



Fleet and District Art Society Newsletter

Spring 2017

Chairman's Jottings

Sue Williams

Just before the AGM, I was delighted to accept the post of Chairman. Our thanks go to Tony Rose who bridged the gap to make sure the society continued to function. We now have a very strong committee having filled all the vacant posts. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking Frances Reed, our retiring treasurer, for her stalwart work over the past years. Her input and common sense on the running of the society will be sorely missed. Thank you Frances. With our refurbished website, the attraction of good demonstrators and workshops, we are going from strength to strength. We hope to organise new opportunities for members to exhibit and sell their work too. We welcome any new ideas that members may have to enrich the society further. Happy painting for 2017 everyone!

Treasurer's Report

David Sprot

I am delighted to have become the new Treasurer, and wish to thank all the members of the committee for their help and patience as I grapple with the many issues in progress, and as I come to understand the society's priorities and how it works.

Particular thanks are of course due to Frances Reed, whose briefings and assistance in the handover have been invaluable, and whose past contribution and dedication to detail are plain from the files she passed over, both paper and electronic. Everyone said she is a hard act to follow, and all I can say is that I completely agree - and I will do my best.

My only other comments at this time are, firstly, to concur with Sue's statement regarding the strength of the committee, which I have found to be very open to new ideas, and secondly, to say that the society is very well placed for the year(s) ahead, and the future is bright.

Workshop Venue

Wendy Horne

As members are aware, we have had to change venues for our demonstrations several times because St Philip & St James Church has not been available and this is going to affect the workshops this year. Please make sure you check the venue and put it in your diary if you are attending any of the workshops.

Annual Summer Exhibition

Jenny Johnson

We are pleased to announce that we have made a reservation for The Church on the Heath from 15-17 June 2017. The Committee would like to encourage as many members as possible to display their work at the exhibition. It has been suggested that some members may be unsure of how to prepare or price their work so we are going to hold a session covering the basics of “how to prepare, price and present paintings for an exhibition/sale” – details to follow.

As discussed at the AGM, we have been looking into different options for replacing our exhibition display panels. We intend to continue exploring all possible solutions but for this year, we are making arrangements to hire a number of panels. If necessary, we will also make use of easels and chairs if more display space is required.

We have decided to make a few changes this year. We are removing some of the restrictions introduced last year and there will not be an “official” opening ceremony as this was very poorly attended last year. We will also not be holding a raffle.

Unfortunately the back hall is not available which means we are unable to offer tea and cake on the Thursday afternoon. However, once again, we will be asking if the church café can remain open during the exhibition so that visitors can still get refreshments if they wish.

Exhibition Instructions and Entry Form are attached to this Newsletter and will also be available on the website. Please print clearly when completing the form.

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New Look Society Website

Maria Haythornthwaite

Welcome to the new look of our website www.fleetart.org.uk which has been simplified and updated. The news site is now fully inter-linked with our main website. The news site can be reached from the News tab of the main website. From the news page, you can return to the main site either using the Back Arrow or the Home tab (top left corner of the page).



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Summer Outdoor Painting Days

Maria Haythornthwaite

The following is the planned programme for outdoor painting days. Please check the News tab for any changes or cancellations nearer the time. Detailed document can be downloaded from

<https://fleetart.files.wordpress.com/2017/01/2017-outdoor-paintings.pdf>

June 22nd Thursday	Lodge Farm, North Warnborough RG29 1HA
July 4th Tuesday	Four Seasons Hotel, Dogmersfield Park, Chalky Lane Dogmersfield RG27 8TD
July 12th Wednesday	Old Rectory and Gardens, Bagwell Lane, Winchfield RG27 8DB
July 27th Thursday	Farnham Park and Castle, Castle Hill, Farnham GU9 0AG
August 8th Tuesday	Selborne Village and Common, Free parking in High Street behind Selborne Arms GU34 3JR
August 16th Wednesday	Portchester Castle, Free parking at Castle Street PO16 9QW
August 24th Thursday	Tynley Hall Hotel, Rotherwick, Hook RG27 9AZ
August 29th Tuesday	Crandall Church, Farnham GU10 5QF
September 6th Wednesday	Basingstoke Canal, Mytchett Place Road, Mytchett GU16 6DD
September 14th Thursday	Elvetham Hotel, Hartley Wintney RG27 8AR

DVD/ Video Library & Paper Sales

Diana Ashcroft

Did you know that it only costs £1 per month to hire a DVD to give you some constructive help? If you are unable to attend the next meeting, please ask another member to return the DVD for you. Donations of any good quality unwanted art DVDs would help to expand our library and would be very welcome.

Good quality watercolour paper is also for sale at very reasonable prices: Arches, Bockingford and Saunders Waterford are available in 1/4, 1/2 and full size sheets.

Our table is located at the front of the church during demonstrations.

Please contact Diana for more information on 01252 653503 or diana.ashcroft@ntlworld.com.

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Please contact Mary if you wish to volunteer to help, or need to speak to her regarding changes in your availability.

The next newsletter will be published in June