

AGM Headlines

The main resolutions of the AGM

No increase in subscriptions.

No increase in workshop fees.

No increase in demonstration fees.

£20 Prize for Secretary's Challenge

2 new committee members

Chair (Lesley Taylor) Lesley opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and read her report. She explained that it had been a difficult year due to the need to vacate the New Bury building at short notice and having to find temporary home for the club. There is no certainty as to the future of the building and many options have been explored, which will be discussed with the members. Some highlights of the year include the successful event at the Bolton Food Festival, exhibitions held at the King Bill pub and Eccles gallery and the programme of demonstrations at the club. Sketching days were organised as well as social lunches. It is with great sadness that we lost some dear members of the club who are sadly missed and others who are not well, to whom we send our best wishes. Lesley ran through the pros and cons of a variety of venues which have been explored by herself and members of the club. The main needs of the club are: ground level or lift access space, a big enough workshop area, storage, a sink with water and parking. Although no venue has been identified up to now, it was suggested that we move back to the New Bury site until a suitable building can be found. The majority of the members present voted to move back to the New Bury site. Date to be announced.

Secretary/newsletter (David Halliwell) David thanked the committee members for their efforts over the last year. All members are happy to carry on in their role apart from Sam Leigh who has stood down, David thanked Sam for his contribution to the running of the club over the past decades.

Treasurer [Sylvia Harding] Sylvia circulated the accounts for the past year. Unfortunately, there has on occasion, been a shortfall in the subs paid at the workshops this has ranged from between 30pence and £7. Members are reminded that the Subs from each week's workshops go towards paying the rent for the room. It was unanimously agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £32.50. The Subs are now due and can be paid by BACS or cash to Cath at the workshops. Voting - Current committee members (except for Sam) where voted in. Two new members were proposed and seconded as committee members these are Elaine Smith and Joyce Gilmore.

AOB Aline suggested that members take notice of potential venues for the club to hold exhibitions and to enquire about the possibility. It was agreed that the minutes from the committee meetings be circulated to members so that they are better informed. It was agreed that the Secretary's Challenge prize money be raised to £20 to encourage members to participate.

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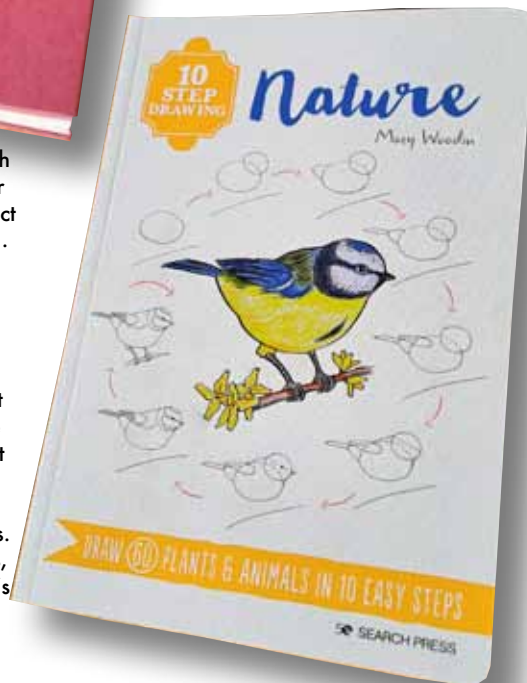
RAFFLE of the MONTH



The May raffle is for this Daler Rowney Fine Grain Cartridge Sketch Book and Nature Drawing Book

The sketch book provides an excellent surface for drawing with graphite and coloured pencils, or with charcoals, as they are perfect for smooth shading and blending. A5 size.

The Nature book by Mary Woodin is a beginner's guide to drawing plants and animals in 10 simple steps. If you want to start drawing nature subjects, but aren't sure how to then this is the book for you! It has helpful, short explanations that will help you turn simple shapes into nature illustrations in just 10 simple steps. Create 60 different flowers, trees, animals and objects, from a bird's nest to a cheeky harvest mouse, by following the instructions. Learning to draw has never been so simple!



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Secretary's Challenge

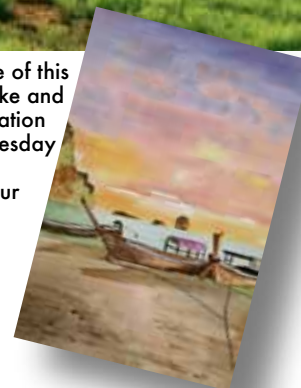
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The May challenge is to produce a picture of this scene. You can choose any medium you like and the winner will be chosen at the demonstration on the 12th of June so entries in by Wednesday the 11th June at the latest. The usual rules apply but please don't frame or mount your artworks, write your name on the back. Secretary's decision is final.

There is a £20 cash prize for the winner.

The winner of the April challenge was Elaine Smith and here's her winning entry chosen by Lesley and Eric at their April demonstration. Well done Elaine



Payment of £32.50 is due from the 1st of May and can be made by cheque or cash direct to Cath at workshops and demos, or by bank transfer, for full details of bank transfer contact Sylvia on 07950 012887.

Subs now due for 2025/6



Next Committee Meeting,
Monday 19 May 3.30pm
at Newbury Community Centre

