



**Retford Art Society**

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## NEWSLETTER February 2015

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2015. We've included lots of information about the year ahead, with the most recent diary dates of Society events.



### **Christmas Dinner at the Bay tree**

24 people enjoyed a delicious meal of home cooked food at the Bay Tree Restaurant on Dec. 19th. Pam Light again provided an interesting art quiz.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The 47<sup>th</sup> AGM was held on 22nd January 2015 at the Swan Studio and 16 members attended. As usual the main business was the presentation of the accounts for last year and the election of the Officers and Committee members.

Margaret Presley gave her Chair's review of the Society's year. She thanked all the members who had worked behind the scenes to make it such a successful year, and highlighted the two large exhibitions and the monthly demonstrations at the Post 16 Centre, as well as the workshops, visits, community and social events.

### **Officers of the Society**

The Officers of the Society for 2015 are: Chair - Margaret Presley; Vice Chair – Warren Cookson; Secretary – Andy Massey; Treasurer - Sally Telfer

### **General Committee Members**

The members for 2015 are: Membership Secretary – Jen Kirk  
David Brown, Chris Daniels, Rose Elkington, Helen Lems, Pam Light, Sheila Robertson, Barbara Sparks, Mick Thomas, and Clifford Warnes.

### **Selection Committee**

The members for 2015 were voted in en bloc as no-one else offered to be nominated: Ann Blagg, David Brown, Rose Elkington, Val Moore, Barbara Sparks and Cliff Warnes.

### **Annual Subscriptions**

The annual subscriptions for this year will remain unchanged at £25.00. If you have not already renewed your subscription for 2015 please send payment to Jen Kirk at 18, Greenway, Ordsall, Retford, Notts, DN22 7RX. You can also pay at the next monthly meeting on Thurs. Feb. 26th. Also please remember to keep Jen informed of any changes to your contact details. (Subscription form enclosed) **Prompt payment of subs. will be much appreciated. Subs will not be received on Exhibition Submission Day.**

### **Membership Card and Diary Card**

On payment of your subscription, you will be issued with a membership card together with a programme of events card. The membership card will prove helpful when obtaining a

discount from Images which allow us 10% discount. We will keep you informed through the year of any changes to diary events.

### **2014 Events Programme**

The 2014 programme of events has been issued and as usual features a wide range of attractions, including 10 monthly meetings, a Painting Day, 4 workshops and the Summer and Autumn Exhibitions. Please note these changes since going to print :- **Clarborough Jewellery Workshop is now on Sat. Nov. 14th not 31st Oct. Also Post 16 Demo on 26th Feb will be Graham Laughton - Pastel Landscape, who has swapped dates with Bill Lupton, who will now be demonstrating Atmospheric landscape on May 21st**

### **Spring Exhibition at St Swithuns Church**

Submission Day: Sat. 25th April 10am - noon Preview evening: Wed 29th April 7pm  
Exhibition runs from Thurs. 30th April until Sat. 16th May inc. Charter Day on Mon. 4th May

### **Autumn Exhibition at St Swithuns Church**

Submission Day: Sat 3rd Oct. 10am - noon Preview Evening: Wed. 7th Oct  
Exhibition runs from Thurs. 8th Oct. until Sat. 24th Oct.

### **Monthly Meetings**

The first demonstration of 2015 is on 26th Feb, when Graham Laughton will be giving a demonstration of Landscape Painting in pastels. The admission fee remains the same at £3 for members, £5 non members and £2 students.

### **Workshops**

The first Workshop of 2014 is on Saturday 14th March at Clarborough Village Hall 10.00 am to 3.30 pm with artist Elaine Nash, working with watercolours. Please contact Sheila Robertson for a place; 01909 476287, or sheilar45@hotmail.com.

### **Life Drawing and Bassetlaw Museum Life Exhibition**

Life Drawing classes at the Swan Studio commence on March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm.

The preview of the Exhibition was well attended and all commented on the high standard of work. The exhibition runs until March 14th.

Pictures to be collected on Mon. 16th March 11am. Please let Sally Telfer know if you would like a picture to go on display at The Body Cafe. sallykt@outlook.com

### **Primary Care Trust**

The next meeting for displaying paintings is Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> May in Room 5. Please let Margaret know if you want your name putting down or taking off - artists are chosen to display their work in alphabetical order. Contact 01777 707569 or mail a.presley@btinternet.com

### **Tourist Information and Artisan Products Centre**

An initiative to replace Retford's TIC is being developed. It will involve larger premises (yet to be located) and will provide both information for visitors and an outlet for local artisan, including artists. If you want to know more, contact our RAS member Chris Daniels, at chris.louise.daniels@gmail.com

### **St.Swithun's Church Workshops**

Re. Georgie Hadley is holding a 6 week course of workshops in the Lady Chapel. They will be held on Thursdays 7pm -9pm, starting Thurs. 19th Feb. The theme will be 'Icons', where

you can create your own or use ideas from existing work. If interested please contact Georgie Hadley at 43 Great North Road, Sutton on Trent NG23 6PL Tel: (01636) 821 343 or Email : georgie.hadley@yahoo.co.uk

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### **Monthly Meetings ( 2015 )**

*These Meetings are usually held on the last Thursday in each month in the Post 16 Centre, near the leisure centre, Retford at 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm*  
(This programme of events may be subject to change - note that the dates change from the last Thursday during the school holidays)

26th February	Graham Laughton	Pastel Landscapes
26th March	Phil Briggs	Watercolour
23rd April	Marianne Nixey	Contemporary Flowers
21st May	Bill Lupton	Atmospheric Landscape
25th June	Jane Lazenby	Techniques of Figure Drawing
30th July		Critique (Swan Studio)
27th August	Painting Day	Papplewick Pumping Station
24th September	Vic Bearcroft	Wildlife in Pastels
22nd October	Terry Chipp	Textures in Acrylics
26th November	Timothy Fisher	Light and Colour in Mixed Media

### **Workshops (2015)**

Workshops will be held at Clarborough Village Hall (CVH) or Swan Studio (SS) from 10am until 3:30pm

14th March (CVH)	Elaine Nash	Watercolour
27 <sup>th</sup> June (CVH)	Steven McLoughlin	Acrylic
12th Sept (CVH)	John Wakefield	Pastel
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Barbara Coulam	Glass Jewellery

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