

Highlights from the AGM

Twenty plus members were present for the AGM at Highfield on the 24th April. All existing committee members were re-elected except for George Hull, Secretary, Roland Arthur, Deputy Chairman and Jean Steele, Social Secretary, who are stepping down after many years of service to the club. Everyone thanked George, Roland and Jean for their valuable contributions.

Eileen Halliwell was elected as the new Secretary, congratulations to Eileen. Ted Holden was proposed, and granted, Honorary Life Membership by all members present.

A proposal to increase membership fees and demonstration charges was put forward and after discussion a vote was taken by the members. This was followed by some lively debate with a conclusion that they remain at present levels with no increases at this time.

The committee would remind members that important decisions are taken at the AGM and this is why we would like as many people as possible to attend.

Hospital main corridor changeover

Cath would like your submissions for the Hospital corridor in by May 30th *at the latest* as the actual changeover is May 31st. Paintings to be taken to Highfield in the usual way all with 'D' rings for hanging. Members are asked to collect the returned paintings from Highfield as soon as possible.



Art on the internet

Continuing with this new feature here's a site worth a look at if you are interested in or work with pastels. It's a YouTube clip by Kerry Newell and is approx 30mins long.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQknXW7oRqk>
 This is one of your editor's favourite artists and features virtually all of his paintings
<https://www.joaquin-sorolla-y-bastida.org/>



Look who got the short straw at the jaw and draw...

A group of members enjoyed a fine lunch at the Bulls Head, Walkden on Tuesday April 24th. Due to the poor weather there was more jaw than draw, in fact, there was no draw except for Eileen who drew the short straw in the raffle draw. Is that clear? Eileen's prize was a very nice bound sketchbook which will come in very handy at some point.



April Demo with Les Darlow



Les completed two pictures during his demo

Frank Findlow has submitted his feedback on this popular artist.

'Well presented and professionally delivered. Very informative on the use of pan pastels. Also a mixed media demo. I am sure I can speak for all who attended it was an extremely informative and most enjoyable evening. Thanks to Les and the members who attended. Thanks go out to Eric Bromley for organising the evening.'
 Our next demonstrator is Carl Jacobs on Tuesday May 8th.

Secretary's Challenge

The next challenge is this watercolour painting by Stephen Coates who will be presenting the June demonstration. Members may choose whatever medium they like and Stephen will choose his favourite on the demo night. Entries in by June 12th. Usual rules apply.



Some dates for your diary

Although they are some way ahead make a note of these dates and put them in your diary, they are events you won't want to miss. Up first is a trip to Northwich Art Shops on Saturday July 7th. A celebration of art with five demonstrators in attendance and FREE admission. This is followed on the 27th of July with a trip to the National Exhibition of Wildlife Art at Gordale Garden Centre. Entry is FREE and will be displaying works by the best amateur and professional wildlife artists and those members who went last year were amazed by the quality of work on view. Another unique feature of this exhibition is that many of the artists will be there to discuss anything you care to ask regarding their work.

And finally Art in the Pen on August 11th at Skipton Auction Mart, it's 13th annual event. This is a leading art and craft fair showcasing a wide range of mediums. Travel costs for all three events is £15 with an admission fee of £5 to Art in the Pen. A list will go up at Highfield to put your name on or phone Frank on 07411 431007



New books for the members library

June Catterall is overseeing the members library and would like to remind you of the clubs desire to add new books that members would like to read. Just ask a committee member next time you attend a workshop or alternatively contact your editor, hallid47@talktalk.net. Tel 01942840571
 There are still books outstanding, please check to see if you have any.

