More for Less.

2010 looks like being another good year. However, we will all have to do more on less money!

I wrote in the last newsletter that our funding grant from Mole Valley District Council could be cut back. This has duly happened, and we will receive £2,000 in the coming financial year, for which we are very grateful, as opposed to £2,863. This cutback has serious consequences for the Arts Forum. We either reduce the scale of the grants by half, or we find savings. Following discussion with the Executive Committee, the obvious solution is to stop printing this newsletter (saving £1500 a year), and make an electronic version that is posted on the website (for downloading or printing).

Therefore, this edition will be the last we shall print en masse. In future we will circulate all members who have given us email addresses, with the advice that the newsletter has been put on the website. They can then cascade the information to their own members. The few individual members who do not have access to a computer, can be provided with a hard copy, if they contact our Secretary, Meike Laurensen 01737 3248909.

We are very sorry that the Arts Forum has had to do this, but in the current difficult financial circumstances, we believe that you will support us in this action, which ensures we can still provide small grants.

May I remind you that the closing date for the next round of applications for Mole Valley Arts Forum grants is 1 June 2010, for events in July to December 2010.

Graham Aslet - Arts Forum Chair

Using Social Networks?

Barton’s Bookshop now has a fans page on Facebook and recently won a prize from Leatherhead and District Chamber of Commerce for its marketing. How many of us use “Social Networks” like Barton’s do? We all need to understand and perhaps use them. I’m organising a seminar on the subject on 10 June at Dorking Halls for business and arts organisations – do call me for more information.

But not all things change – we still have two fantastic festivals in this quarter (Leith Hill Musical Festival and Leatherhead Drama Festival), that are sure to please, and, Forbidden Planet, DDOS’s (Dorking Dramatic Operatic Society) big show in March was once again truly memorable!

Caroline Salmon, Editor 01306 743 403

Beat in Easter!

Tuesday 13 April is Taiko drumming day at Dorking Halls. The workshops are split: 7-11 year olds 10-noon, and 11-14 yr olds from 2-4pm, but they both introduce Taiko drumming and give an insight into Japanese culture, rhythm, movement and teamwork and then finish with a short informal performance for family and friends! Well worth a fiver!

Tickets from 01306 881 717

Be Prepared!

Rampant Rooster Morris dancers are ironing their hankies, polishing their sticks and tuning their bells in preparation for the Summer season which officially starts on May Day at dawn (5am). Dozens of dancers and musicians will “dance in” the summer at the view point on top of Box Hill. The Roosters and other groups will perform for an hour or so, mostly for the joy of it, but also to entertain a small but enthusiastic audience of early risers! May Day is a Saturday – will they see you there?

www.rampantroostermorris.co.uk
Spring Art Class Programme
Richard Waldron holds Art Classes (10 people max) on Wednesday Afternoons 2.30 – 5pm, from April to July, except during open Studios, in Pixham Lane, Dorking. Students improve their techniques and skills in drawing and painting in a sociable and creative atmosphere. Practical work is complemented by lively discussion. £30 for 10 classes.
Contact: richard.waldron@yahoo.co.uk

Join YAPs (Young Ashtead Players)?
Ashtead Players are launching YAPs, Young Ashtead Players, for 12-18 yr olds. Anyone interested should contact Sue Hawkesfield on 01372 279614 www.ashteadplayers.org.uk.

Calling Artistic Directors
Open to all painters, regardless of experience, the group welcomes new members and meets every Monday evening – July at St. Giles Church Hall, Ashtead. Painting evenings and demonstrations are organised for the members. Contact: Jan Cheeseman 01372 272987

Summer Holiday Fun in Dorking Halls
Cheerleading - Tuesday 27 July 2010, 10am – 12pm
An energetic workshop based on the cheerleading style seen at US football and baseball games. Dance and gymnastic moves combine with chanting and ‘cheering’. No experience necessary. Pom-poms provided, bring your own smiles!

Circus Skills for 11-18 yr olds Wednesday 28 – Friday 30 July 2010, 10am – 4pm
Professional performers, teach skills like acrobalance, trapeze, unicycling and juggling. Invited audiences will see you perform at the end of the last day. High quality workshops with a range of practitioners from different back grounds. Details from sandie.sharp@surreycc.gov.uk 01483 519 285

Concertgoers season concludes
Two events are left on this season’s Concertgoers programme at Dorking Halls. 10 April the London Conchord Ensemble perform Beethoven’s ‘Halls. 10 April the London Conchord Ensemble perform Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony. 15 May expect a virtuoso performance by Victoria Sayles, on her violin by the great Italian Maker of the 18th century, B.B. Readi. They are also performing Schubert’s Trout Quintet. Tickets £10 concessions £8. For more information, see page at www.ashteadplayers.org.uk.

Busy times for Ashtead Players
Ashtead Players are busy putting the edge on “the Edge”, for the Leatherhead Drama Festival on Tuesday 11 May, where they hope to gain the Richard Houghton Award for Outstanding Contribution again! They are launching YAPs, Young Ashtead Players, for 12-18 yr olds, AND ‘The Killing of Sister George’ by Frank Marcus will be showing on 21-24 April at the Peace Memorial Hall. The play, best known for the film version starring Beryl Reid, is a comedy about a fictional character in a popular radio serial about English village life, who is to be killed off to boost the falling audience ratings. It is guaranteed to be both funny and poignant. Tickets at £10 (concessions £8) from 01377 640552.

Get that Leith Hill Festival Feeling
There’s something very special about The Leith Hill Musical Festival. It has been running since 1905 as a wonderful community event that’s hard to find words to describe. You just need to be there to feel it! This three-day competitive festival just after Easter attracts choirs to sing at set pieces, extracts from major works and a song of their own choice. Many feel the festival buzz but people attending the afternoon rehearsals can do so for just £2. Others save money by buying season tickets to attend the evenings full concert performances with a professional orchestra and soloists, when the prizes are presented from the morning’s competition. The full list of music is on the back page.

May Bank Holiday Art
The Dorking Group of Artists are holding their Spring Exhibition over the May Bank Holiday weekend at Betchworth Village Hall, Station Road, Betchworth. They will be showing a lively display of about 300 pieces of new and original art work by local artists. A high standard of work will be on sale, including traditional and contemporary pieces, in a range of media. Admission is free, and there is ample free parking. For more information on the group go to www.dga.org.uk.

Another festival not to be missed!
The seventh Leatherhead Drama Festival runs from Monday 3 May until the Gala Awards Night on Saturday 15th. It is the biggest Drama Festival of its type in the UK with three plays on most nights. This year’s varied and exciting programme has groups performing from all over the UK, as well as many from Surrey. The two weeks of plays offer a chance to see some that maybe you wouldn’t normally see, plus some old favourites. Live music will be featured in the Mezz Bar before curtain-up and during the intervals. You are assured of a good night out, each and every night! Patron, Sir Michael Caine will present the trophies to the winners at the Gala Awards Night - Filming schedule permitting! Come and “judge” the individual plays yourself. The Festival is a competition, with the plays performed in front of the audience and assessed this year by professional adjudicator, Jill Colby, a member of the Guild of Drama Adjudicators. The winning Junior and Senior groups will perform again at the Gala Awards Night on 15 May.

Special Jazz Night 13 May!
Watermill Jazz delivers brilliant live music for the jazz enthusiast. Don’t miss Brighton based pianist and composer Paul Bubby with his big band on the 13 May. This is a premiere performance at the club’s regular venue of Friends Provident Social Club. The work, commissioned by the club, is the result of the club receiving a Promoters Award for 2009/10 from the Performing Rights Society (PRS). Like other composers, Paul drew on Dorking’s history, landmarks and idiosyncrasies for his inspiration. Further details are on his projects page at www.scoredchanges.com.

International jazz hits the spot when Cuban born Omar Puente, performs with his own quartet on the 29 April and Swiss born guitarist Nicolas Meier on the 27 May features Israeli saxophonist Gilad Atzmon in the line up. Steve Waterman’s 10 piece all star band promise a fantastic line up. With vocalist Tina May on 20 May, clarinettists Artie Shaw and Benny Goodman on 6 May.

Don’t miss out – book now! 07751 466034 www.watermilljazz.co.uk

Leongatha to Sydney
Marion Wilcox is one of our Arts Forum artist members. Below you can see the cover of the book that she has been illustrating, written by her sister, which will soon be published in Australia. It is a true story of Lennie Gwyther, a 9-year old boy who rode his pony from his home in Leongatha Victoria to Sydney to see the the new Harbour Bridge open in 1932, and ended up riding in the pageant at the opening. What an achievement.

Ashtead Art.
The Ashtead Art Group will be gathering their best work in the Gallery Denbies Vineyard from May 24 – 6 June. The show will feature over 120 pictures in various media and styles. Open daily from 9.30 am until 5.30 pm, 11.30 am – 4.30 pm Sunday.

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Subscriptions for 2010/2011
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Events

APRIL
1 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Nigel Price Organ Trio £12 & *£10
8 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Jay Craig & his Orchestra £16 & *£13
10 Dorking Concertoepers 01306 740619
London Conchord Ensemble - Beethoven; Schubert 7.30 £17
13 Easter - Talko Drumming Workshops £5
10am-12pm 7-11yrs olds, 2-4pm 11-14yrs
15 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Mark Lockheart Group
Leith Hill Musical Festival Dorking Halls 01403 240093
15 Schubert Mass in C B452; Handel: The King Shall Rejoice
16 Vaughan Williams: Benedictic; Gounod: Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cecile
17 Dyson: Three Songs of Praise; Elgar: The Music Makers
16 Studio Art House Church St, Leatherhead 01372 377173
Acrylic Painting Workshop
22 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Sax Appeal £16 & £12
21-24 Ashstead Players Peace Memorial Hall 01737 640352
The Killing of Sister George 8pm, 2.30 Sat Matinee £10 (* £8)
24 Ashstead Choral Society Mendelssohn: Elijah
29 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Omar Puente Quartet £15 & £12
MAY
1-3 Dorking Group of Artists- Group Show Weeked 10-12 Mon Mon 11-4
3 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Nicolas Veiner Quartet
Leatherhead Drama Festival www.leatherheadgildaritamfestival.org www.the-theatre.org
5-7 Junior Week seasons - £20 7.00pm £8
10-14 Senior Week seasons - £25 7.00pm £8
15 Gala Awards Night 7.30pm £15
6 Watermill Jazz Mark Crooks Quartet £14 & *£11
13 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Paul Bursby Big Band £16 & *£13
15 Dorking Concertoepers Dorking Halls 01306 740619
Violin Recital: Victoria Sayles & Martin Cousin 7.30 £15
20 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Tina May Quartet featuring Nikki Iles £14 & *£11
21 Metals Music Martineau Hall, £12.10 £8; £13 with lunch
Carnival Steel Band
27 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov 07751 460634
Nicolas Veiner Quartet £14 & *£11
29 Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra Schumann; Ravel; Kodaly; Sibelius
24-6 June Ashstead Group of Artists The Gallery - FREE Denbies 9.30-5.30 daily 11.30-4.30 Sun.
JUNE
3 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Alan Barnes, John Halla & Dave Newton Trio £15 & *£12
5 Brockham Choral Society St Pauls Church 01306 882738
60th Celebratory Concert Dorking Halls 01883 740559
8 Le Roc – “Katya” of Strictly Come Dancing £16 & *£13
Guest Class and Cabaret Night
9-16 Surrey Open Studios across Mole Valley £12 & *£9
10 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Mike Outram Trio across Mole Valley
12 Ashstead Choral Society St George’s Centre 01372 373794
60th Celebratory Concert Dorking Halls 7.30pm
17 Watermill Jazz Friends Prov. 07751 460634
Steve Waterman’s Tent £15 & *£12
19 Le Roc Sommer Caribbean Beach Ball £12.10 £8; £13 with lunch
24 tbc. See www.watermilljazz.co.uk 07751 460634
Mole Valley Younger Persons Events May Drumming – see above
JULY
27 Cheerleading Workshops £5 10am-noon
28-30 Circus Skills Workshops Masonic Hall 01306 881717
(see Surrey Arts website) Dorking Halls 01483 519285
Summer Newsletter
The next members newsletter and events list, will be electronic and issued in July 2010 by email link. Please send all copy information on your events throughout the year to Sue Stanley, the Arts Forum Webmaster on MVAF@btinternet.com.
Those requiring a paper copy of the electronic newsletter and events list should telephone Meike on 01737 248909.

The Clash Diary
The CLASH Diary is held at the Surrey Performing Arts Library, Denbies and all members should check the diary and our web events list for clashes of dates and content.

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