

AMERICAN EXPATRIATE CLUBS & NEWS

Hampstead Women's Club

Interested in making new friends, having a full calendar of events and activities to choose from, exploring more of London and having volunteering opportunities? Then join the Hampstead Women's Club (HWC)! You can live anywhere in London to be a member. You don't have to live in Hampstead, many of our members don't!

The HWC has been very busy this Spring with a big highlight being our annual Spring Fling party! One of our club's many benefits, the event is free for our members and this year it was themed 'The Royal Edition' as it fell within days of the Royal Wedding. Members dressed to impress, complete with hats and fascinators, and a grand time was had by all.



Other recent highlights of our club include a Triforium Tour of St. Pauls, a theatre outing to see 'Network' with Bryan Cranston, a Changing of the Guard walking tour, hiking in Chesham, a Fortnum & Mason Delicious Histories Tour, private tour of the British gallery at the V&A, a wellness event learning about decluttering your life and our monthly outreach work at Henderson Court!

The HWC will have a booth this year at The Big Fair – part of the Hampstead Summer Festival on Sunday, 1st July from 12-5pm, so stop by and say 'hello'!

Another way to see what we're all about is to join us for one of our Link-up events. They are a casual way for non-members to meet members and learn more about the club. They are either coffee mornings or evening drinks. Contact Sumi at linkup@hwcinlondon.co.uk for more information.

The Hampstead Women's Club is a multinational, social organisation for women living in the London area. Our purpose is to provide a sense of community through social, educational and charitable activities.

To find out more about the HWC in general, visit our website: www.hwcinlondon.co.uk or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

North American Connection (NAC)

Summer is here in Britain and at the North American Connection that brings us to one of our favourite events of the year, our annual 4th July barbecue! We hold this annually on the first Sunday of July and invite not only our NAC members, but their families and friends. About 90 of us get together for an American style barbecue with hamburgers, hot dogs, home made side dishes and salads and plenty of delicious desserts!

We have a lot of other fun social activities planned over the summer, so if you are an American lady living in the Birmingham, Warwickshire, Solihull or surrounding areas, we would love to meet you! The North American Connection is an organisation committed to the support of North Americans living in the West Midlands, England. The club, while essentially social, provides assistance with integration into the English community, as well as the opportunity for charitable activity. Our goal is to understand the needs of new expatriates and to help bridge their transition into British culture. We also have expats who join us for



the first time after living here for many years who wish to re-connect with their American culture and meet other Americans living in the area. We are a very friendly group and we provide friendship and support, as well as social, educational and philanthropic activities for our members.

Although most of our members are from the United States and Canada, we also have women from other European countries, Australia, and even a few British members. The club is open to all women with a particular connection to North America or a specific interest in the club's activities. We are a diverse group who are here due to a short- or long-term work assignment or who have chosen to relocate to England permanently. We include women who are single, partnered or married. Many members have children - both young and adult. We come from all areas of the Midlands but most members reside within an hour's travel radius of Birmingham, including Solihull, Leamington Spa, Stafford, Derby, Worcester and Stratford-upon-Avon.

We would be delighted for you to come join us for a couple of events before deciding on whether or not you would like to become a member. We regularly hold monthly coffee mornings, day and evening books clubs, pub nights and dinner evenings as well as special charity events that partners/spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, please do visit us at www.naconnect.com or visit our Facebook page, 'The North American Connection.'

The American Society in London

The American Society in London is the oldest American society in the UK, pre-dating the Atlantic Union, the Pilgrims, American Aid and The Harvard and Princeton Clubs in England to name a few. Founded in 1895 to promote good fellowship between the USA and UK, it has a rich history including Gordon H. Selfridge as a past chairman and past event attendees including Jacqueline Kennedy. The American Society in London holds four marquee social events per year for its members, all not for profit - Autumn drinks, Spring Drinks, a Forth of July party and a Black Tie Thanksgiving



Dinner. The Thanksgiving Dinner is held around Remembrance Day / Veterans Day and representatives of both the British and American military are invited to and honoured at the event. The society is always interested in hearing from American citizens living in the UK (and frequent visitors) who are interested in becoming a member.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Columbus Day/Autumn Drinks Gathering at the Tower of London in September.

Black Tie Thanksgiving Dinner at Plaisterers' Hall in November.

Please contact the American Society in London for further details: info@americansocietyuk.com

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 Twitter: [@ASL_1895](https://twitter.com/ASL_1895).



Kensington & Chelsea Women's Club (kcwc)

Thirty-five years and going strong!

Whether you are new to London or have been here for a while and looking for new experiences, consider kcwc, with over 800 members from more than 52 countries, we are the city's largest women's club. This year marks kcwc's 35th anniversary and members continue to enjoy lectures and tours from leading experts, take part in exclusive and exciting experiences, and meet new friends.

Each month kcwc holds a General Meeting with a high-profile guest speaker at a prime London location. Recent past speakers include: Dr. David Hamilton, Clarissa Ward, Ben Fogle, The Queen's Six, Marcus Wareing, Natasha Fraser-Cavassoni, Samantha Cameron, Carolina Bonfiglio and Judy Murray.

The meetings are a good way to meet other members, sign up for activities, enjoy listening to a keynote speaker and join fellow members for an optional lunch at a prestigious local restaurant afterwards. The General Meetings are also a great opportunity to know more about discounts and promotions offered by our preferred partners as they display their products and offers at our showcase tables. kcwc members benefit from special discounts on these showcase tables.

In addition to the General Meetings, kcwc also offers approximately 35 activities. These are organised by members who volunteer their time and skills by running a wide variety of weekly and monthly activities. Topics include history, culture, art, design, fashion, music, theatre, local tours, UK and international travel, special events, technology, fitness, dance, golf, tennis, languages, arts and crafts, food, dining, wine tasting, book and lecture groups, country walks, feng shui, and much more.

There are also a variety of evening activities for members to enjoy. These include theatre, happy hour, dining out, classical music concerts, evening speakers and special events. For those interested in making a difference in the community, kcwc's Volunteers for Charity group works with





kwcw - Natasha Fraser-Cavassoni



kwcw - Judy Murray

several local charitable organisations. There is so much on offer at kwcw and members get to discover London while making new friends at the same time.

Learn More About kwcw

Kwcw General Meetings are open to non-members for a guest fee of £10, redeemable if joining on the day. The meetings are usually held on a Thursday, between September and June (we sometimes skip a month so be sure to check our website for details). For further information please contact potential@kwcw.org.uk or visit our website www.kwcw.org.uk

Save the Date

September General Meeting:

Thursday, 20 September 2018,
Royal Geographical Society,
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR,
9:30am – 12pm

October General Meeting:

Thursday, 18 October 2018,
Royal Geographical Society,
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR,
9:30am – 12pm

November General Meeting:

Thursday, 29 November 2018,
Royal Geographical Society,
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR,
9:30am – 12pm.



AWS American Women of Surrey International Group

New to Surrey? Please join our expat club. This is the perfect place to meet new friends. We have over 200 international members, many expats, some long-term, some short-term, and also some returning British expats. All are welcome. We hold monthly meetings and usually have interesting speakers and local vendors to add to the fun mornings. Find us at www.awsurrey.org/Home or on Facebook, AWS International Group.

A Bit of TLC while in London

Almost 250 years ago Samuel Johnson said, *'when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford.'* This now appears on coffee mugs and T-shirts galore, but that doesn't make it less true.

Eight years ago, Maria and I (both Londoners by birth) started arranging and hosting activities for members of London's leading Sports and Social Club. We now have a breadth and depth of experience that we have taken to a wider public, creating our own 'virtual club' while sticking to what our members say – that we deliver activities with imagination, efficiency, value and... a bit of TLC. That is how we got the name for the business, A Bit of TLC.

We offer something more – Maria's family was not originally from Britain and my family lived abroad throughout my early years so we know London and what London can feel like

for 'outsiders' or those who are new to the city. A Bit of TLC bridges that gap by bringing people, from all over, together in a single social community and hosting events.

We organise theatre outings (with great choices and great discounts), trips around Britain with overnight stays when appropriate (to places like Highgrove and Chatsworth and less well known gems like Sledmere and Haddon Hall), excursions to places like Glyndebourne (affordably!), Bletchley Park and the Royal Opera House's scenery workshops; and overseas trips.

And then there are the London Weeks, at least four each year and full of diary dates – country house visits, private tours, behind the scenes, lunches in unusual places and theatre evenings. A typical London Week offers 12 to 15 events where TLC members from London, the Shires or abroad come together and pick what they want or work through the 'menu', confident that the selection will be interesting and the company will be kindred spirits, fellow TLC members and their guests.

If you go online to www.abitoftlc.org you'll get a taste of what we do; but the best way to find out is to join us and experience 'a bit of TLC' for yourself.

As TLC members say, 'the great thing about the TLC members' website is that I can read loads of interesting articles about London life and get great insights into what's on at the theatre - entertainment comes to me now. I no longer have to spend hours doing research or hanging on for the box office or rounding up friends to go with. It's the best way to get the most out of London without spending too much'.



READERS ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Some of our readers enjoying the recent wedding day of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

