

# Art Circle History

The inaugural meeting of Bolton Art Circle was on October 19 1945. In 1946 any person desiring membership of the Art Circle must be proposed and seconded by a member of the Art Circle and passed by the committee. There is no record of this ruling ever having been rescinded! Acceptance standards were high in those days. Here's one from 1948, "Mr. W. Dyke Carter A.R.C.A. (London) F.R.S.A. Prince Henry's Grammar School. Otley. was proposed by Mr. E. Damberg and was deferred to the next meeting (where he was duly accepted).

In 1948 the Social Committee alone had 9 members and in 1968 there were "two secretaries for outdoor painting"

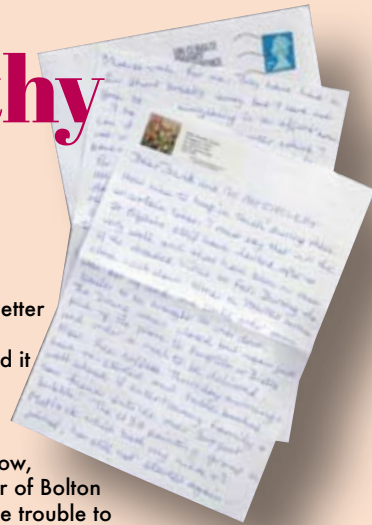
The Circle has been at Highfield since March 1994.

The member's 'Intimate Evening' has been held each May since 1990.

From 1972 -1990 the clubroom was in Atlas Mill on Chorley Old Road.

In 1973 the Circle had 285 members.

# Hello Dorothy

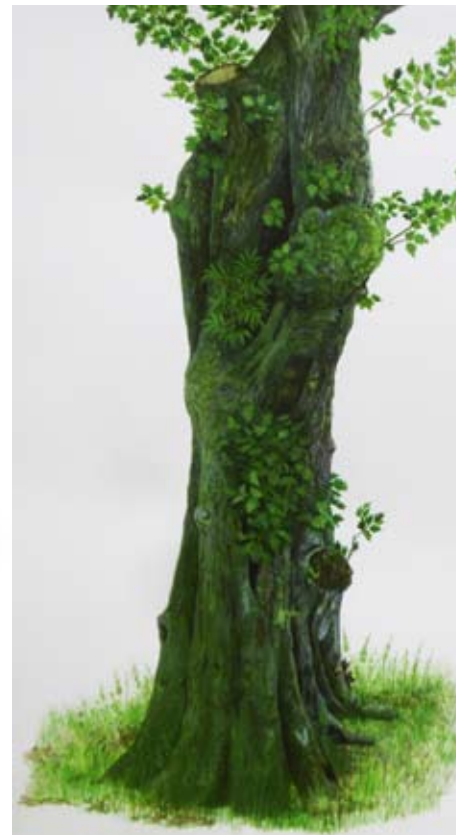


As the Editor of this newsletter it often occurs to me how many people actually read it but this week I received a lovely letter from Dorothy Colvin.

Dorothy, as some may know, is a long standing member of Bolton Art Circle and she took the trouble to write to me, and the Circle, just to say hello and tell me of the things that are going on in her life. She tells me she appreciates receiving 'In Touch' every month and all the staff at St. Elphins look after her and her friends very well and there have been no cases of the dreaded virus so far. Dorothy says she is now regarded as the 'Artist in Residence', an accolade I am sure she well deserves. She is very happy where she is even though she had to leave a lot of things behind, help is at the end of the phone and all the staff are very kind. Although I don't personally know Dorothy I am sure there will be other members who will know her and so I will pin her letter to the notice board at Highfield so that anyone can read it.

Dorothy, thank you for writing to me, I loved reading your letter and please do write again when you feel like it. Take care and best Regards

David  
on behalf of Bolton Art Circle



# Secretary's Challenge

The subject will be anything related to Christmas in any medium you choose. The winner will be chosen by members at one of the Christmas parties, details will be in the December newsletter. All entries to be in by Monday Dec 6th. The picture with the most votes wins. Don't sign your entry, write your name on the back.



## Nature studies by member Julie Brockbank

Julie's outstanding paintings are all watercolour/gouache creations.

Above 'Hawthorne Tree'

Top Left 'Creeping Ivy'

Bottom Left 'Green Tree'