

# Pinner and Hatch End and Northwood Branches

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## The 2010-2011 London Area Brochure

By now you should have received the 2010-2011 brochure. If yours has not arrived then telephone Mike Bradley on 020 8868 3118, or Dennis Rose on 8866 0450, and we will put one in the post to you. Alternatively, you could get one at your local library – they should have copies on display now.

Classes that are likely to be heavily booked include those of Margaret Cottier, Leslie Pitcher, Madeline Edmead and Darryl Vaz's 'Are you afraid of your computer?' Please phone to check availability if you would like to join any of them.

**Please note: the Gardening Class on Friday mornings starting 24 September, at 10am, will be at the Harrow Arts Centre and *not* at the Pinner Village Hall as advertised in the brochure.**

### **New this year**

#### **Plays from Page to Stage**

What really makes theatre exciting! A chance to see plays in performance followed by a lively discussion and a background to the playwright and the creative team. The first play to be studied is *Warhorse* at the New London Theatre.

*Our tutor, Stuart Permutt, is himself an author and the course, on Tuesdays from 28 September, 2pm at Fairfield, is highly recommended.*

#### **Music Studies: Broadway and Beyond**

This course will trace the forerunners, origins and chronological development of the Musical up to recent times. focusing on key shows and their place in their artistic, political and social contexts and exploring their changes in style and content.

*Mondays from 20 September, 1.30pm at Pinner Centre*

*Enquiries about courses: Phone Heather Moodie on 020 8427 5651 or email [wea.pinner@gmail.com](mailto:wea.pinner@gmail.com)*

#### **Political History: Latin American Fictions**

This course presents an introductory view of postcolonial modern Latin American History. Since Independence, Spanish American politics have been mainly dominated by dictators, populist leaders or socialist caudillos. We will examine the ways in which Latin American writers, poets and artists have responded not only to military dictatorship but also revolution, the marginalization of indigenous populations, and the proximity of the United States.

*Wednesdays from 22 September, 11am at Pinner Centre*

#### **Psychology: Do you want to find out more about your mind?**

Psychology is everywhere. How we think, learn, and experience the world we live in has captured the curiosity of human beings for hundreds of years. This course will explore why people behave the way they do and examine the psychology of everyday life.

*Mondays from 11 October, 10am at Pinner Centre*

#### **Coming in 2011**

Pinner local history with Pat Clarke, Music Studies (continued) and the Spanish Civil War.

You can book in advance for all of our courses.



Our application to take part has been accepted by the Rotary Club. Several members have provided visualisations of their classes, some classes are planning exhibits, quizzes and recruiting drives. There's plenty of room for more and we now need volunteers for looking after the stall during the day. Just an hour or two from each would see us through.

No expertise needed! Volunteer rota: please ring Gerry Eckersley on 020 8248 4223

The Village Show is important for us: it helps us to become better known, it will, we hope, bring in more students and it is something we should do to be a live part of the community.

#### **Harrow in Leaf August Bank Holiday Summer Show, August 29th and 30th**

Harrow in Leaf have kindly allowed us to promote our publicity material at the Harrow Show this coming Bank Holiday.

**But we obviously depend on our members being there. Can you spare an hour? Phone Mike Bradley on 020 8868 3118 or Gerry Eckersley on 020 8248 4223.**

## DAVID CAMERON IS ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO ADULT LEARNING, SAYS MINISTER

This statement was made by the new government skills minister, John Hayes, in an interview with the Guardian on 17 June.

He said that people who are satisfied and whose potential is met through learning are more joyful as a result and that adult learning is arguably all the more important in the current economic climate. He cited the example of an unemployed 56-year-old man who took dance classes in his spare time for a year and, as a result, gained the confidence to apply for jobs.

Taking evening classes improved adults' physical and mental health, encouraged them back into work and helped build tight communities. "There are lots of studies that show the beneficial effect adult education has on health and social interactions."

He promised a renewed commitment to adult education. "I will not rule out additional money for it," he said. "I know that in many parts of the country, courses have been cut. I am absolutely committed to adult learning, as is David Cameron. We will make a bold bid for it."

## A NEW NOTICE BOARD STANDS IN THE FOYER OF THE PINNER LIBRARY

The board belongs to Pinner WEA and is being used to display all brochures for Harrow adult learning courses. WEA, Harrow College, Stanmore College and Harrow Adult, Community and Family Learning (ACL) are included.



## West House opens its doors at last

The opening of West House was blessed with fine weather when hundreds of Pinner residents and their children turned up to hear Michael Rosen talk about his childhood, much of which was spent in and around the Memorial Gardens.

The best new news is that, unexpectedly, the money needed for the installation of a lift has come through, and work on it will begin as soon as possible. This means that the Study Day on the life and work of W Heath Robinson that the WEA was planning to mount in October in co-operation with the Trustees of the Museum Trust will have to be postponed until the work on the lift is completed.

The WEA is delighted at the successful outcome of this magnificent community effort and intends to play its part in the future success of the House and Museum.

*Evening, West House has been opened, the crowds linger on enjoying the sunshine*



## The Children's Centre also opens its doors – business as usual at our other venues

The Children's Centre is the new name of the Pinner Community Centre in the car park, Chapel Lane, probably destined to be referred to by its shortened version, 'Pinner Centre' by its users.

After eighteen months of near-homelessness the WEA has heaved a sigh of relief that the refurbished premises are available to it once more. Our relief does not stop there, however, and we have been greatly reassured by our talks with the management. We think it will be a good base for our future activities.

At Northwood Hills, Fairfield continues to provide a welcoming home for five of our courses; Pinner Library hosts our computing courses, while Harrow Arts Centre, the Pinner Village Hall and Northwood Methodist Church complete our accommodation list with one course each.

We look forward to welcoming you in at least one of our venues this year!

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