The London Art Fair is back at the Business Design Centre in Islington with a focus on Modern and Contemporary Art and British artists.

KCWC has been invited back for a private highlights tour, including a visit to the stand of this year's fair Museum Partner, the New Hall Collection, featuring the largest collection of modern and contemporary art by women in Europe. Your registration will include a VIP pass, which will allow you to return during the course of the fair with a guest, for more browsing and perhaps a purchase. There are also talks and other events during the fair, which you are welcome to attend.

#### **EAST LONDON CONTEMPORARY GALLERY WALKING TOUR**

**When:** Wednesday 27 April, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Where:** Meeting point to be communicated to registered participants nearer to the date

**Cost:** £25.00

Please join KCWC's Contemporary Art Group for a walk around East London to see what is new in the galleries in this exciting and interesting part of our city.

Our guide will be Roberta Faccio, who will provide in-depth information about the area as we walk between the galleries, as well as insights into the art that is on show. Roberta is the founder of ART Tours with a Theme (ART wiT), offering thematic art and architecture tours in London since 2017, as well as online conversations since the start of the pandemic.

Since its inception, more than 1,000 guests have enjoyed her tours and online talks. Roby has a background in business and an additional degree in History of Art and Architecture at Birkbeck University, with continuous education at Sotheby's Institute, National Gallery and City University, among others.

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## *Country Walks*

**Activity leader:**

Gretchen Smith

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#### **COUNTRY WALKS: KINGS WOOD "BLUEBELLS"**

**When:** Tuesday 26 April, all-day event (approx. 9:00am – 5:00pm)

**Where:** Meeting point to be communicated to registered participants nearer to the date

**Cost:** £24.00 (does not include train tickets or lunch)

A lovely time and place to see the bluebells is in April, on a guided tour of the Kings Wood with Catherine Ames. This 8-mile walk in the nearby Tandridge District of Surrey is a great opportunity to see the stunning blue carpets of the "favourite flower of Britain", in its natural habitat of ancient woodland.

We will have lunch at the 18th-century Harrow Inn in Warlingham, before a lovely downhill walk to Woldingham Station, and a short train ride back to London.

#### **ALONG THE ARCADIAN THAMES – CO-LEAD WITH *BRITISH HISTORY***

**When:** Thursday 12 May, all-day event (approx. 9:00am – 5:00pm)

**Where:** Meeting point to be confirmed to registered participants

**Cost:** £24.00 (does not include train & ferry tickets, nor lunch)

Join Tim Potter for a beautiful walking tour along the historical river Thames. It's especially beautiful in spring and 300 years ago, it was named Arcadia, a rural paradise just ten miles from Central London. The view of the Thames at Richmond, painted by many but most famously by JMW Turner, transformed ideas of natural beauty as the formality of the Tudors and Stuarts gave way to the rise of Romanticism.

Richmond has had a royal connection for 700 years and we'll explore the remains of the Tudor Palace where Elizabeth I died. In the 18th Century, the riverside became a centre of culture to rival the Royal Court. Great writers like Jonathan Swift and Alexander Pope provided the intellectual entertainment for the rich and famous who built great houses along the river Thames. Later, King Louis Philippe of France was in exile there from 1815 as was his grandson, Philippe, who reigned France for just two days.

From French royalty we'll move to Rock royalty and visit Eel Pie Island, the birthplace of British Rock and Blues: including Rolling Stones, The Who, Pink Floyd, Rod Stewart, and Eric Clapton.

We'll eat in a riverside pub before returning to Richmond, using a historic ferry, to explore Ham House and the Richmond bank.

#### **SOUTH DOWNS TREKATHON IN AID OF *THE PASSAGE* – CO-LEAD WITH *VOLUNTEERS FOR CHARITY***

**When:** Saturday 3 September, all-day event

**Where:** Lewes, East Sussex

**Cost:** see registration details at [www.passage.org.uk/southdowns](http://www.passage.org.uk/southdowns)

This exciting challenge will have you walking in the beautiful Sussex countryside. Whether you're a walker and new to challenge events or an experienced trekker – there's a distance for you! A team of experienced guides will be with you every step of the way. A good level of fitness with prior training is required to take part in this challenge and training tips will also be provided.

This is a fundraising event organised by *The Passage*, not KCWC, so please go to the link below to register for the event and get access to travel details, training tips, and other information: [www.passage.org.uk/southdowns](http://www.passage.org.uk/southdowns)

Please indicate "Team KCWC" on your registration form, where prompted. This appears below your choice of distance:

\*Q: Are you taking part by yourself or as part of a team? If a team, please let us know which team.

A: Team KCWC

Please also book a free ticket on our website to indicate your interest in participating. Nearer to the date, KCWC Activity Leaders will be in touch with registrants to coordinate any "day of" plans for the group.

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## Creative Arts

### Activity leader:

Lisa Evans [creativearts@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:creativearts@kcwc.org.uk)

I hope to be able to offer some lovely courses for you to enjoy and will contact the art teacher for some options. Please check our website calendar or email me to join my mailing list. Looking forward to a creative new KCWC year with you all.

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## Dancing Together

### Activity leader:

Elisabetta Astolfi [dancing@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:dancing@kcwc.org.uk)

Please keep checking our website and newsletters for updates.

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## Empty Nesters

### Activity leader:

Rachel Le Vay Kriger [emptynesters@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:emptynesters@kcwc.org.uk)

**Empty Nesters** are KCWC Members with children who are away at university, have recently graduated or who have joined the job force. Individual activities, however, are usually open to any KCWC Member.

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## Evening Speaker Series

### Activity leader:

Bee Robb [eveningspeakers@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:eveningspeakers@kcwc.org.uk)

We usually meet over wine and canapés from 6:30 – 8:00pm to hear a range of talks that share great stories and ideas. Look for future activities with full details on the KCWC website.

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## Foodies

### Activity leaders:

Maria Puleio [foodies@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:foodies@kcwc.org.uk)  
Claudia Marchetti

Join Foodies and explore world cuisine, new food trends and more. Learn about good nutrition and how to prepare some of the world's most well-loved recipes. Guided by chefs from a variety of backgrounds, our meetings will take on various formats: lectures, demos and practical workshops all in a friendly atmosphere. Come discover new and interesting places around London in the company of like-minded members.

### VEGAN IRAQI CUISINE WITH LAMEES IBRAHIM – *WAITLIST ONLY*

**When:** Monday 7 March, 10:30am – 2:00pm

**Where:** A member's home in Parsons Green SW6

**Cost:** £15.00

Lamees is a long-time member of KCWC and has published three cookbooks highlighting the colourful and fragrant cuisine of her native Iraq. Join us for a cooking demonstration followed by a light lunch, featuring recipes from her most recent publication, *The Iraqi Vegan Cookbook*. Written for vegans and non-vegans alike, this book is filled with traditional Iraqi favourites, as well as some completely new concepts, all made in a completely plant-based way, modernising this ancient and beautiful cuisine and making it accessible for a new generation of meat-free kitchens.

### A DAY WITH FOOD WRITER AND COOKBOOK AUTHOR TORIE TRUE: MARKETS, COOKING AND LUNCH

**When:** Thursday 28 April, 9:15am – 2:30pm – *WAITLIST ONLY*, or  
Tuesday 10 May, 9:15am – 2:30pm

**Where:** Tooting and Wandsworth Common

**Cost:** £85.00

Join Torie True, author of recently published cookbook “Chilli & Mint: Indian Home Cooking From A British Kitchen”, and member of the “Guild Of Food Writers”, for a day exploring the wonderful world of Indian cuisine.

The day will start in Tooting, where Torie will guide us through various food markets, where we will explore the fragrant and colourful ingredients that we will use to cook our lunch. Once our ingredients are purchased, we will head to Torie's kitchen in Wandsworth Common, where participants will work as a team to prepare 6 recipes, which we will then enjoy together.

Please note you will need to arrange for your own transportation to Tooting (the exact meeting point will be communicated to registered participants nearer to the date). Once on location, we can share a taxi fare from Tooting to Wandsworth Common.

### FOODIES: CHOCOLATE LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE

**When:** Thursday 26 May, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Where:** A member's home in SW5

**Cost:** Members £44.00; Non-member guests £46.00

Learn how to temper, colour, and flavour chocolate to create delicious terrazzo, marble, and concrete textures.

Design is a discipline rich with mediums to explore, and when combined with chocolate, it becomes visual, tactile, and flavoursome. Foodies welcomes Raffaella, from London-based chocolate design studio, BRIK Chocolate, to lead a hands-on chocolate design workshop, inspired by architectural surfaces.



Get familiar with the ingredients, materials, and equipment you need to work safely and efficiently. Learn how to make your mold with Lego blocks, and create textures with baking paper. Understand the process of working with chocolate and how to temper it correctly.

Learn expert tricks to create your flavour-filled chocolate terrazzo design; how to add charcoal to chocolate and create a modern concrete-inspired slab design; and mix 3 different chocolate colours to create a shiny marble finish.

#### MODERN WEST AFRICAN CUISINE AT CHISHURU BRIXTON

**When:** Friday 17 June, 12:30pm – 3:00pm

**Where:** 9 Market Row, Coldharbour Lane SW9 8LB

**Cost:** TBD

We are finalising details of what we hope will be a memorable Foodies experience at Chishuru in Brixton.

Please keep checking our website and eNews for details.

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## Glorious Gardens

**Activity leader:**

OPEN [gloriousgardens@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:gloriousgardens@kcwc.org.uk)

Glorious Gardens organises a variety of informative trips to interesting gardens and green spaces within London and occasionally, further afield.

We are currently looking for an Activity Leader for this activity. If you'd like to help out, please contact the Activity Leader Liaison Team on [activity@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:activity@kcwc.org.uk).

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## Golf

**Activity leader:**

OPEN [golf@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:golf@kcwc.org.uk)

We are currently looking for an Activity Leader for this activity. If you'd like to help out, please contact the Activity Leader Liaison Team on [activity@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:activity@kcwc.org.uk).

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## Hospitality

**Activity leaders:**

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Catarina Granryd

**Lunches** Anne Koutsabeloulis [hospitality@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:hospitality@kcwc.org.uk)  
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Your Hospitality hostesses are working hard to solve the riddle of Socially Distanced Social Events. Our programme of post General Meeting luncheons is currently a work in progress. Please be alert to our website and eNews for updates. We look forward to welcoming you with customary KCWC Hospitality.

#### POST CODE COFFEES

**When:** Check your eNews/website for details on various neighbourhood meetings

**Where:** Virtual meeting via Zoom or in person

**Cost:** None/your own tab

**Activity Leader:** Amanda Thompson, [hospitality1@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:hospitality1@kcwc.org.uk)

For now these will be organised via Zoom but we hope to return to the KCWC tradition of hostesses in each post code. Neighbours can get together, virtually or in person, to share a coffee, along with their recommendations for local businesses, markets and tradespeople. If you would like to host a Post Code Coffee, please get in touch with me.

#### HOSPITALITY HAPPY HOUR

The perfect location for our next get-together will be on our website soon. Looking forward to seeing you soon, to enjoy our company, sipping a new lovely creation!

#### HOSPITALITY LUNCH AFTER THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING

**When:** Thursday 3 March, 12:30pm – 3:30pm

**Where:** Coco Momo Restaurant and Bar Kensington, 25 Gloucester Road SW7 4PL

**Cost:** Members £26.50; Non-member guests £28.00

Coco Momo Restaurant & Bar Kensington is a new venue for our Hospitality lunches after the General Meetings. Situated in Gloucester Road, just a short walk from the Royal Geographical Society. It's an all day dining brasserie and bar, serving modern European cuisine, and certainly a firm favourite with Kensington locals.

Lunch is a two course limited set menu, and the price includes service. Drinks your own tab.

#### CLUB SOCIAL "CHEZ ANTOINETTE"

**When:** Wednesday 6 April, 10:30am – 12:00pm

**Where:** Chez Antoinette, 22 Palmer Street SW1H 0PH

**Cost:** Members: £7.00, Guests: £7.50

The Membership and Hospitality Teams are delighted to invite members, new members and their guests to our very first Club Social at the quaint traditional French Bistrot Café *Chez Antoinette* in St James.

This event will be a great opportunity to reconnect with other members you may have recently met at club activities or General Meetings, and to spend a few hours catching up with each other in an area specially reserved for us on the mezzanine floor. It's also an excellent opportunity to invite non-member guests to a KCWC event so they can have an introduction to our very social international womens' club.

*Chez Antoinette* specialises in homemade pastries and French delicacies and also serves a variety of excellent teas and coffees. Cost covers hot drink and one pastry. All additional drinks/food your own tab.

#### **NIBBLES AND DRINKS – CO-LEAD WITH *AFTER SIX IN THE CITY***

**When:** Wednesday 20 April, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Where:** Coco Momo Restaurant and Bar, Kensington, 25 Gloucester Road SW7 4PL

**Cost:** £7.00 (covers a selection of breads and dips. Drinks and dinner your own tab.)

We are delighted to be hosting another evening at this popular South Kensington venue. We will enjoy a drink or two in its newly furnished bar, which has been reserved just for our group. There is always an option to stay on for dinner. We encourage new members to come along as it's a nice way to meet other members in a small group, social setting.

#### **HOSPITALITY LUNCH AFTER THE MAY GENERAL MEETING**

**When:** Thursday 5 May, 12:30pm – 3:00pm

**Where:** Ognisko Restaurant, 55 Prince's Gate, Exhibition Road SW7 2PG

**Cost:** Members £35.00; Non-member guests £37.00

After our May General Meeting, we will return to one of our favourite lunch locations, Ognisko Restaurant, conveniently located across the road from the Royal Geographical Society.

Lunch is a limited set menu of 2 courses including a glass of wine and service. Menu pre-orders will be required to assist the restaurant, so please sign up early to secure your place at the lunch.

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## *Languages*

### **Activity leaders:**

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Experience the international flavour of our Club and practise your language skills with native speakers. Join us to make friends, improve your fluency and gain in cultural knowledge.

Please contact the relevant Activity Leader for the language group you wish to join.

### **ENGLISH CONVERSATION**

If you are interested in practicing English or helping other ladies improve theirs, while discussing a variety of subjects in arts, history, culture, sports, modern life, etc please join our, every other week meeting.

There is no cost, but please let us know if you will attend by booking a free ticket on our website. Hope to see you soon!

**When:** Every other Thursday, 11:00am – 12:30pm. Contact ALs for details

**Where:** Virtual discussion via Zoom

**Cost:** None

### **FRENCH CONVERSATION**

Welcome to the online French Conversation Group! If you would like to maintain and improve your French, we will give you opportunities to practice this language amongst a pleasant group of international ladies. Themes will be given in advance so you can prepare them at home before discussing with the group. A good level of French is required.

**When:** Tuesdays 1 and 15 March, 26 April, 10 and 24 May, 7 June, 11:00am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Virtual discussion via Zoom

**Cost:** None

### **GERMAN CONVERSATION**

Would you like to improve your spoken German and gain more confidence? In this group you have the chance to practise in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. We meet every fortnight on Wednesdays at 10:00am and discuss a topic of interest. Please register with the Activity Leader.

**When:** Every other Wednesday, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Contact AL for details  
**Where:** In a member's home. Address provided to registered participants one week before the meeting  
**Cost:** None

### ITALIAN CONVERSATION

We are a group of women from various backgrounds who enjoy reading and discussing Italian culture and other topics of interest. Come and try our friendly sessions – you will surely enjoy your time with us.

**When:** Alternating Wednesdays, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Contact AL for details  
**Where:** At a member's home in Kensington W8  
**Cost:** None

### SPANISH CONVERSATION

Hola! If you are looking for an opportunity to improve or practice your Spanish language skills, do join our lively group of Spanish speakers. We meet monthly on a Thursday morning and enjoy combining conversation with periodic outings. If you enjoy interesting discussions, wish to improve your fluency and make new friends, please join us to discover more. We look forward to welcoming you.

**When:** Monthly on a Thursday, 10:30am – 11:30am. Contact AL for details  
**Where:** TBC  
**Cost:** None

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## London Walks

### Activity leader:

Geneviève Sentier [londonwalks@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:londonwalks@kcwc.org.uk)

### MARYLEBONE: A GEORGIAN GEM IN CENTRAL LONDON

**When:** Wednesday 2 March, 10:00am – 12:00pm  
**Where:** Bond Street Tube Station, Oxford Street W1R 1FE  
**Cost:** £22.00

Let's follow *LearnArtery* guide Muriel and explore this lovely neighbourhood in central London, in the footsteps of the great aristocratic families who developed it in the 18th century. In addition, our guide will not fail to point out her favourite little boutiques and restaurants, as Marylebone is now one of London's trendiest neighbourhoods.

### CHARMING CHISWICK: QUIET SUBURB AND CELEBRITIES

**When:** Tuesday 22 March, 10:30am – 12:30pm  
**Where:** Meeting point TBD  
**Cost:** £22.00

From its origins as a humble cheese farm, Chiswick has seen an awful lot of history. From saving London from its king, to the first pre-eminent British painter, to the world's most famous rowing race and a clutch of eminent writers, Chiswick has it all!

London's biggest selling beer comes from here; The Beatles filmed here; and it is home to the ultimate 18th Century party venue: Chiswick House. Come explore a hidden jewel inside Zone 2.

### JEWELS GALORE!

**When:** Thursday 31 March, 10:30am – 4:00pm  
**Where:** Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road SW7 2RL  
**Cost:** £35.00

A private guided tour of the V&A Jewellery Gallery, followed by an hour looking at, and trying on jewellery!

Come and be dazzled on this very special glitzy, sparkling tour. There will be diamonds galore as we shall start the day with the William and Judith Bollinger Gallery at the Victoria & Albert Museum in South Kensington, one of the world's finest and most comprehensive collections of jewellery in the world. Our focus will be on the history and symbolism of Western jewellery since the Middle Ages. After admiring some unique and historic jewels, we shall share a light lunch (your own tab) before heading to the second part of our visit: *LearnArtery* guide Muriel Carré will take us near Bond Street where we shall literally be surrounded by jewels of all sizes and prices.

### POSTCARDS TO THE PARAGON: BLACKHEATH VILLAGE

**When:** Monday 4 April, 10:30am – 12:30pm  
**Where:** Central London, TBD  
**Cost:** £20.00

Our Blue Badge guide, Rachel Kolsky, is back with a new walk through Blackheath.

One of south London's most delightful villages, Blackheath witnessed the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 before remaining a sleepy village until the arrival of the railways. Amid the quaint Georgian terraces and shop fronts, you will discover the home of a saucy seaside postcard designer, the film studio that produced the iconic 1936 'Night Mail', the exclusive Cator Estate with its Georgian villas, 1950s social housing and iconic modernist 60s homes, the 17th century Morden College, one of England's finest Georgian crescents and where Jeff Banks opened his first Clobber boutique in 1964.

### SOMERSET HOUSE: INSIDE AND OUT – WAITLIST ONLY

**When:** Tuesday 5 April, 10:00am – 12:30pm  
**Where:** Central London, TBD  
**Cost:** £20.00

Marguerite from "LearnArtery" is back to take us on a cultural walk around Somerset House on "Art and Architecture", followed by a tour of the new displays of the Courtauld Gallery highlights.

From Somerset Place, one of Tudor London's greatest power houses to Denmark House, the official residence of Stuart queen consorts, Somerset House as it stands today was reconstructed in the 18th century as London's first public building for administrative purposes. Here, in a palatial building of late neoclassical style, some of England's earliest art societies occupied the lavish interiors today used by the Courtauld Gallery. This visit will explore the spaces and interiors of one of London's most extravagant and historical cultural landmarks.

#### **ROTHERHITHE: EAST, AND WESTWARD-HO!**

**When:** Monday 25 April, 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Central London, TBD

**Cost:** £22.00

Muriel Carré, our Blue Badge guide from "LearnArtory", will take us for a private tour of a lesser-known part of London, full of history along the river Thames.

Let's head east of the Thames and discover a riverside village packed with history. We will see famous pubs, visit 14th-century ruins, walk in the footsteps of one of Britain's greatest artists, trace the history of the Industrial Revolution, discover urban regeneration at work and dream of a New World. Rotherhithe has it all, and much more.

#### **UPSTAIRS-DOWNSTAIRS IN THE BEATING HEART OF BELGRAVIA – WAITLIST ONLY**

**When:** Wednesday 4 May, 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Where:** Central London, TBD

**Cost:** £22.00

From gossip to scandal, lifestyle and tradition, Belgravia reveals its most colourful past, and ever more vivid present.

With Marguerite, our Blue Badge Guide from "LearnArtory", we will explore the development of the "newly created" area of Belgravia by the 1st Marquess of Westminster in the early 19th century, and what went on behind the grand cream-coloured façades of Belgravia's impressive town houses.

#### **NATURE AND CULTURE: A DAY OUT IN HAMPSTEAD HEATH AND KENWOOD HOUSE**

**When:** Tuesday 17 May, 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Where:** Central London, TBD

**Cost:** £30.00

A day out that combines nature and culture with an **energetic walk** through the Heath.

Muriel Carre, our blue Badge Guide from "LearnArtory", will offer us a private guided tour. We shall start with a lovely **energetic walk** through Hampstead Heath until we reach the top of a hill: there stands Kenwood House, a masterpiece by Robert Adam, one of England's greatest neo-classical architects. You will be spoilt with a sumptuously decorated house and a stunning art collection: the greatest English masters are side by side with some of Europe's top artists. Last but not least, we will hear the incredible story of the house's past owners.

Do bring along a snack and water bottle.

#### **A ROYAL JUBILEE: THE PLATINUM WALK**

**When:** Thursday 19 May, 10:00am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Central London, TBD

**Cost:** £22.00

Marguerite, our Blue Badge Guide from "LearnArtory", will take us for a walk to retrace step-by-step the History-of-a-Lifetime of our Queen Elisabeth II.

"Pudding, Parties, Parades And Pageants": this is how the BBC announced the early-June (from 2nd June to 5th June 2022) celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne. And so, let's find out who our Queen really is, what she really does and how she will be celebrated during the Nation's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Weekend, in this special walk through Royal Westminster. Starting from her place of birth, in the heart of Mayfair, we will walk from Royal Parks and palaces to great courts and grand avenues, and pass by glorifying statues and sepulchres, to retrace step-by-step the story of a truly remarkable life of Royal Service to the British Nation.

#### **MAGIC IN LONDON**

**When:** Tuesday 21 June, 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Where:** Central London, TBD

**Cost:** £25.00

A unique walking tour through London's magical history with Jennifer, a magical guide from "LearnArtory", to celebrate Summer. From medieval witches and alchemists to tales of great illusionists past and present, learn about the true history of magic in London with a Blue Badge guide ... and magician! Lost theatres and fascinating real-life magic tales make this tour a real treat. A relaxing and entertaining experience, sprinkled with sparkly anecdotes, which will leave you happy and full of wonder.

#### **SECRET GARDENS OF THE CITY**

**When:** Tuesday 28 June, 10:00am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Central London, TBD

**Cost:** £22.00

A historic and sensory private walk to discover the city's pocket parks. Let's embark, with Muriel Carre, "LearnArtory" Blue Badge Guide, through the streets of the Square Mile, London's financial district.

Forget about bonds and shares, and follow our guide along a fragrant route that winds its way among the skyscrapers and the little alleyways of the City. Each garden of the city is a little haven of peace, tucked between glass and steel towers and historic buildings, and we invite you to walk those pocket parks together, rain or shine.



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## ***Mahjong Mornings***

### **Activity leader:**

Amanda Stanton

[mahjong@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:mahjong@kcwc.org.uk)

We welcome everyone from beginners to those who have played any version of Mahjong previously; it's great fun and a wonderful way to spend the morning with friends, new and old!

Prompt arrival each week at 10:30am is critical, as is attendance confirmation 24 hours ahead each week to ensure we have enough mahjong sets and players.

While new players will be given instructional materials, regular players will need to purchase a Mahjong book (c. £16.00) to bring to each meeting.

Please book your place by purchasing a ticket on our website.

### **MAHJONG MORNINGS – MARCH**

**When:** Mondays 7, 14, 21 and 28 March, 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Phoenix Pub & Restaurant, 23 Smith Street SW3 4EE

**Cost:** £8.00

### **MAHJONG MORNINGS – APRIL**

**When:** Mondays 4, 11 and 25 April, 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Phoenix Pub & Restaurant, 23 Smith Street SW3 4EE

**Cost:** £8.00

### **MAHJONG MORNINGS – MAY**

**When:** Mondays 2 and 9 May, 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Phoenix Pub & Restaurant, 23 Smith Street SW3 4EE

**Cost:** £8.00

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## ***Passion for Fashion***

### **Activity leader:**

Barbara Welch

[fashion@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:fashion@kcwc.org.uk)

I am your new Activity Leader for this group. Please keep checking our website and newsletters for upcoming events.

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## ***Study of Buddhism***

### **Activity leader:**

Veronica Wetten

[buddhism@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:buddhism@kcwc.org.uk)

We will learn the teachings of the Buddha and the principles of Buddhism. The understanding and application of these will help us to enhance and enrich day-to-day life,

resulting in more inner peace and balance. We meet once a month, for one and one-half hours. Our discussion is followed by a short meditation.

Meeting dates are added on a monthly basis. Please check the website and eNews for upcoming meetings.

**When:** Mondays 7 March, and 11 April, 11:00am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Virtual discussion via Zoom

**Cost:** None

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## ***Techy Teas***

### **Activity leader:**

Virginia Beaulac

[techyteas@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:techyteas@kcwc.org.uk)

Please keep checking our website and eNews for upcoming events.

### **TECHY TEAS**

**When:** Thursday 10 March, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

**Where:** A member's home in W1

**Cost:** None

Please come learn how to use various features on your iPhone. Explore various features of the Notes app, how to edit photos and how to add favourite daily activities like "Wordle" to your iPhone.

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## ***Tennis***

### **Activity leader:**

Kathleen Crook

[tennis@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:tennis@kcwc.org.uk)

We play intermediate level social, fun, but competitive tennis and have a coach for each of the two-hour sessions. We play indoors so the weather is never an issue. Kindly contact the Activity Leader for more information.

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## ***Theatre***

### **Activity leaders:**

Viola Hindley

[theatre@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:theatre@kcwc.org.uk)

Claire Tremeeer

We enjoy visiting the theatre in small groups, seeing a variety of shows and plays and often at a group discount.

Please keep checking our website and eNews for upcoming events.

### ***CABARET AT THE KIT KAT CLUB – WAITLIST ONLY***

**When:** Tuesday 12 April, 7:30pm – 10:00pm

**Where:** Kit Kat Club At The Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Ave. WC2N 5DE1

**Cost:** £95.00

The Kit Kat Club hosts one of the most successful musicals of all time, starring Eddie Redmayne and Jessie Buckley. This new West End production features songs like Don't Tell Mama, *Wilkommen*, *Money*, and many more.

If you wish to join the group for a pre-theatre dinner (your own tab), there is the opportunity to indicate your interest in the ticket section. Please book your ticket on our website.

### ***TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD AT THE GIELGUD THEATRE***

**When:** Wednesday 8 June, 7:30pm – 10:00pm

**Where:** Gielgud Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1D 6AR

**Cost:** £58.00

Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of racial injustice is adapted by Aaron Sorkin. The novel explores justice and racial tension in a small southern town in the USA.

If you wish to join the group for a pre-theatre dinner (your own tab), there is the opportunity to indicate your interest in the ticket section. Please book your ticket on our website.

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## ***Travel Group***

### **Activity leaders:**

Ellen Shapiro

[travel1@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:travel1@kcwc.org.uk)

Monica Pignal

[travel3@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:travel3@kcwc.org.uk)

Travel Group offers a variety of trips. We may spend the day somewhere nearby London or venture further afield exploring historic UK venues. We also travel abroad with guided visits focused on art, history, as well as an annual walking trip.

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## ***Volunteers for Charity***

### **Activity leader:**

Kim Parkash

[charityvolunteers@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:charityvolunteers@kcwc.org.uk)

Please keep checking our website and eNews for updates on volunteering opportunities.

### ***SOUTH DOWNS TREKATHON IN AID OF THE PASSAGE – CO-LEAD WITH COUNTRY WALKS***

**When:** Saturday 3 September, all-day event

**Where:** Lewes, East Sussex

**Cost:** See registration details at [www.passage.org.uk/southdowns](http://www.passage.org.uk/southdowns)

This exciting challenge will have you walking in the beautiful Sussex countryside. Whether you're a walker and new to challenge events or an experienced trekker – there's a distance for you! A team of experienced guides will be with you every step of the way. A good level of fitness with prior training is required to take part in this challenge and training tips will also be provided.

This is a fundraising event organised by *The Passage*, not KCWC, so please go to the link below to register for the event and get access to travel details, training tips, and other information: [www.passage.org.uk/southdowns](http://www.passage.org.uk/southdowns)

Please indicate "Team KCWC" on your registration form, where prompted. This appears below your choice of distance:

**\*Q:** Are you taking part by yourself or as part of a team? If a team, please let us know which team.

**A:** Team KCWC

Please also book a free ticket on our website to indicate your interest in participating. Nearer to the date, KCWC Activity Leaders will be in touch with registrants to coordinate any "day of" plans for the group.

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## ***Wine Society***

### **Activity leader:**

Renee Singh

[wine@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:wine@kcwc.org.uk)

Come along and increase your knowledge as we explore beautiful old and new world wines. Please keep checking our website and eNews for upcoming events.

### ***AMATHUS WINE TASTING – TAKE 2 – CO-LEAD WITH AFTER SIX IN THE CITY***

**When:** Wednesday 9 March, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Where:** Amathus Wine Shop, 72 Old Brompton Road SW7 3LQ

**Cost:** £30.00

Due to high demand and space limitations, we will once again this month visit the wine cellars of Amathus Wine Shop in South Kensington.

We will enjoy a fun evening of wine tasting led by Amathus' education and training experts. They will take us on a tour of six of their own hand-picked bottles, giving us a taste of a variety of styles and grapes from around the world. We will be taken through the basics of how to taste wine, factors of influence, ways to describe and what to look for in a wine.

Price includes glass of Prosecco on arrival, wine tasting, charcuterie and cheese platters with a selection of breads. There is the option to stay in the area for dinner afterwards.

This event is co-lead with *After Six In The City*.

Please book your ticket (on our website) early to avoid disappointment.

## Yoga

### Activity leader:

Barbara Welch

[yoga@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:yoga@kcwc.org.uk)

### POWER FLOW YOGA

**When:** Mondays and Thursdays (except GMs Thursdays), 10:00am – 11:00am

**Where:** Virtual class via Zoom

Are you curious about gaining strength and flexibility through movement and breath? Are you interested in improving your mental well-being? Then Power Flow yoga is for you!

This style of yoga is an active flow style yoga where breath is linked to movement for 60 minutes. It is open and accessible to all abilities, non judgemental and can be done in the comfort of your own home, via Zoom.

Please register by booking a free ticket on our website, to receive the Zoom code the evening prior to the class.

## Activity Leaders Needed

Asian Culture, Crafts (Knitting or Needlepoint), Golf, Glorious Gardens, Photography.

If you are interested in leading one of these activities, or starting a new one of your own, please contact our Activity Leader Liaison (ALL) team on [activity@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:activity@kcwc.org.uk).

### Contemporary Art – Bermondsey Street Galleries Tour – December 2021



### Art History at Sotheby's Old Masters Auction Tour – December 2021



## Advertising Information

### UPCOMING DEADLINE:

**Monday 1 August 2022, for the Autumn  
(September – November) Newsletter**

### Corporate Advertising Manager:

Elisabetta Astolfi

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### CORPORATE ADS

Corporate ads are open to members and non-members. These are full-page adverts, cover ads, loose inserts, eNews ads and also logo ads on the KCWC website. Discounts are available for multiple/repeat ads.

Please contact [advertising@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:advertising@kcwc.org.uk) for information on how to buy and submit a corporate ad.

### MEMBERS' ADS

Members can browse these ads or place their own, via the "My Membership" tab on the website.

For information, please contact [membersads@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:membersads@kcwc.org.uk).

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**Contact the Advertising Manager on**  
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### MEMBERS' ADS

- Have theatre tickets you now can't use?
- Moving house and looking to sell unwanted items?
- Spare weeks in your vacation villa to rent?
- Fantastic charity event you want to publicise?

- Looking for someone to help you in your home?

Non-Business Classified Ads on the KCWC website are **FREE** to our members.

Contact [membersads@kcwc.org.uk](mailto:membersads@kcwc.org.uk)



## 2022–2023 Executive Board Presentation

### President – Mary Narvell

Mary is a dual American and Italian citizen. She has lived in London for 21 years after previous sojourns in Brussels, Bermuda and Zurich.



Mary earned an honours degree in Art History and Philosophy from Wellesley College. She has pursued a career in interior design through the ownership of her own company. A volunteer for international architectural societies, she is a Freeman in the Guild of Arts Scholars after receipt of the Freedom of the City of London in 2019. She has enjoyed success in the publication of several articles in newspapers and magazines. Together with her husband John, they tour internationally in his vintage Rolls Royces. Summering in her native Rhode Island is an annual ritual.

### Vice-President – Farzana Seddon

Farzana Seddon was born and raised in Dhaka, Bangladesh and has been residing in London since 2005. She holds an MBA in International Business and before moving to the UK, Farzana established a successful business, 'Ego Vision', that was the market leading supplier of contact lenses in Bangladesh. After moving to the UK, Farzana studied Hair and Make-up styling



at the London College of Fashion and worked in the film industry for a few years. She then returned to her business roots, gaining postgraduate teaching qualification and worked as a Business Management lecture in the Further Education Sector for eight years. Currently, Farzana is a devoted wife and mother but also takes time to study performing arts in Indian Classical Dance, Kathak.

### Secretary – Mimi Rolbant

Most of my life has been spent in London, a city I love and am still exploring – does one ever really know it?

My early career was in publishing as an editor, and the skills I acquired then have been useful ever since. Then followed a brief stint in the art world and finally in low-level finance. Now that I am no longer working, I finally have the time to devote to cultural pursuits and to voluntary activities.



### Treasurer – Swaty Gupta

I was raised in India and now live here in the UK permanently. I am a nutritionist by profession but have also been working as a finance and pension manager for the family business. I have been fortunate in being able to combine all things I love and I am now looking forward to my role as a Treasurer within the KCWC family.



### Activity Leader Liaison Team: Jilly Ferrero, Kathleen Crook and Marian Vobach

Jilly Ferrero joined KCWC 10 years ago, and immediately started the very popular *After Six in the City* activity, organising dinners and evening social events. She has previously held a Board position under Membership, and is now part of the Activity Leader Liaison team assisting AL's and encouraging the formation of new activities. Originally from New Zealand, Jilly and her husband Silvio have spent the last 30+ years in London, except for seven years in Queensland, Australia.



Kathleen Crook has been a member of KCWC for 11 years, was part of the *French Conversation Group* and has been the AL for *Tennis* for the past five years. Originally from Toronto, Canada, Kathleen has lived in London for the past 12 years. In addition to being active with KCWC, Kathleen is a Trustee of wildlife conservation charity, *Lewa-UK*. Her passions are conservation and the world of dance, both classical and contemporary.



Marian Vobach has been a member of KCWC since her arrival in London, and an Activity Leader of British History since 2014. An American national, she and her husband, Scott, have been expats for the last



22 years, with extensive time in Singapore and Toronto as well as London. She enjoys volunteering, playing golf and country walking.

### Events Coordinator – Maria Pulcio

Maria is Italian, from Sicily, living in Rome for 13 years and moved to London in 2014. She is a Pharmaceutical Chemist and worked for her own companies, the University of Messina and as a chemistry teacher in Italy. After meeting and marrying her husband, Maria began working in Real Estate. She has been busy raising two boys and continues to work in their family companies.

Maria founded the *Italian Conversation Group* in January 2015 and is also AL for *Foodies*. Her interests are organising activities for the club, and attending music, art, and charity events with her new international friends.



### Marketing Team – Vivien Matthews & Professor Eve Mitleton-Kelly

Vivien Matthews is Australian. She has extensive experience leading international organisations. As President of Australian Business in Europe, Vivien organised ministerial, business and diplomatic events. Subsequently, as a board director of The Britain Australia Society, she launched its International Awards. Involved with several heritage and cultural



organisations, Vivien created the highly celebrated Centenary Show for a prestigious horticultural society. She has also thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of her work in the launch of various acclaimed cultural magazines in the UK.

Eve Mitleton-Kelly has had two careers, one in the British Civil Service, involved in the formulation of UK and international policy and in the negotiation of EU Directives; and another as an academic at the London School of Economics and Cambridge University.



Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Complex Systems; Central Council Member of ROSL; Trustee of the Friends of Blackheath Halls; Chairman of the Fruiterers Livery Company, Awards Committee on the impact of Climate Change on Fruit Growing.

Policy Advisor to European and USA organisations, the European Commission; Scientific Advisor to the Governments of Australia, Brazil, Canada, Netherlands, Singapore and UK on developing a framework of governance for government, based on complexity theory.

#### **Advertising & Member Benefits – Elisabetta Astolfi**

Elisabetta obtained her MPharm at the University of Rome. She worked at ETH, Zurich, and the School



of Pharmacy in London, working with industries and the WHO. She works in publishing as the author of *Cook with Me*, a series of illustrated children's books that teach healthy eating (all recipes tested and tasted by her lovely boys!). Elisabetta enjoys traveling, especially from busy London where she has lived for 24 years, to sunny Rome. She speaks Italian, French, English, Spanish, a bit of German.

Elisabetta founded *Dancing Together* in 2018 and is co-AL for *Spanish Conversation Group* and *Hospitality*.

#### **Membership Team – Victoria Chelini & Natalia Zavacki**

Victoria – Born to a family of highly respected academics, Victoria was raised bilingual in French-English in Paris. She was educated in Berlin, Rome and Toronto, then awarded her Master of Art History degree from the Sorbonne in Paris. With the addition of German, Italian and Spanish to her fluency, she went on to intern in an array of prestigious galleries, media companies and cultural organisations. These included Vatican Radio in Rome, the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice and Christie's Auction House in New York. She has worked in the arts and real estate and has lived in New York, Charlotte, North Carolina, and London since 2018.



I'm Natalia, wife and mother of three daughters. Although born in Belarus, I have lived in Europe and spent most of my life in Croatia, which I adore. I moved to London with my family five years ago.

I hold an MSc degree in Education and Computer Science. I am devoted to socialising, meeting new people and making new friends. I'm open-minded, chatty, and I love photographing moments in time. I like to keep busy, so I work as a substitute teacher, I am active in the PTA at my youngest daughter's school, and enjoy promoting Croatian culture as Board member of the UN-recognised Croatian World Congress in the UK.



#### **Newsletter – Claudia Marchetti**

Claudia was born and raised in Montréal, Canada in an Italian-Canadian family. She is fluent in Italian, French and English.



She holds a BSc in Human Nutrition from McGill University and her work experience includes community-based nutrition and pharmaceuticals. Claudia moved to London with her husband and three children in 2008. She is passionate about cooking, keeping fit, reading, exploring new places, and learning about the human brain.

Claudia is an experienced board member/volunteer having held various Board positions over the years, as well as having contributed to several activities, the club's newsletters and website.

#### **eCommunications Manager – Karen Gustovich**

Karen was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. At Cal State University Northridge, she studied Commercial Advertising and Graphic Design. Her parents were both interior designers so she learned to paint murals in clients' homes for them, and she worked as a cartoon painter for Hannah Barbara Studios.



She moved to South Carolina where she raised her four children until she went back to work at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities. In 2019, she followed her second husband and high school sweetheart, to London. Karen has served on the KCWC Board for the past three years as the eCommunications Manager.

She and her husband have repatriated back to the US and reside in Los Angeles, California.

## 2022–2023 Executive Board

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