



## **Fleet and District Art Society Newsletter**

**Spring 2018**

### **Chairman's Jottings**

**Sue Williams**

As we welcome 2018, we can look forward to a packed programme with interesting challenges.

Your committee has worked hard. The Pop Up Shop has proved to be very popular. It gives everyone the opportunity to display and sell their work to the general public. This year, we are hoping to let members enter two paintings and ask, where possible, for members to bring two easels on which to display their work.

Do refer to your membership card and the Internet to keep up-to-date with what we are doing.

At the AGM we thanked the non-committee members who quietly work behind the scenes. Tony Yates is a great support to all of us on the committee. His humour, advice and sound counsel is much appreciated. Mary runs the tea seamlessly and thanks go to all the members who help her. Thanks too go to Chris and Brenda who run the monthly competitions, the ladies who hire out our videos and Peter the framer. Where would we be without David and his video camera? Our demos are enhanced by having the two large screens from which to watch the artist working. Lastly, a big thank you, to you the members. Your kind comments and ideas reflect how the society can progress.

Happy Painting!

### **Treasurer's Report**

**David Sprot**

Our year, which began on the first of September, has started extremely well - our Demonstrations (three in calendar 2017 and one in January) were all very well attended, as was our AGM in December - all very positive indicators of the health of our Society. Membership numbers are up slightly and our finances are strong, so your committee feel very positive for the year ahead with a very full programme.

Following our very successful Exhibitions last year members will have extra opportunities to exhibit this year, and we hope for a bumper number of entries for our Pop-up and Summer Exhibitions as per Jenny's Report below. More exhibition entries should translate into more sales of members paintings, and this in turn makes our Society more viable financially (I am the Treasurer after all!). As will more guests at our Demonstrations, who pay just £5, so please do encourage your friends and partners to come along - we have a terrific demonstrations line-up ahead, with an additional one planned in May by the fantastic Jamel Akib, so we should have a great year.

## **Bring & Buy sales at the AGM**

**Wendy Horne**

One of our longstanding members, Rosemary Gibb, unfortunately had to make the decision to give up painting and generously passed on all her art materials to Fleet Art Society to be sold in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham. The Committee decided to once again have a Bring and Buy table at the AGM and these materials together with items brought in by members raised £168.50.

The remaining items were sold at the U3A Painting Group in Farnham and as a consequence I took a cheque into the Hospice for £255. Needless to say the Hospice was delighted and I think everyone will agree that the money went to a good cause.  
A big thank you to all those who brought and bought the items for sale.

## **Exhibition**

**Jenny Johnson**

### **Pop Up Shop**

We have made arrangements to hold another Pop Up Shop in the Hart Shopping Centre in Fleet on 16/17 March. We have decided to try Friday and Saturday this time as we found Sunday was extremely quiet, with a very low footfall.

We are planning to make better use of the space available, using more tables and easels so there will be an opportunity to enter 2 framed pieces of work (entry fee of £4 each) and one folio (foc). For the first time at our Pop Up Shop, you can also enter cards –flat fee of £2 for a maximum 20 cards. Entry forms for the pop up shop will be sent out by email nearer the time.

### **Annual Exhibition – 14-16 June 2018**

Once again we are planning to hold our Annual Exhibition in the Worship Area of The Church on the Heath, Elvetham and the Committee would like to encourage as many members as possible to display their work at the exhibition. As hiring the display stands proved so successful last year, we will do the same this year.

We are looking at some different ways to cover the cost of hiring the stands and have started contacting local companies to see if they would consider sponsorship at £50 per panel. If you know of anyone who might like to contribute in this way, please let me know.

We are also looking at the possibility of holding a special raffle, details to follow.

Entry forms are attached to this Newsletter and should be submitted by Friday 18 May (so please keep them safely until then).

## **Membership**

**Rebecca Ratnasamy**

As Membership Secretary I would like to report that at the present time our membership is a healthy total of 205 members and this total includes 23 new members.

There is now no restriction on the number of members we can have. Hence, if you do have friends or family who may be interested in joining our Society, please do encourage them to do so by getting in touch with me.

Please also continue to keep me posted of any changes to email or contact details.

## Remaining Programme of Monthly Demonstration 2018

<b>10th Feb 2018</b>	<b>Soraya French</b> Competition:	<b>Mixed Media Textures in Landscapes</b> Landscape
<b>10th March 2018</b>	<b>Peter Keegan</b> Competition:	<b>Expressive portraits in Oils</b> Portraits
<b>14th April 2018</b>	<b>Ben Manchipp</b> Competition:	<b>Ways &amp; Means with Architecture</b> Architecture
<b>19th May 2018</b>	<b>Jamel Akib</b> Competition	<b>TBC</b> tbc

## Workshop for Summer 2018

Workshop places can be reserved at Demonstration Meetings only from February to May.

12th May	Jake Winkle	Watercolour Animals
9th June	Ben Manchipp	Ways & Means with Architecture
14th July	Alison Board	Watercolour & Mixed Media Ideas

## 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/2018/01/2018-outdoor-paintings.pdf>

June 20 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Four Seasons Hotel, Dogmersfield Park, Chalky Lane Dogmersfield RG27 8TD
June 27 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	All Saints and St Mary's Church, Crondall, Farnham GU10 5QF
July 10 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Old Rectory and Gardens, Bagwell Lane, Winchfield RG27 8DB
July 18 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Basingstoke Canal, Mytchett Place Road, Mytchett GU16 6DD
July 31 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Elvetham Hotel, Hartley Wintney RG27 8AR
August 8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	The Barley Mow, Sprat's Hatch Lane, RG27 8ZY
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Selborne Village and Common, Free parking in High Street behind Selborne Arms GU34 3JR
August 28 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Lodge Farm, North Warnborough RG29 1HA
September 6 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Tylney Hall Hotel, Rotherwick, Hook RG27 9AZ
September 11 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Upton Grey Village RG25 2RL Bidden Road

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### DVD/ Video Library

**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.

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](mailto: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 July**