

## SANDERSTEAD LITERARY SOCIETY 82nd SEASON OCTOBER 2024 TO MARCH 2025

### Informative and entertaining talks on people, places and events

Meetings are held in the United Reformed Church Hall, 3 Sanderstead Hill, Sanderstead, CR2 OHB.

Talks start at 8 pm and finish at about 9 pm.

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**Annual Membership:** £30 (adult) £15 (under 18) **Visitor Fee:** £5 (adult) £2.50 (under 18)

**NOTE:** We will advise members by email of any **Covid-19** related changes to the programme, those without email facilities can contact the Programme Secretary on 020 8657 3761 for Covid-19 updates.

### PROGRAMME FOR 2024 TO 2025

#### 2024

- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> **FLOWERS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN** Colin Jones (illustrated)  
We are pleased to welcome back Colin Jones. From the Battle of the Flowers in Nice, the bougainvillea in Tunisia and Jardin Exotic in Monte Carlo, this talk captures the colour and spectacle of the flowers that enjoy the Mediterranean's beautiful climate.
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> **NEW ZEALAND VIA VIETNAM** Clare Walker (illustrated)  
When Clare visited New Zealand in 1998, to take part in the Asia Pacific Women in Aviation Conference, she fell in love with this beautiful country. Her travels began in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam where she and her travelling companion Aileen stopped for an emotional visit to an orphanage and a memorable boat trip on the Mekong Delta. During her stay in New Zealand, Clare and Aileen hired 4 flying instructors with 4 Cessna aircraft to enjoy the thrills of flying over spectacular scenery around the summit of Mount Cook and a live volcano. All these adventures are illustrated with slides taken during the trip.
- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> **V2 ROCKET ATTACK ON THE CROOKED BILLET PUB IN BROMLEY in 1944** Jennie Randall (illustrated)  
Jennie will tell us about how eighty years ago London faced an unprecedented and terrifying threat from the V2 Rocket travelling at over 3000 mph and giving no warning of its approach. Find out what happened when a V2 Rocket destroyed the Crooked Billet Pub in November 1944 and how all those injured and killed are now commemorated on a Blue Plaque.  
*This meeting will be in the church.*
- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> **DRIVE 55** Antonia Gallop (illustrated)  
This talk is about Antonia's charity trip, for Cancer Research, to 55 UK Piers in a 1955 car finishing on her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> **LORD MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LONDON** John Halligan (illustrated)  
In this talk John describes the history and pageantry associated with the position of the Lord Mayor and the importance of the role in promoting today's modern City.

- Dec 18<sup>th</sup>      **A MUSICAL EVENING WITH ORIGINAL SONGS and COVERS** Charlie and Ronnie  
We will be in for a musical evening with Charlie playing an acoustic guitar and singing. He will be accompanied by Ronnie who plays a variety of musical instruments including a wash board!!
- 2025**
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup>      **OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ – The Story of the Town Crier** Gary Miles (illustrated)  
Dressed in his costume as the Town Crier for the Carshalton Charter Fair, Gary focuses on the development of this key communication role in our society from the days of the Roman Conquest to the modern era and will read out some proclamations along the way.
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>      **DAVIS THEATRE MEMORIES, CROYDON** Carole Roberts (illustrated)  
This talk by Carole is about the Davis Theatre which stood in the High Street, Croydon from 1928 – 1959, it will include the main events up to the 1940's and a closer look at the attractions in the 1950's.  
*This is our member's charity evening for St. Christopher's Hospice.*
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup>      **THE MAGICAL HISTORY OF HOUDINI** Joe Mendell (illustrated)  
We welcome back Joe to hear about the life of Houdini. What made him special? Considered to be the most magnificent magician of his day, this fascinating history of the man and his magic is presented complete with some special revelations.
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup>      **SECRETS OF LONDON** Tony Harris (talk)  
This evening Tony will be speaking about the Secrets of London, the talk is very interactive and fun. He will be in costume as usual.
- Mar 5<sup>th</sup>      **JAPAN IN THE SPRINGTIME (CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME)** Sue Henning (illustrated)  
An exciting trek across Japan, looking at the customs, cultures, the people and places. Most of all Spring is a wonderful time in Japan, its cherry blossom time. The Japanese celebrate the beauty and transience of the blossom.
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup>      **VICKY, TRAGIC PRINCESS** Elizabeth Lanyon (talk)  
Elizabeth will tell us about the life of Victoria's eldest daughter who was mother of the Kaiser.  
*The talk will be followed by a brief AGM.*

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To join the Society, please send the completed form with an **SAE** (minimum size 11 x 16 cm) to John Sephton, 44 Heathdene Rd, Streatham, London, SW16 3PD. Please pay by bank transfer if possible or send a cheque with the form. Enrolment before the start of the season is much appreciated.

ACCOUNT NAME: Sanderstead Literary Society      SORT CODE: 30-99-50      ACCOUNT NO: 23851860

BANK: Lloyds      PAYMENT REFERENCE: *initials-surname-street number-postcode*

Please enrol the following as members of Sanderstead Literary Society for the 2024/2025 season:

Name:    Address:    Subscription £

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**Total £**

I have paid by bank transfer (tick box)

I enclose cheque (tick box)

Please complete and sign the data retention and contact preferences form below.

### Data retention and contact preferences

We are holding your personal data in order to maintain our membership records and to enable us to contact you. It will not be passed to a third party. **Please indicate your communication preferences below by ticking the boxes for each member as appropriate.**

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**Email**      Please give email address below:

**Email**      Please give email address if different:

**Phone**      Please give phone number below:

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**Signed (Member 1)**

**Signed (Member 2)**