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SPECIAL EVENT

COCKTAIL PARTY AT CHRISTIE'S

Wednesday 21 September 2022
6:00pm – 8:30pm

Christie's,
8 King Street
SW1Y 6QT



The company of KCWC members is requested to join the celebratory cocktail party hosted by The Countess Bathurst and her committee, for the launch of the National Foundation for Retired Service Animals (NFRSA). The evening, by kind permission of The Chairman and Directors of Christie's, will introduce attendees to the work of the newly established NFRSA. Formal invitations will be sent upon registration (by booking your tickets on our website) for this fabulous well-attended event, where many Ambassadors for the Foundation (known to us through our TV screens) are to meet with guests to share their enthusiasm for establishing a caring retirement for loyal animals after their years of service in the public sector.

A chance to enjoy a formal party in a historic setting with The Countess's guests and KCWC members, as many return to London after the summer break. We are so excited this outstanding event has been introduced to us and co-ordinated by KCWC members Alice McCaie and Susan Jahanshahi.

We look forward to seeing you then!
Guests welcomed.

Cost: £15.00

Please book your tickets on our website.

**Should you have any questions,
please contact Maria Puleio
events@kcwc.org.uk**



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President's Message



Dear Members,

I hope you all enjoyed the summer slowdown and survived the sizzling heat! The autumn is now fast approaching with (hopefully) cooler weather, and at KCWC, an exciting programme of new events to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing you all at the September welcome back lunch on 14th September. We also have Christie's Cocktail

Party on 21st September, our October GM has Rebecca Salter as Guest Speaker, we will celebrate Diwali in October, and many more exciting events to look forward to. Please check our website for more details. I think there is something there for everyone and hope to see you all at as many events as possible.

This is my first term as President and I would love to hear your feedback on the events as we go. Feel free to contact me at the email below.

Best wishes,

Farzana Seddon
President KCWC
president@kcwc.org.uk

Welcome to our new VP



Dear Members,

Last June, the Board welcomed a new VP. Many of you may already know the lovely Susan Jahanshahi, but for those who do not, please see her bio below.

Born in Iran, Susan has lived in Dubai, Hong Kong and London.

In 1985, together with her husband she founded one of the capital's first full-service property consultancies.

Since 1997, she was called upon to expand membership of various businesses and social networking organizations, including a chamber of commerce in London.

A KCWC member since 2002, she created and ran three popular Activity groups, served twice before as a Board Member, and manages the KCWC Twitter account. Susan is also active on the Executive Board of FIWAL (The Federation of International Women's Associations in London), where KCWC is a member.

Mother, grandmother and social media influencer with over 22K followers, #EveryWoman is one of Susan's favourite #HashTags.

2022 – 2023 General Meeting *Speaker Series*

Thursday 6 October 2022

Rebecca Salter

President of the Royal Academy of Arts.
Royal Geographical Society (RGS).

Thursday 3 November 2022

Emma Soames

Writer, Broadcaster and Columnist.
Royal Over-Seas League (ROSL).

Thursday 12 January 2023

**Inspiring Black Women in Music,
Fashion and Law:**

**Dr Maggie Semple, Chi-chi Nwanoku,
and Nicola Williams**

Royal Over-Seas League (ROSL).

Thursday 9 February 2023

Rachel Fowler

Interior Designer.

Royal Over-Seas League (ROSL).

Thursday 9 March 2023

Pamela Scriven, QC

Royal Over-Seas League (ROSL).

Dates and venues TBC

Dr Matthew Higgs PhD

**The History and Relevance of Artificial
Intelligence.**

James Clutton

CEO, Opera Holland Park.

Please continue to check our website and newsletters for updates on our 2022–23 General Meeting dates and venues.

Activity Leaders Update

Welcome to the many new members who have joined KCWC over the spring and summer months and welcome back to all our existing members.

Doesn't it always seem that summer passes by much too quickly? We hope your summer has been fun, restful, and full of happy times shared with family and friends.

Our wonderful Activity Leaders (ALs) have been planning ahead and the KCWC calendar is full of familiar favorite activities, along with some new ones. Please check the website for all the latest news and events and sign-up.

As we always say, our KCWC members make the Club the success it is, and we encourage you not only to participate, but to join us as an Activity Leader or co-Activity Leader for some of the many fabulous activities.

While more details about volunteering opportunities will follow in the upcoming eNews, we very much need one or two members to step up **NOW** to work with our Communications Team as Activity Publishers.

This role involves working with the Activity Leaders to ensure that they have listed their activities properly on our website. As you are part of a team, the duties for this are shared and are straightforward. Of course, training will be provided. This is a prime 'behind the scenes' role and can be done from anywhere in the world, plus you will



Jilly Ferrero, Kathleen Crook, and Marian Vobach

be the first to know about all the exciting and interesting upcoming events, so can sign-up early.

Another key activity in KCWC is our Hospitality Team, which organises the lunches following our General Meetings. These are immensely popular events and are at the heart of the warm welcome and inclusiveness of KCWC. We are actively looking for 2 or 3 members to share this task.

KCWC has a proud tradition of being actively engaged with the broader London community through our Volunteers for Charity activity. We are looking for someone to lead this worthy initiative.

We are also looking for a member to volunteer as the Activity Leader for Bible Studies and another for the Wine Society.

Members are needed to step forward to assist as a co-Activity Leader with British History, Music, and for the English Conversation Group.

We will continue to update you in our monthly eNews about other volunteer opportunities, to encourage you to get involved with our Club.

As your Activity Leader Team, we are here to support you to run, or assist with running, any activity you are interested in or, better still, to assist you to introduce a new one to our Club. We would be delighted to hear from you and would very much welcome your help with any of the above activities. We are only an email away.

Our sincere thanks to Patty Taylor who is stepping down as the AL for Bible Studies; to Teresa Baggio who is stepping down as co-AL for the English Conversation group and to Kim Parkash, AL for Volunteers for Charity. Your contribution to the Club has been greatly appreciated.

We hope that the onset of autumn will bring a renewed sense of enthusiasm

and commitment to engaging even more with our wonderful Club. As KCWC is run entirely by its members, we rely on all of us to make it a success and to step-up as Activity Leaders or co-Leaders, as participants in activities, and as membership advocates.

Your ALL Team is here to assist and support you in any way we can, so please don't hesitate to contact us anytime.

Happy Autumn everyone.

Your ALL Team,

Jilly Ferrero & Kathleen Crook & Marian Vobach
activity@kcwc.org.uk

New Members' Corner



Victoria Chelini



Natalia Zavacki

With Autumn on the way, the Membership and Hospitality teams have made sure to bring back the monthly social coffee morning in exciting hotspots of London. Our first Mix'n Mingle coffee morning will take place at trendy Bondi Green on 23rd September. Join us for a hot drink, a treat and definitely a chat after a relaxing summer break. Future dates

in the calendar will be 17th October, 21st November and our favourite: a Christmas-themed coffee morning on 12th December. Save the dates, we are looking forward to seeing you there. All details are published on the website.

Do not miss out on the New Members Coffee Morning coming up this Autumn at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in Knightsbridge. Here new members are introduced to fellow new members and welcomed by Activity Leaders and Board Members. Look out for your email invitation coming soon.

Very best wishes from your Membership Team,

Victoria Chelini & Natalia Zavacki
members@kcwc.org.uk

SPECIAL EVENT

SEPTEMBER WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON

Wednesday 14 September 2022

11:00am – 2:00pm

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

It is always a fun meeting when our members reconvene after summer holidays. So this September, we invite members and guests to luncheon at The Kensington Palace Pavilion. If you haven't already discovered the charms of this elegant place, this is your opportunity. This elegant restaurant is situated in the heart of Kensington Palace's grounds, and overlooks its famous Sunken Garden.

Please book your tickets on our website without delay.

Members: £40.00

Guests: £45.00

Any queries can be directed to Maria Puleio on events@kcwc.org.uk



October General Meeting

SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday 6 October 2022

9:30am – 12:00pm

Royal Geographical Society

1 Kensington Gore SW7 2AR

GUEST SPEAKER:

**REBECCA SALTER, PRESIDENT ROYAL
ACADEMY OF ARTS**

Our October Speaker Series guest, Rebecca Salter, is the 27th and first female President of the Royal Academy of Arts in London. Founded in 1768, when architect Sir William Chambers presented to King George III a petition from 36 artists and architects desirous of a society "for the promotion of the Arts of Design", the RA began its prestigious history. The heritage the new President will advance includes oversight of a vast art collection, Royal Academy Schools, as well as the sponsorship of the famed Summer Exhibition. Premiering in 1769, this art show has taken place annually including during both World Wars. Founded to promote the first Academicians' principle to make art by everyone accessible to everyone, the Summer Exhibition has unveiled many famous, if once controversial, works.

Rebecca Salter is a British abstract artist who lives and works in London. Formerly a ceramicist, she is best known as a painter and printmaker. Her particular specialty



Rebecca Salter, President Royal Academy of Arts

is the combination of Western and Eastern traditions in Japanese woodblock printing, an art form she studied in Japan at the Kyoto City University of the Arts. Many private and public collections such as the Tate, British Museum, Yale Center for British Art, and the Yale University Art Gallery, include her works. She is an author and has been twice an artist in residence (2003/2011) at the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation, Connecticut.

KCWC is grateful to Eve Mitleton-Kelly for this introduction and programme.

November General Meeting

SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday 3 November 2022

9:30am – 12:00pm

ROSL (Royal Over-Seas League),
Over-Seas House, Park Place,
St James's Street SW1A 1LR

GUEST SPEAKER:
EMMA SOAMES

KCWC is thrilled that **Emma Soames** has accepted our invitation to speak. The granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill and Baroness Clementine Spencer-Churchill, daughter of Mary Churchill Soames, Emma has edited her mother's wartime diaries as her Literary Executive. Now in paperback, "Mary Churchill's War" is a personal insight into the monumental historic period in which Emma's mother lived.

In 1939, Mary Churchill was 17 years of age. She would witness the outbreak, progression, and conclusion of the Second World War during her father's service as First Lord of the Admiralty and later Prime Minister. Her diaries, most unpublished until now, illustrate the life of a young woman in wartime who crucially enjoyed a front row seat to the most influential figure of the era. Against a backdrop of air raid sirens at 10 Downing Street, Mary Churchill describes her experiences accompanying her father to meet dignitaries while detailing her own wartime work in the Auxiliary Territorial Service. Rich in insight yet charmingly intimate, Emma Soames has



Emma Soames

captured her mother's coming of age story and a unique portrait of war.

Emma Soames is a writer, broadcaster and columnist who has been the editor of the *Literary Review*, *Tatler*, *ES Magazine*, the *Télegraph* magazine and *Saga*. She is the second child of Mary and Christopher Soames and sister to former MP Sir Nicholas Soames.

It is an honour to welcome her to KCWC.



Calling All Techies!

WE NEED A NEW ECOMMUNICATIONS TEAM!

We have openings for **volunteers with an interest in helping out "behind the scenes"** (training will be provided):

Activity Publisher – working closely with the web manager, activity publishers assist ALs in editing and publishing their activities on the KCWC website.

eNews Manager – working closely with the web manager, the eNews manager is responsible for putting together our monthly email Newsletter and the occasional eBlast alert to our members.

KCWC Facebook Accounts Administrator – responsibilities include:

- Post KCWC General Meeting news and activity photos
- Respond to messages from non-members interested in joining the Club
- Pass on any relevant messages received in this mail box to the appropriate Activity Leaders/Board Members.

If you would like more information, please contact Claudia Marchetti, our eCommunications Manager, on ecommunications@kcwc.org.uk.

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.

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. 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 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. 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.

MOVING HOUSE?



If you have a change of address, do be sure to notify members@kcwc.org.uk.



QUESTIONS?

Please email 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

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. If your interests lie specifically in volunteering to start an activity area or help lead one, please contact activity@kcwc.org.uk.



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Official page: www.facebook.com/kwc.kwc

Twitter name: [@kewe_womensclub](https://twitter.com/kewe_womensclub)

Instagram name: [kwcWomensClub](https://www.instagram.com/kwcWomensClub)

kwc members only group:

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.

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 or annhawkins@crossing.travel.

Mobile – 07535888838

Instagram – [@CrossingTravel](https://www.instagram.com/CrossingTravel)
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.

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 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 and to take up the offer, email.membership@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, one more reason to secure a copy on your bookshelf or to offer as a present.

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 and to take up the offer, email 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.

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 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 or on +44(0)7899344348, or check out our website at 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.

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.

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 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.

For more information, please contact

Elisabetta Astolfi
Board Member for Advertising and Member Benefits Programme
benefits@kcwc.org.uk

KCWC Online Resources

WEBSITE

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

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 and members can post their own, but approval is needed directly online.

TWITTER

www.twitter.com/kcwc_womensclub

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

INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/kcwcWomensClub/

AUTUMN NEW MEMBERS COFFEE MORNING

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

**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.

Check your inbox for your email invitation. If you are a new member and have not yet received an email invitation,

please contact Vivien Matthews on marketing@kcwc.org.uk.



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), 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

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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.

NIBBLES AND DRINKS

When: Thursday 1st September, 6:15pm – 8:00pm

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

Cost: £7.50

Following the success of our regular get-togethers at Coco Momo earlier in the year, we are delighted to be hosting another evening at this popular South Kensington bar and restaurant.

We will enjoy a drink or two in the bar area, which has been reserved just for our group. The small cost will cover a selection of hot and cold sharing plates. 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.

AUTUMNAL CHELSEA PUB DINNER

When: Wednesday 19 October, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: Cadogan Arms Pub, 298 Kings Road SW3 5UG

Cost: £36.00

As the Autumn leaves appear and cooler evenings set in, there is nothing better than a classic English pub to catch up with friends. After Six is delighted to organise an evening at The Cadogan Arms Pub in the heart of Chelsea. After extensive renovations, including a hand-carved bar and mosaic tiling, the pub has been returned to its Georgian glory.

You will have a choice of two courses from seasonal, locally sourced produce, meat and fish, as well as a glass of wine. Service is included. The After Six team looks forward to welcoming you.

Antiques & Design

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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.

COLLECTING IN THE GILDED AGE: SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOULD FAMILY

When: Thursday 22 September, 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Where: Virtual lecture via Zoom

Cost: £15.00

Fans of Julian Fellowes' series, “The Gilded Age” may only recently have been introduced to the American robber barons, industrialists famed for their then obscene wealth. Few among these titans of industry, however, were known for refinement as collectors. Instead, they spent millions on flashy Newport, Rhode Island “cottages” and Manhattan townhouses wherein opulence was more important than taste. However, George Jay Gould, son of the “most hated man in America” railroad magnate Jay Gould, did create a collection of excellence later to be dispersed to a new generation of aesthetes such as Marjorie Merriwether Post. Instructed by famed taste maker Joseph Duveen, Gould became one of the first proponents of the Duveen look we will discover in this lecture.

We are thrilled to host John D Ward, head of Silver at Sotheby's NY via Zoom, recruited for this KCWC presentation after his lecture at the Wallace Collection in March.

UNSEEN LONDON – MEET THE PHOTOGRAPHER

When: Wednesday 28 September, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

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

Cost: £15.00

In 2010, London fine art and advertising photographer Dazeley photographed Battersea Power Station for a small personal project. The images from the shoot were so well received that they inspired him on his mission to record hidden London, as it stands in the twenty-first century, for future generations. His wonderful book *Unseen London* was the result. Many photographs from this book will be the last record of a disappearing world.

Come join us to learn how Dazeley's skill as a photographer and creative vision, capturing these images over four years, takes you backstage at some of the capital's greatest temples of sport, into the heart of the Establishment, the boiler room of the city's infrastructure, and behind the scenes at some of the most opulent buildings in the Square Mile. This is Dazeley's favourite lecture and he promises to inform and delight us.

PS: This lecture has been specifically scheduled for your convenience to grab a quick lunch after Art History, and stay for Antiques and Design. Make it a KCWC artsy day!

VISIT TO CHARLESTON FARMHOUSE

When: Wednesday 19 October, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Where: Charleston Farmhouse, Firle, Lewes, Sussex BN8 6LL

Cost: £25.00

Charleston Farmhouse is a property in Lewes, East Sussex. It was the home of artists Vanessa Bell (the sister of Virginia Woolf) and Duncan Grant, and is associated with the Bloomsbury set. The house is an example of the creative and decorative style of the era within a domestic context. The group visit will consist of a tour of the house and the current exhibition, followed by refreshments. Arrangements for travel to the venue are at your own discretion.

WARTSKI

When: Wednesday 2 November, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Where: Wartski, 60 St James's Street SW1A 1LE

Cost: £25.00

Founded in North Wales in 1865, Wartski specialises in Russian works of art, particularly by Carl Fabergé. They also sell exquisite jewellery by such famous names as Cartier, Boucheron and Falize. The company has Royal connections responsible for making the Welsh gold wedding rings for Prince William and Kate Middleton. Thomas Holman, Director of Wartski, will provide a tour of the shop, showing a selection of treasures from their sales, which are not on display, and allowing us the opportunity to handle the more robust pieces. This is an early evening activity and we will be offered a glass of champagne as a welcome to our soirée.

TOUR OF THE REFORM CLUB

When: Monday 7 November, 10:30am – 11:30am

Where: The Reform Club, 104 Pall Mall SW1Y 5EW

Cost: £20.00

Built by Charles Barry and inspired by Italian Renaissance architecture, The Reform Club was founded in 1836 and is a private members club on the south side of Pall Mall. As its name suggests, the Club was created in reaction to the Conservatives and was a

place for progressive ideas for liberal Whig and Radical membership. Initially an all male membership, the Club finally permitted women to join on equal terms in 1981. Today, it is no longer associated with any political party and is purely a social club.

This will be a one hour guided tour by a member of staff. The dress code does not permit jeans or trainers and the taking of photographs is not allowed.

SMALL MUSEUMS OF THE WORLD – THE GREEN VAULT

When: Wednesday 23 November, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: Virtual lecture via Zoom

Cost: £15.00

Have you ever been on holiday and spotted a museum about which you knew very little but didn't have time to explore? Well KCWC Antiques and Design has solved your problem with this our shared BADA series – a winter Zoom travelogue of four lectures (priced individually) taking you to some of the smallest jewel like collections. Join the charming and knowledgeable Nicholas Merchant as we explore some treasures in multiple cities world wide.

We will start in Dresden with the Green Vault. Located in the Residential Palace, the Green Vault is a baroque "fairy kingdom" chock full of treasures and itself a work of art. Open to the public for almost 300 years, it belonged to the Saxon elector, duke and later Polish King August the Strong who built it between 1723–30 with the aim of sharing his most valuable treasures with the public. Today the museum showcases the historical Green Vault rooms in all their Baroque splendour but also new gallery space where individual pieces are ingeniously displayed for particular examination.

Come meet us virtually in Dresden!

SMALL MUSEUMS OF THE WORLD – THE GERMANISCHES

When: Wednesday 7 December, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: Virtual lecture via Zoom

Cost: £15.00

Following on from Nicholas Merchant and BADA's first in our series of Small Museums of the World, this month we travel virtually to Nuremberg. We will learn about the fascinating collections of the Germanisches National Museum.

Dedicated to the culture and history of the Germanic peoples and German speaking regions, the Germanisches has no shortage of excellent patrimony on which to draw. Whether it be furniture, decorative arts, armour, etchings, paintings and sculpture, all are on display from the medieval era through to the 21st century. Join Nicholas as he takes us on a Zoom visit through the galleries and we discover the wealth of beauty in this regional museum.

WOODCHESTER MANSION – AN UNFINISHED MASTERPIECE

When: Wednesday 14 December, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: Virtual lecture via Zoom

Cost: £15.00

Yet again, KCWC Antiques and Design is indebted to our friends at the BADA Trust for allowing us to join their Zoom lecture. Woodchester Mansion is a unique Grade 1 listed Victorian Gothic house hidden in a beautiful Cotswold valley. Designed by Benjamin Bucknall, a young local architect, Woodchester reveals his talent for blending local traditional work in limestone with the ideas of the French architectural thinker Viollet-le-Duc. The building was started in 1857 with construction stopped in the mid 1860's leaving floors and ceilings missing, walls unplastered, and windows unglazed. The result is a practical guide to the steps of country house construction.

Join Dr. Liz Davenport as she uncovers the secrets of this amazing building.

READING PORTRAITS: DECODING DRESS, DEPARTMENT AND DECOR IN OLD MASTER ART – CO-LISTED WITH ART HISTORY

When: Wednesday 11 January 2023, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

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

Cost: £30.00

Explore sartorial signals from Old Master European portraits. Nowhere was dress more important than in the European courts, where it could be a passport to success. In this richly illustrated lecture, we will examine the meanings encoded in European portraits ranging from the 1530s to the 19th century. From Holbein's large and miniature portrayals to ladies and gentlemen depicted on the Grand Tour, we will consider how clothing offered clues to status. The Rococo clothing of Madame de Pompadour will be evaluated to determine how she and her artists controlled her image. We will end with a consideration of Ingres' masterful depiction of Mme Moitessier.

Our lecturer, Jacqui Ansell, obtained her MA in History of Dress from the Courtauld Institute and tutors at Christie's Education.

SMALL MUSEUMS OF THE WORLD – MUSÉE NISSIM DE CAMONDO, PARIS

When: Wednesday 11 January 2023, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: Virtual lecture via Zoom

Cost: £15.00

In this, lecture three in our series with BADA and Nicholas Merchant on small museums of the world, we start the New Year in Paris – what could be better than that! Our virtual stop is the Musée Nissim de Camondo, a jewel like collection housed in the home of the collector.

Oriented to restore appreciation for the decorative arts of the 18th and 19th centuries, the museum is the culmination of the passion of two families – Cahen d'Anvers and Moise de Camondo – for the Ancien Regime. We will also discover how elegant life could be in that period between WW1 and 2 for the modern bourgeoisie as exhibited in the collections lovingly assembled to highlight the unique style that is the French way of life.

SMALL MUSEUMS OF THE WORLD – KROLLER MULLER

When: Wednesday 15 February 2023, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: Virtual lecture via Zoom

Cost: £15.00

Well it has been a glorious and easy voyage from Dresden to Nuremberg, Paris and now Otterlo in the Netherlands for our final series with BADA and Nicholas Merchant exploring small museum collections. In the land of canals and cheese, wooden shoes and windmills, we will discover there is much more to Dutch culture. This is the country that can claim Rembrandt and van Gogh – so many treasures await us for discovery in this collection.

The world's finest assemblage of works by van Gogh is, not surprisingly, housed in the walls of this museum. These are accompanied as well by other modern artists from Monet to Seurat, Picasso to Mondrian. A famed sculpture garden as well as a gallery featuring decorative arts/architecture masters from De Stijl and futurism ensure we will complete our virtual museum tour on a high.

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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.

PATHS TO IMPRESSIONISM

When: Wednesday 28 September, 10:00am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £30.00

Jo Rhymer, one of our most popular lecturers, will be presenting a series of four lectures over the next three months on different aspects of Impressionism. All are stand-alone but together will cover new and varied territory. Experimental painting technique and unconventional subject matter are often associated with Impressionism.

In this first session we will see audacious works by the Realist painter, Gustave Courbet, whose images of modern life influenced the Impressionist generation. We will look again at Eduard Manet's iconic work, *Olympia*, to consider the model, *Laure*, and to discuss Manet's relationship to Impressionism. And we will discuss paintings by Frédéric Bazille (1841–1870), whose life was tragically cut short by the Franco-Prussian War, but whose works provide fascinating insights into the early Impressionist period.

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LONDON IMPRESSIONS: MONET AND PISSARRO

When: Wednesday 12 October, 10:00am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £30.00

In the second of Jo Rhymer's lectures, we will consider the importance of the Thames for Monet, and the Crystal Palace vicinity for Pissarro. We will discuss the impact of London on both artists. How might we relate Pissarro's works in London with those he made in France during the 1870s? We will also discuss Monet's return to the Thames later in his career. How might his fascination with London's famous river have inspired Fauvism?

CONVENTION AND INVENTION – MORISOT, GONZALÈS, CASSATT: WOMEN PAINTERS WITH A DIFFERENCE

When: Wednesday 26 October, 10:00am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £30.00

In the late 19th Century, unlike their male counterparts, respectable women were not at liberty to wander the streets, bars and cafés of Paris to discover modern motifs for painting. Despite these restrictions, Berthe Morisot, Eva Gonzalès and Mary Cassatt created dynamic depictions of modern life.

In her third lecture on Impressionism, Jo Rhymer will look closely at a small selection of works to consider what makes these works outstanding exemplars of modern art. Our discussion will include the innovative brushstrokes of Morisot, Gonzalès' ambitious response to Manet, and Cassatt's fascination with Japanese prints.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: CÉZANNE AT THE TATE

When: Thursday 10 November, 10:00am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £30.00

"With an apple, I will astonish Paris", Cézanne once claimed. Leaving his native Aix-en-Provence for the French capital in his 20s, this is precisely what he did. Cézanne's still lifes, landscapes and paintings of bathers were to give licence to generations of artists to break the rulebook. The history of painting was never to be the same again. Today Cézanne's work is universally admired but success came late in his career. Why is Paul Cézanne now considered to be a pioneer of modern painting and how does his work relate to Impressionism? In her fourth lecture, Jo Rhymer will discuss the significance of Cézanne's work in the development of a new pictorial language.

READING PORTRAITS: DECODING DRESS, DEPORTMENT AND DECOR IN OLD MASTER ART – CO-LISTED WITH ANTIQUES & DESIGN

When: Wednesday 11 January 2023, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

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

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Our lecturer, Jacqui Ansell, obtained her MA in History of Dress from the Courtauld Institute and tutors at Christie's Education.

Asian Culture

Activity leader:

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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.

Bark in the Park

Activity leader:

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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.

Bible Study

Activity leader:

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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.

Book Group

Activity leader:

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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.

THE LITTLE COFFEE SHOP OF KABUL BY DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ

When: Monday 19 September, 1:00pm – 3:30pm

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

Cost: Your own tab

Join us for lunch to discuss *The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul*, by Deborah Rodriguez. In a little coffee shop in one of the most dangerous places on earth, five very different women come together: Sunny, the proud proprietor, who needs an ingenious plan – and fast – to keep her café and customers safe; Yazmina, a young pregnant woman stolen from her remote village and now abandoned on Kabul's violent streets; Candace, a wealthy American who has finally left her husband for her Afghan lover, the enigmatic Wakil; Isabel, a determined journalist with a secret that might keep her from the biggest story of her life; And Halajan, the 60-year-old mother, whose long hidden love affair breaks all the rules.

As these five women discover that there's more to one another than meets the eye, they form a unique bond that will forever change their lives and the lives of many others.

Bridge

Activity leader:

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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.

British History

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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.

Café Society

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Catarina Granryd

CAFÉ SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

When: Monday 12 September, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Where: Claridge's Hotel, Brook Street W1K 4HR

Cost: Your own tab

We are very excited to invite you to our September event, a coffee morning held at Claridge's. Since 1850, Claridge's Hotel has excelled at the finer things in life. Set in the heart of Mayfair, Claridge's is an art deco icon and is the epitome of timeless elegance.

Amanda and Catarina invite you to come and meet up with other members for some great conversation, delicious coffee or a drink of your choice (your own tab) in these wonderful surroundings.

Please register your interest by booking a free ticket on our website.

Classical Music & Opera

Activity leader:

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Contemporary Art

Activity leader:

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We visit contemporary art galleries and exhibitions 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. Please keep checking our website and eNews for the latest activities.

Country Walks

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Stephanie Guyett

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

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

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.

HASLEMERE CIRCULAR WALK

When: Wednesday 21 September, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Meeting point to be confirmed to registered participants.

Cost: £25.00 (train tickets and lunch tab not included)

Join Catherine Ames for a walking tour (approximately 8.7 miles) through National Trust land with a climb up the Black Down in the morning, and a walk through gentle woods in the afternoon. You will see mixed woods with blackberries and bluebells and heathlands of bracken, gorse, heather and bilberry, with fine views from Black Down (280 metres/919 feet), the highest point in both Sussex and the South Downs National Park. Before lunch, the view from the Temple of the Winds, is spectacular. In Tudor and Stuart times, Haslemere was a centre for the iron industry. With the coming of the railway in the mid nineteenth century it became a popular spot for literary people. The poet Tennyson's house, Aldworth, is on the slopes of Black Down where he loved to walk; and George Eliot wrote *Middlemarch* in Shottermill. We will have lunch at The Red Lion in Fernhurst.

Travel details and pub menu will be provided to participants closer to date; registrants should plan on an all-day event, meeting at 9:00am or so at London Bridge train station, and returning to London Bridge station by 5:00pm or so.

BALCOMBE TO EAST GRINSTEAD

When: Wednesday 19 October, 9:00am – 6:00pm

Where: Meeting point to be confirmed to registered participants.

Cost: £25.00 (train tickets and lunch tab not included)

This walking tour (approximately 10 miles) with Catherine Ames starts in the old village of Balcombe, passes Balcombe House, and then goes through the woods and by the lake of Balcombe Estate, up to a farm to reach the National Trust gardens and Tudor mansion at Wakehurst Place around mid-morning. Wakehurst has a manor house and large landscaped gardens. From there, the route passes through further woods to the Priest House Museum, Norman church and West Hoathly, the second highest point in Sussex. We will have lunch at The Cat Inn in West Hoathley. The Cat Inn once had a tunnel under it, which a past murderer is said to have used to reach the pub for refuge. There is a well under one of the rooms, which can be seen through a circular glass panel in the floor.

After lunch, the route is through Giffards Wood then past the Stone Farm climbing rocks (sandstone rocks formed from the bodies of plants and invertebrates, and used as shelters in mesolithic and neolithic times), leading to the shoreline of the Weir Wood Reservoir and nature reserve (home to the great crested grebe, heron and osprey) finally reaching the station via a walk along a stream and fields that mark the outer edges of East Grinstead.

Travel details and pub menu will be provided to participants closer to date. Registrants should plan on an all-day event, meeting at 9:00am or so at Victoria Station and returning to London around 6:00pm.

BOX HILL CIRCULAR

When: Wednesday 2 November, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Meeting point to be confirmed to registered participants.

Cost: £25.00 (train tickets and lunch tab not included)

This is a short but hilly walking tour (approximately 7 miles) with Catherine Ames. A couple of short cardio uphill in the morning up to Box Hill (views!) and White Hill before lunch at the King William IV pub in the pretty hamlet of Mickelham. After lunch, the walk will be through gentle fields.

The route starts by crossing the River Mole on stepping stones before going steeply up steps on the North Downs Way to the top of Box Hill to enjoy views out over the valley. The route then follows Box and Yew woods before you drop down Juniper Top, which also enjoys fine views. Walking poles come in handy on this walk.

Travel details and pub menu will be provided to participants closer to date. Registrants should plan on an all-day event, meeting at 9:00am or so at Victoria Station and returning to London around 5:00pm.

COULSDON TO WHYTELEAFE WITH VISIT TO CHALDON CHURCH

When: Thursday 17 November, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Where: Meeting point to be confirmed to registered participants.

Cost: £25.00 (train tickets and lunch tab not included)

Considering that it starts within the boundaries of London, this walking tour (approximately 6 miles) with Catherine Ames passes through some remarkably unspoilt countryside. Farthing Down, Kenley Common, Riddlesdown and Coulsdon Commons are all ancient

grazing lands, lovingly preserved as part of the London Greenbelt and offering a delightful series of woods and open spaces. In autumn it is a riot of golden colour. Lunch will be at The Fox in Caterham.

Travel details and pub menu will be provided to participants closer to date. Registrants should plan on an all-day event, meeting at 9:00am or so at London Bridge and returning to London by 4:00pm or so.

Creative Arts

Activity leader:

Amanda Thompson

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.

Dancing Together

Activity leader:

Elisabetta Astolfi

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Dear Ladies, dancing has become such a popular way to be active and keep fit. It is an activity that has a wide range of physical and mental benefits.

Dancing can improve your muscle tone, strength, endurance, and fitness. Furthermore 'Dancing Together' is a great way to meet new friends.

There are many styles of dance we will choose from, each with its own appeal.

We will be active soon, after a long break due to an unprecedented health issue from which I'm working hard towards recovery.

Please check our website regularly for updates.

Empty Nesters

Activity leader:

Rachel Le Vay Kriger

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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.

Evening Speaker Series

Activity leader:

Bee Robb

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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.

COCKTAIL PARTY AT CHRISTIE'S – CO-LEAD WITH SPECIAL EVENTS

When: Wednesday 21 September, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: Christie's, 8 King Street SW1Y 6QT

Cost: £15.00

The company of KCWC members is requested to join the celebratory cocktail party hosted by The Countess Bathurst and her committee for the launch of the National Foundation for Retired Service Animals (NFRSA). The evening, by kind permission of The Chairman and Directors of Christie's, will introduce attendees to the work of the newly established NFRSA. Formal invitations will be sent upon registration (by booking your tickets on our website) for this fabulous well attended event where many Ambassadors for the Foundation (known to us through our TV screens) are to meet with guests to share their enthusiasm for establishing a caring retirement for loyal animals after their years of service in the public sector.

A chance to enjoy a formal party in a historic setting with The Countess's guests and KCWC members as many return to London after the summer break. We are so excited this outstanding event has been introduced to us and co-ordinated by KCWC members Alice McCaire and Susan Jahanshahi.

We look forward to seeing you then! Guests welcomed. Please book your tickets on our website.

AN EVENING AT BEULAH SW1 – WOMEN'S LUXURYWEAR WITH A SOCIAL CONSCIENCE

When: Tuesday 27 September, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Where: Beulah London, 77 Elizabeth Street SW1W 9PJ

Cost: £8.00

Beulah London welcome KCWC members for a private evening event, with wine and soft drinks, at their beautiful Belgravia boutique. We shall hear how ten years ago the two young women founders of this brand determined to combine the fabulous and very feminine design aesthetic with the Beulah mission. In their business they have created a vehicle to provide meaningful employment to vulnerable and previously trafficked women. By incorporating weaving, embroidery and printing techniques that are specific to certain regions in India into their collections, they are able to provide a sustainable livelihood with a brighter future to local women.

Come and enjoy the collection, try on your favourite designs in the newly refurbished boutique, and hear more of the Beulah story. Guests welcomed.

Foodies

Activity leaders:

Maria Puleio 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.

Glorious Gardens

Activity leader:

Norma Benedetti gloriousgardens@kcwc.org.uk

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

EXPLORING THE GARDENS OF LEGAL LONDON

When: Tuesday 20 September, 11:15am – 1:15pm

Where: Meeting point to be confirmed to registered participants.

Cost: £17.00

Join our guide Anne-Marie Craven for this private guided tour of the gated gardens of the Inns of Court of London.

This is an area of central London little known other than to the professionals working there, and yet, it is so full of history and anecdotes. Quaint old buildings hide a warren of paths, secret passageways and exquisite, landscaped and quiet gardens, just a stone's throw away from bustling Fleet Street. The tour promises to be a revelation for everyone.

Non-member guests are welcome.

Golf

Activity leader:

OPEN 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.

Hospitality

Activity leaders:

Mix'n Mingle Natalia Zavacki members@kcwc.org.uk
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Happy Hours Elisabetta Astolfi hospitality2@kcwc.org.uk

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.

MIX'N MINGLE COFFEE MORNING

When: Monday 17 October, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Where: Venue details will be published in our eNews and on our website soon

Cost: Your own tab

As the temperatures cool down, come join us for a hot drink. Our monthly coffee morning will take place in a beautiful location.

MIX'N MINGLE COFFEE MORNING

When: Monday 21 November, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Where: Venue details will be published in our eNews and on our website soon

Cost: Your own tab

Meet us for our November coffee morning edition in another exciting location of London.

MIX'N MINGLE COFFEE MORNING

When: Monday 12 December, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Where: Venue details will be published in our eNews and on our website soon

Cost: Your own tab

Our Christmas coffee morning edition will be a special one indeed. Join us for delicious hot drinks and pastries in a quaint London cafe, soon to be confirmed.

HOSPITALITY HAPPY HOUR

Dear Ladies, our Cocktail Hour is a most refined pleasure. It is that breather after working hours or family commitments. It is a time to unwind, to refresh the mind and ready oneself for the next duties. I trust you are now relaxing in, hopefully, a beautiful holiday destination and I'm looking forward to relaxing together back in London in September.

Please check our website for our next unique get-together location.

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 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 20 September; 4 and 18 October; 1, 15 and 29 November; 13 December, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Where: A member's home/TBC upon registration

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: Wednesdays 12 and 26 October; 9 and 23 November; 7 and 21 December and 11 January, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Where: In a member's home. Address provided to registered participants one week before the meeting

Cost: None

ITALIAN CONVERSATION

This activity is looking for an Activity Leader. If you would like to help out, please reach out to the Activity Leader Liaison team on activity@kcwc.org.uk.

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

London Walks

Activity leader:

Geneviève Sentier londonwalks@kcwc.org.uk

ROYAL RICHMOND

When: Monday 12 September, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Where: Richmond Station, The Quadrant TW9 2NA

Cost: £22.00

Situated on the Thames with London's oldest surviving bridge, Richmond has a rich and royal history to discover, including the remains of Richmond Palace, the favourite home of Elizabeth I and where she died. Nearby are the majestic Richmond Theatre, one of the best surviving examples by Frank Matcham, and the historic passageways Little Lanes (home to excellent chocolate). With the Terrace Gardens, the protected iconic view from Richmond Hill, and riverside walkways, this is a gentle and picturesque walk. Join our Blue Badge Guide Rachel Kolsky for this visit, which will start outside Richmond Station and in Central Richmond, within easy reach of everything.

RADICALS AND REFORMERS: BLOOMSBURY

When: Monday 19 September, 10:00am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £22.00

Our Blue Badge guide, Muriel Carre, will take us from square to square in one of London's most elegant Georgian neighbourhoods, but you will soon discover that there is much more to Bloomsbury than its rows of neo-classical terraces and its leafy gardens. Bloomsbury has been home to many a progressive cause: social reformers, avant-garde artists, supporters of female education and suffrage, radical philosophers, economists and academics, pacifists and conscientious objectors, not to mention the famous "Bloomsbury Group" have all lived here. Come and discover the Bloomsbury residents who thought outside the box!

SOUTH KENSINGTON: THE VICTORIANS INSIDE AND OUT

When: Monday 10 October, 10:00am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £22.00

Come and immerse yourself in a world of opulence, ornament, self-righteousness, and self-confidence. Join the Victorians of South Kensington.

The stuccoes and gabled facades of South Kensington exude wealth and opulence, but did you know that this part of London is relatively new? We owe its development to the Victorians who turned a westerly village into a cultural hub and a leafy residential district in the second half of the nineteenth century. Come and discover the Victorians inside and out: their architecture, their aesthetics, their values and their morals, from the Albert Memorial to the V&A Museum.

COVENT GARDEN BEHIND THE SCENES

Monday 24 October, 10:30am – 12:00pm

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

Cost: £22.00

Covent Garden as you have never seen it: come and discover its low life, high life and night life with Muriel Carre, our blue Badge Guide. Covent Garden is much, much more than trendy shops, street performers and London's most beautiful Christmas tree. Come and discover the many lives of this historic neighbourhood. We'll learn about the ups and downs of what used to be the "convent's garden": its colourful inhabitants – aristocrats, actors, singers, pimps and prostitutes, flower sellers, to name but a few – and its famous and secret landmarks – pubs and inns, coffee houses, theatres, gin dens, churches, and courtyards.

MURALS, MOSAICS, HABS AND HITCHCOCK: HOXTON

When: Monday 31 October, 10:30am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £22.00

Blue Badge Guide Rachel Kolsky will take us through Hoxton. Often overlooked as one of London's more down-at-heel neighbourhoods, Hoxton is actually a delight, being home to the terracotta exuberance of the Alexandra Dining Rooms, mosaics and tiling showcasing the history of the area, philanthropy in the form of libraries, schools and missions, film locations, an adorable sculpture by Stik, a curiously shaped hotel and Hoxton Hall, one of

London's few remaining authentic music halls. The tour ends beside Shoreditch Park at Gainsborough Studios, now flats, but once Hitchcock's workplace.

*Habs is short for Haberdashers School, originally established in Hoxton.

SECRET ALLEYWAYS OF THE CITY

When: Tuesday 8 November, 10:00am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £22.00

A different way to walk around the City of London. With Emma, *LearnArtery* guide who is also an official City of London Guide, a member of the City of London Guides Lecturer's Association and an Associate Member Of The Institute Of Tourist Guiding (Green Badge), we will explore the City of London's alleys, snickeways and secret courtyards. She will entertain you with many fascinating tales and introduce you to numerous unforgettable characters that have lived and worked within the most powerful square mile in the world. Her depth of knowledge and passion for the City of London will make this a unique, fascinating, and enjoyable experience.

PADDINGTON: MUCH MORE THAN A BEAR!

When: Monday 14 November, 10:30am – 12:00pm

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

Cost: £22.00

Paddington is changing fast: come and discover the new face of this canal-side neighbourhood with Blue Badge guide Muriel Carre. The area of Paddington has been abuzz with cranes and drills for more than a decade now and it has changed beyond recognition. Where else in London do mallards and moorhens glide along electric and paddle boats? More surprises in store for you in the world's oldest transport hub where a canal, a Grade I listed train station, the oldest underground station, and the brand-new Elizabeth Line converge around grass amphitheatres, roll bridges, a famous hospital, and a historic church. This is the new London, hectic, multicultural, noisy, a mix of old and new, ugly and beautiful. And yes, we will also meet a bear from darkest Peru!

HYDE PARK CORNER: A CELEBRATION OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON WITH ASPLEY HOUSE VISIT

When: Friday 25 November, 10:30am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £33.00

Discover what is hiding behind the most visible traffic island in London!

Number 1, London: the address is easy to remember, the site is unmissable – who has never driven past Hyde Park Corner? And the house is full of invaluable treasures. Together with Blue Badge Guide Muriel Carre, we will relive the great Napoleonic epic story and explore the house of the victor, the imperious Duke of Wellington. We will talk about battles won and lost, statues and horses, wives and mistresses, not to mention the treasures that fill

that historic house: sumptuous old master paintings, beautiful silver services and sets of porcelain, and also some rather more surprising curios. And frankly, who could resist the temptation of seeing Napoleon naked? Come and join us at Hyde Park Corner for an unforgettable morning of discoveries.

POWDER BLUE: EAST OF KING'S CROSS

When: Monday 28 November, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Where: King's Cross St Pancras Station Taxi Rank, near the Pret Kiosk, Euston Road N1 9AL

Cost: £22.00

Blue Badge guide Rachel Kolsky will take you further afield, but still close to the fabulous Kings Cross St Pancras redevelopments, to explore the areas immortalised in powder blue on the Monopoly Board. This walk along the Euston and Pentonville Roads ends at Angel Islington, bringing you fascinating tales including clowns, one of London's best loved rep cinemas, the pioneering work of Anna Freud, innovative 1950s social housing, fabulous squares and Lenin's lodgings.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRAIL BY NIGHT

When: Monday 5 December, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

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

Cost: £25.00

Put on your warmest coat and gloves and woolen hat and get into the spirit of Christmas by joining this sparkling and fun-filled Yuletide walking tour. Together we will discover London at its prettiest, when the streets are bedecked with decorations ranging from classic to fancy or to downright garish. The walk will be an opportunity to hear new fact-filled tales about London and its people. The exact itinerary in central London will be communicated to the participants nearer to the date of the walk. Come and take part in the festive season and discover London under the mistletoe!

Mahjong Mornings

Activity leader:

Amanda Stanton

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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 registration (by purchasing a ticket on our website), **by noon the Friday prior 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 ensure you book a ticket (on our website) for each date you wish to attend.

MAHJONG MORNINGS – SEPTEMBER

When: Mondays 5, 12, 19 and 26 September, 10:30am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £8.00

MAHJONG MORNINGS – OCTOBER

When: Mondays 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 October, 10:30am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £8.00

MAHJONG MORNINGS – NOVEMBER

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

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

Cost: £8.00

MAHJONG MORNINGS – DECEMBER

When: Mondays 5 and 12 December, 10:30am – 12:30pm

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

Cost: £8.00

Passion for Fashion

Activity leader:

Barbara Welch

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Please keep checking our eNews and website for upcoming events.

Study of Buddhism

Activity leader:

Veronica Wetten

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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.

Techy Teas

Activity leader:

Virginia Beaulac

techyteas@kcwc.org.uk

Please keep checking our website and eNews for upcoming events.

TECHY TEAS

When: Wednesday 21 September, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Where: A member's home in W1

Cost None

Join us for an afternoon of learning to use our iPhones to take better photos, edit photos, scan documents and organise our emails, notes and photos to ease their access.

Tennis

Activity leader:

Kathleen Crook

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.

Theatre

Activity leaders:

Viola Hindley

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.

THE CRUCIBLE AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE

When: Tuesday 18 October, 7:30pm – 10:30pm

Where: The National Theatre, Upper Ground SE1 9PX

Cost £68.00

Brendan Cowell and Erin Doherty (*The Crown*) star in a major new revival of Arthur Miller's weighty epic. Raised to be seen and not heard, a group of young women suddenly find their words have a terrible power. As a climate of fear spreads through the community, private vendettas fuel public accusations and soon the truth itself is on trial.

Arthur Miller's gripping parable of power and its abuse is directed at the Olivier by NT regular, Lyndsey Turner.

Please book your ticket on our website. There is also the option to join our pre-theatre dinner (your own tab), please also book this option on our website.

GOOD AT THE HAROLD PINTER THEATRE

When: Tuesday 22 November, 7:30pm – 10:30pm

Where: The Harold Pinter Theatre, Panton Street SW1Y 4DN

Cost £90.00

Professor John Halder is a 'good' man. But 'good' men must adapt to survive.

As the world faces its Second World War, Halder finds himself pulled into a movement with unthinkable consequences.

David Tennant returns to the West End alongside Elliot Levey and Sharon Small in this powerful and timely reimaging of C.P. Taylor's acclaimed play, directed by Olivier Award-winner Dominic Cooke.

Please book your ticket on our website. There is also the option to join our pre-theatre dinner (your own tab), please also book this option on our website.

MANDELA AT THE YOUNG VIC

When: Tuesday 31 January, 2023, 7:30pm – 10:30pm

Where: The Young Vic, 66 The Cut SE1 8LZ

Cost £55.00

A new musical that tells the story of Mandela the man and Mandela the movement. Infused with the rhythms and spirit of South Africa, *Mandela* shines a light on the South African people's courageous fight for their liberation. It is a story of determination, hope and how the world rallied to free him and his people.

Please book your ticket on our website. There is also the option to join our pre-theatre dinner (your own tab), please also book this option on our website.

Travel Group

Activity leaders:

Ellen Shapiro

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Monica Pignal

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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.

Volunteers for Charity

Activity leader:

Kim Parkash 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

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

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.

Wine Society

Activity leader:

OPEN wine@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.

Yoga

Activity leader:

Barbara Welch 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

Bible Study, English Conversation, Italian Conversation, Hospitality, Wine Society, 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.

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Bowes Museum

We are to stay for three nights at the 17th century Headlam Hall in County Durham, recommended by the *Sunday Times* as “one of the 100 finest places to stay in England”

For full details of the programme, please see my website www.aspectevents.co.uk

- Bowes Museum, built by a disinherited aristocrat in French Chateau style
- The Mechanical Silver Swan, talk by one of the trustees
- Visit to the premier regional auctioneer, Tennants.
- 2 talks; The Royal Collection; the Reign of Elizabeth II and The Royal Jewels.



I have “met” many of you during my series of talks on behalf of the Friends of the British Antique Dealers Association, so now I shall be able to meet you face to face.

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