Highlights and decisions taken at the AGM

AGM Meeting Tuesday 23rd April 2019 held at Highfield Community Centre.

The above meeting took place with 22 club members out of a possible 94. Important decisions are made at this time where voting is necessary.

From the treasurers report a vote was carried to increase the annual membership fees to £30, an increase of £2.50. This was done to avoid slipping backwards and introducing a larger increase in the future. We have not had an increase for a number of years, and our fees are still lower than many other art groups.

A vote to re-elect the current committee members was carried, apart from the Social Secretary who has resigned. A replacement is required to organise trips to art venues, and other places of interest. If this position is not filled then I believe it will be a loss to the circle. No Social Secretary, no social events.

Our current treasurer has also given prior notice of his impending resignation at the next AGM 2020, he has offered to work with anybody showing an interest in this position to ensure a smooth transition. Without a Treasurer we will not be allowed to operate as an organisation. An amendment to the club's

constitution was voted on and carried. The rules have been changed regarding committee members attendance at meetings, they no longer need to be included within the Secretary's report at the AGM.

Without a strong committee the circle does not function and would soon cease to be. We only meet 11 times a year (now moved to 6.30pm on a Thursday evening) It is not a very big committee but means everything to the future success of the club. Anyone can become a member of the committee, even if they do not want a specific job to do as they add a voice and ideas to everything we do.

So as you can see it is very important that as many members as possible do attend the AGM meetings to have your say in the running of YOUR club.

Eileen Halliwell
Secretary, Bolton Art Circle

Members only

Now that the evenings are getting lighter we would like to see more members at the Thursday workshops. There's plenty of room, we normally only have about 10 or so regulars.
That means plenty of biscuits for everyone! Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm

Secretary's Challenge

The winner of the April challenge was Jean Steele, chosen by Elise Hendry at her demonstration. Jean's winning entry is shown here. Well done Jean, now to the next challenge.

The June challenge is to re-produce this dramatic picture of a sailing ship on stormy seas using any medium of your choice. The winner will be chosen by Greg Howard at his June 11th demo, so entries in by then please. Usual rules apply, the winner will receive a £10 cash prize.

Exhibition Wildlife Art

Held at Gordale Garden Centre on the Wirral, this is a fantastic exhibition featuring the very best wildlife artists and should not be missed. And the beauty of it is that the artists are there willing to share their expertise with you. Fom July 26 - 28 with Free admission. In the event we do not have a Social Secretary to organise a coach you will need to make your own way there. Approx travel time 1 hour.

Art on the Web

Your editor discovered this art demo on YouTube recently. It's how to paint landscapes realisticly in oils by Michael James Smith, well worth a look.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJ_CSj8kaHw

Exhibition Sales

During the past year members of Bolton Art Circle have sold approx 64 works of art at the exhibitions we organise, breaking down as follows

Bolton Royal 14
King Bill 9
Rivington 1
Eccles 5
Art in the Precinct 35

Congratulations to all successful artists who entered their artwork for these exhibitions.

Some members may remember Barry Gadsden, who was a member of Bolton Art Circle for many years. Most of his work has gone to friends and family but some remains. His family have decided to have an exhibition and sale of the remaining paintings at Harwood Library from Sunday 2nd until Saturday 29th June. The proceeds of the sale will be to support Cancer Research. The Library is open every day except Wednesdays.