
NOTE: No Saturday meeting in September and the October meeting will be on Saturday October 5th at the Hall of Nations.

**Member Birthdays in September:** Steve G, Betty (93), Bob (77), David Lloyd, Kent, Roy (87), Cathy, Richard.

**Hosting at the cottage:** Please contact Rachel if you can host any Saturday or Sunday. Hosts do 5 hours between 11 and 5 or can elect to do a 2 ½ hour shift. It is a lot of fun. Please sign up! **Please see dates available on page 2.**

**Additional International Cottages:** Hoping to hear update from HPR soon.

**HPR Queens Auxiliary:** Meetings resumed this month. House of England is represented by Queen Katherine Siefert and Princess Holly Rose Shaw.

**Board for 2020:** Jocelyn will be appointing a nominating committee in September and that committee will present the nominations at the October meeting. (Voting takes place at the November meeting and installation at the December party). Please let Jocelyn know if you are willing to serve next year.

**Annual audit of Treasurer’s books:** Thank you to Mike and Paul for volunteering to be on the audit committee.

**December Nights Beer Garden:** HPR has been allocated an alternate site due to the cottage construction at the usual site. Details to come on cost of participation.

**December Nights/International Christmas Festival:** House of England to decide about participating and. If so, what food to serve.

**The RAF’s RED ARROWS** will be at the Miramar Airshow in September!
HOSTING AT THE COTTAGE

Thank you to our volunteers.

Call or email Rachel to volunteer for future dates. 858-354-1871  racheljulieadams@gmail.com

Commitment is for 5 hours between 11am and 5pm, providing light refreshments (teabags, milk, sugar and paper products are provided) and chatting with the visitors. Donations are accepted for upkeep of the cottage.

Aug 3  Alex and Sandra
Aug 4  Dottie and Jeanne
Aug 10  Terry C
Aug 11  Marissa
Aug 17  Denise, Holly, Rachel
Aug 18  Alana/Jon, Paul and Peter
Aug 24  Chris and Paul
Aug 25  Jocelyn and family
Aug 31  Emma, Rachel and Lory

Sept 1  Terry C
Sept 7  open
Sept 8  open
Sept 14  Amy and ..........,
Sept 15  open
Sept 21  open
Sept 22  open
Sept 28  open
Sept 29  open

Dennis is our cottage GREETER and a great addition every hosting day. He helps set up for opening and closing times.

Reminders: It is acceptable to take $10 per host from the donations towards cost of milk and food- just let the Treasurer know for accounting purposes.

House of England Lapel Pins: These are on display at the cottage. If a visitor donates to obtain one, please let Sandra know when turning in the donations money. (Pins are $4 each).

Interested in joining House of England?
Print a membership application from our website or get one at the cottage on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon and mail, with check for $15 made out to the House of England, to:
House of England, c/o Sandra Yeaman, PO Box 3072, La Mesa, CA 91944

KUDOS to Alex and Sandra:

The small refrigerator at the cottage needed to be replaced this month in a hurry for weekend hosting. Alex and Sandra jumped on the project and got the purchasing, transporting, and installing taken care of.

Many thanks to this dynamic duo.

(Also, to Sandra for serving as treasurer and Alex as HPR delegate)
HOUSE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS PAGE:

**NEXT HPR MEETING:** Sunday September 8, 2019 at noon in the Hall of Nations. House of England members are automatically members of HPR - come and observe how HPR is run by the delegates! House of England delegates are Jocelyn and Alex with Rachel and Sandra as alternates.

**NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY LUNCHEON:** Wednesday September 11, 2019 starting at noon in the Hall of Nations and to be hosted by the House of Hungary.

**HPR QUEENS UPDATE:** Jocelyn registered our girls for the coming school year: Queen Katherine Siefert and Princess Holly Rose Shaw. I am sure they will represent the House very well and we look forward to hearing reports from them about the activities during the year.

**HPR delegates report by Jocelyn:** Meeting was Aug 4- no report submitted.

**Hall of Nations hosting for September:** House of Lebanon.

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**FREE FAMILY EVENT**

**The House of Mexico**

*Arte, Color y Fiesta*

**MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**

*El Grito* by our Consul General of Mexico in San Diego, Ambassador, Carlos González Gutiérrez

Spreads: Organ Pavilion Balboa Park
Friday, September 13, 2019

Entertainment

11am-12:30pm - Opening Ceremony
4pm-8pm - Cultural Performance
6pm-8pm - International Show

Food

11am-8pm - Ethnic Cuisine

**Sponsors:**
Avery Tu Foundation
Bing Studio
Confucius Institute

**More information**
(619) 269-7647
houseofmexico.net

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**Free Parking - Free Admission**

**HOUSE OF CHINA MOON FESTIVAL**

**BALBOA PARK**

Saturday - 9/14/2019

**Entertainment**

- 11am-12:30pm - Opening Ceremony
- 4pm-8pm - Cultural Performance
- 6pm-8pm - International Show

**Food**

- 11am-8pm - Ethnic Cuisine

**Shows:**
- 2019 San Diego Dragon Festival
- 2019 San Diego Moonlight Filmmakers Festival
- 2019 Balboa Park Jazz Festival

**More information**
MoonFestivalSD.com
2019 Annual Summer Picnic

Tuesday, September 10th
6:00pm

House of England Lawn

Please RSVP with how many will be attending and what you will bring.

Email: Jeclectic1@gmail.com Text: (858)275-4841

Please contact Jocelyn for further details.

ALWAYS GOOD FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP,
200 years of Victoria and Albert

This year marks the 200th birthday of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, who were born on the 24th May and 26th August 1819 respectively.

Osborne House is having a big celebration all year.

Osborne House is a former royal residence in East Cowes, Isle of Wight, United Kingdom. The house was built between 1845 and 1851 for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert as a summer home and rural retreat. Prince Albert designed the house himself in the style of an Italian Renaissance palazzo. The builder was Thomas Cubitt, the London architect and builder whose company built the main facade of Buckingham Palace for the royal couple in 1847. An earlier smaller house on the site was demolished to make way for a new and far larger house, though the original entrance portico survives as the main gateway to the walled garden.

The royal family stayed at Osborne for lengthy periods each year: in the spring for Victoria’s birthday in May; in July and August when they celebrated Albert’s birthday; and just before Christmas. In a break from the past, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert allowed photographers and painters to make works featuring their family in the grounds and in the house. This was partly for their own enjoyment and partly as a form of public relations to demonstrate to the nation their character as a happy and devoted family. Many thousands of prints of the royal family were sold to the public, which led Victoria to remark, "no Sovereign was ever more loved than I am (I am bold enough to say)." Writing to her daughter Victoria in 1858 about the gloominess of Windsor Castle, Queen Victoria stated, "I long for our cheerful and unpalacelike rooms at Osborne."

Queen Victoria died at Osborne House on 22 January 1901. Following her death, the house became surplus to royal requirements and was given to the state, with a few rooms being retained as a private museum to Queen Victoria. From 1903 until 1921 it was used as a junior officer training college for the Royal Navy, known as the Royal Naval College, Osborne. In 1998 training programmes consolidated at the Britannia Royal Naval College, now at Dartmouth, thus vacating Osborne House. The House is now open to the public for tours.
Dad’s Army is a BBC television sitcom about the British Home Guard during the Second World War. It was written by Jimmy Perry and David Croft, and broadcast on the BBC from 1968 to 1977. The sitcom ran for nine series and 80 episodes in total; there was also a radio version based on the television scripts, a feature film and a stage show. The series regularly gained audiences of 18 million viewers and is still repeated worldwide.

The Home Guard consisted of local volunteers otherwise ineligible for military service, either because of age (hence the title Dad’s Army) or by being in professions exempt from conscription. Dad’s Army deals almost exclusively with men over military age, and featured older British actors, including Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier, Arnold Ridley and John Laurie. Younger members of the cast included Ian Lavender, Clive Dunn (who played the oldest guardsman, Lance Corporal Jones, despite being one of the youngest cast members), and James Beck (who died suddenly during production of the sixth series in 1973). Other regular cast members included Frank Williams as the vicar, and Bill Pertwee as the chief ARP warden.

In 2004, Dad’s Army came fourth in a BBC poll to find Britain’s Best Sitcom. It had been placed 13th in a list of the 100 Greatest British Television Programmes drawn up by the British Film Institute in 2000 and voted for by industry professionals. The series has influenced British popular culture, with its catchphrases and characters being well known. The Radio Times magazine listed Captain Mainwaring’s “You stupid boy!” among the 25 greatest put-downs on TV.

The setting was Walmington-on-sea but actually filmed in Thetford, Norfolk. The town was used and the nearby Stanford Practical training area-called the “Battle Area” by the locals. (The beach scenes were filmed in Winterton, near Great Yarmouth). There is a Dad's Army Museum in Thetford as well as a full-size bronze statue of Capt. Mainwaring and the original Jones's butchers van. (There is a butcher's shop called J. Jones and a Walmington Banger can be purchase there!) Visitors can wander around the town and see the various locations filmed in the series (the “Battle Area” is still used as a military Training area and not open to the public).
Thetford is a very interesting town for other reasons too! The Iceni were a Celtic tribe living in Norfolk and parts of Cambridgeshire. Archaeological evidence suggests that Thetford was an important tribal centre during the late Iron Age and early Roman period. A ceremonial ‘grove’ was uncovered there during excavations. In 1979, a hoard of Romano-British metalwork, known as the Thetford treasure was located just outside Thetford. Dating from the mid-4th century AD, this hoard is a collection of thirty three inscribed spoons, twenty gold finger rings, four pendants, several necklaces and a 2” gold buckle depicting a dancing satyr.

Thetford was the principal settlement in East Anglia during the Viking period and the 6th largest town in the country at the time of the Norman Conquest. Thomas Paine was born here! His statue stands on King Street, holding a quill and his book Rights of Man, upside down. Paine attended Thetford Grammar School. Born in Thetford on 9 February 1737, Paine emigrated to the British American colonies in 1774 where he was to participate in the American Revolution. Thetford was a London overspill town from the 1950s and grew faster than any other town in the country.

Burrell Traction Engines were exported from Thetford around the globe in the 19th century.
There is statue of Duleep Singh along the river walk. He was exiled from India and settled at the Elveden Estate in Suffolk. He was a close favourite of Queen Victoria and became a prominent local figure in East Anglia.

Today, Thetford is home to the British Trust for Ornithology and Thetford Forest. There are ruins of a priory and the country’s tallest medieval earthwork, Castle Hill. There are lovely tranquil riverside walks in town and Nunnery Lakes Reserve and Barnham Cross Common closeby are havens for wildlife and a joy for nature lovers.
Princess Sophia Alexandrovna Duleep Singh (8 August 1876 – 22 August 1948)

Sophia Alexandra Duleep Singh was born on 8 August 1876 at Elveden Hall, Elveden, in Suffolk. She was the third daughter of Maharaja Duleep Singh (the last Maharaja of the Sikh Empire) and his first wife, Bamba Müller.

Sophia’s father had been forced to abdicate his kingdom to the East India Company at age 11 and had been forced to give the Koh-i-Noor diamond to Lord Dalhousie. He was exiled from India by the British at age 15 and moved to England, where Queen Victoria treated him kindly and provided his upkeep. She was impressed with his good looks and regal bearing. In London, he converted to Christianity. In later life, he reconverted to Sikhism and espoused the freedom movement in India when he realised that he had been deceived out of a large empire.

Sophia developed typhoid at age 10. Her mother, who was attending her, contracted the disease, fell into a coma, and died on 17 September 1887. She is buried at Elveden. On 31 May 1889 her father married Ada Wetherill, a chambermaid, with whom he would have two daughters. In 1886, when Sophia was ten, her father attempted to return to India with his family against the wishes of the British government; they were turned back in Aden by arrest warrants.

Queen Victoria was fond of Duleep Singh and his family, particularly Sophia, who was her goddaughter, and encouraged her and her sisters to become socialites. Sophia, with her fashionable address, wore Parisian dresses, bred championship dogs, pursued photography and cycling, and attended parties.

After a period of ill health, her father died in a rundown Paris hotel, on 22 October 1893 at age 55. She inherited substantial wealth from her father at his death and in 1898 Queen Victoria, her godmother, granted her a grace and favour apartment in Faraday House, Hampton Court. Singh did not initially live in Faraday House; she stayed at the Manor House in Old Buckenham, near her brother Prince Frederick.

The British government lessened their vigil on the shy, silent, grief-stricken Singh, which proved a misjudgment. On visits to India, she turned against the British Empire.

In 1909 her brother bought Blo’ Norton Hall in South Norfolk for himself and a house in Blo’ Norton, called Thatched Cottage, for his sisters.

After Singh returned from a trip to India in 1909, she joined the Women’s Social and Political Union (WSPU) at the behest of Una Dugdale, a friend of the Pankhurst sisters; Emmeline Pankhurst had co-founded the Women’s Franchise League in 1889. In 1909 Singh was a leading member of the movement for women’s voting rights, funding suffragette groups and leading the cause. She refused to pay taxes, frustrating the government; King George V asked in exasperation, "Have we no hold on her?"

On 18 November 1910, she took part in the first deputation to the House of Commons, 'Black Friday', with Emmeline Pankhurst, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and
her carriage and dogs, on the principle that women should not have to pay taxes when they did not have the vote to determine the use of those taxes. This stance led to various fines where jewellery was impounded but then bought back in auction by members of the WTRL. These actions created a high profile stand for the women's movement.

Singh eventually received a place of honour in the suffragette movement alongside Emmeline Pankhurst. Her sole aim in life, which she attained, was the advancement of women.

Singh died in her sleep on 22 August 1948 in Colehatch House, in Penn, Buckinghamshire, a residence once owned by her sister Catherine.

She is featured in the Royal Mail’s commemorative stamp set "Votes for Women", issued on 15 February 2018. She appears on the £1.57 stamp, selling The Suffragette.

Her name and picture (and those of 58 other women’s suffrage supporters) are on the plinth of the statue of Millicent Fawcett in Parliament Square, London, unveiled in April 2018.

Father’s gravestone at Elveden, Suffolk