



### The Unbelievable Truth

We have been astonished to find that our coveted library of Art Books at Highfield has been desecrated.

Our "Librarian" **Cath Baxendale** just couldn't believe her own eyes when she discovered that several books had had pictures cut out of the pages; and even, in some instances, whole pages had been torn out.

You may think that with our booking-out system, the culprits would be easy to trace. But the books in question were never booked out.

Your Committee has searched their minds to contemplate who, amongst our 93 members would do this type of thing. However they know of no-one in the Circle who might do this.

Have you any ideas? And can you come up with any suggestions to deter members from doing this?



### Biennial Exhibition

Some of you may be wondering when we are going to hold our next "Biennial" Exhibition which normally takes place in the Central Art Gallery. We were due to have one this year, about this time.



However, if you are a follower of the developments taking place in the Art Gallery/Museum, you may have realised that what was the Art Gallery is being transformed into a big new permanent Egyptology Exhibition.

We cannot ascertain what future provision is going to be made for displaying pictures, etc. But from past experience, Bolton Metro has never been at the forefront of promoting local art groups. So it may be some time before they work out where future art exhibitions, such as ours, will be held.

Do you know of anywhere that we could possibly stage our flagship exhibition? If you've any ideas, please get in touch with our Chair **Lesley** or Secretary **George**.

### Yuletide Greetings

Your Committee wish you a Happy Christmas, prosperous New Year and may 2017 be a productive year for your artistic endeavours.



Talking of Christmas, it has been decided that the:-

**Monday** group will have their Annual Party at their last workshop of the year on **19<sup>th</sup> December**. They will resume on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

**Wednesday** group will have their last meeting on **21<sup>st</sup> December** and return on **4<sup>th</sup> January**.

The last **Thursday** group workshop will be on **22<sup>nd</sup> December** and the group will return on **January 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### New Year Meal

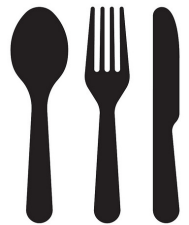
Our ever-popular Annual New Year meal will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 in the usual venue of the Masonic Hall, Silverwell Street, Bolton. It is, of course, open to all members, relatives and friends.

A Signing-up sheet is now on the Notice Board at Highfield where you will be asked to select your choice of meal.

If you are unable to get into Highfield Hall to sign up, please contact any Committee Member who will be delighted to assist you.

The cost this year is £16 per person payable by 16<sup>th</sup> January to one of the **Jeans**.

Further information from **Jean Steele** on 01706 281349, or **Jean Faulkner** on 01204 460832



### Secretary George's Monthly Challenge.

**Paul Gerrard** submitted the winning entry for Blockley's "abstract" moorland scene (with gate). Congratulations **Paul**. His picture is reproduced on Page 2.

The next Challenge for you to tackle is James Naughton's abstract in oils. He was our last Demonstrator in October and this is the actual picture many of us watched him create. **George** feels that it could be difficult painting it in a different medium, so he has suggested that all contestants should produce an entry in an oil-based medium.

You have until mid January to produce your masterpiece. So it will be ideal for the relaxing Christmas period after you've indulged yourselves with Christmas Pudding and boxes of chocolate. Any questions? Contact **George** on 01204 841172,



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