

There is not a lot to report in this August issue so I have taken a look back at some of the history of the Art Circle. These exhibition catalogues go back to when we had a long standing arrangement with Bolton Art Gallery to hold our exhibitions there. Changes at the gallery mean this is no longer possible and the search for a new venue is ongoing. The newsletter was a single sheet in black and white, now we have full colour. Long ago we had hundreds of members but the figure was in the 80's before covid and now we are at 58. To put these numbers into context we have to realise that much has changed in the intervening years. There was no internet, now you can watch anything you want anytime you want and this will have an effect on how people manage their social activities. We don't have many 'younger' members, maybe today's lifestyles make it impossible for them to join a club such as ours. The Thursday evening sessions are primarily for people who work during the day but attendances are generally around 6 to 10 members. In the July issue of In Touch a questionnaire was sent to members who had not renewed asking their reasons for not doing so. The main reasons were moving away, health and accessibility. We are continually on the lookout for better premises at ground level but they are not easy to find.

David Editor

Down Memory Lane



King Bill changeover

The King Bill changeover is now completed, members are requested to collect their artworks as soon as possible as storage space at Highfield is limited. Uncollected artworks will be disposed of.

At the last committee meeting it was reported that several members have asked why the Art Circle doesn't do trips out anymore. The simple answer is that we still don't have a Social Secretary to organise them. This is not an easy task to do but if there is a member out there with some organising skills and would like to take on the job then please get in touch with a committee member. It would probably only be a couple of trips a year but would be very beneficial to the club.



Thanks to June Catterall for providing these images

Secretary's Challenge



At the time of printing this newsletter the September demo artist hadn't been confirmed so you are challenged to replicate this image. You can choose any medium you wish and the winner will be picked at the demonstration on the 13th of September so entries in by Monday the 12th September at the latest. Usual rules apply. There is a £10 cash prize for the winner.

The winner of the July Challenge was Eileen Halliwell and here's her winning entry chosen by Liam Dickinson at his demonstration, well done Eileen!



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