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Thank you to those members who attended our recent AGM and particularly to our president, Trevor Waugh. I was pleased to report back on a successful year for the Club, during which we not only received positive feedback from members but also increased our membership and consolidated our financial position.

As you will see from this edition, the Club is announcing a wide range of events and activities over the summer which I hope you will enjoy supporting. Our Spring Exhibition, over Easter at Gardens Gallery, promises to be a particular highlight with more paintings than ever on display. Please join us at the Preview evening on Wednesday, 4 April at 6pm for a leisurely browse, the presentation of the Appleby Cup and, of course, drinks and nibbles.

It is with regret, therefore, that I must express my deep Concern that the Club still lacks both a Company Secretary and a Club Secretary, **without which we cannot continue to function.** Both roles involve offering very little of your time in exchange for a real contribution to the Club. If you can spare about 3 hours a month on average, have internet access and want to help secure the future of the Club, please contact me. You would be given every help to settle in.

Yours, in anticipation,

Reg Fahey

Your Club needs you! Yes, you!

Can you spare about 3 hours a month for one of these vital roles?

Company Secretary

Fulfils our simple legal obligations, including statutory returns and calling the AGM.

Club Secretary

Light secretarial duties only. Mainly record keeping, calling committee meetings and general correspondence.

Don't wait for others! Why not YOU?

For more information call Reg on 01242 679102 or email dorreg@talktalk.net

WINNER OF THE PERCY MILLS CUP

Once again we were fortunate to have Dr. Frances Wilson-Copp to judge the new members paintings. It was enlightening to listen to her comments not only on the three best pictures but also on all the other entries. A great encouragement for us to bring our own paintings to her Critique Afternoon on 27th May.

As she struggled to make her choice she said that this year The standard was very high. The winner was Michael Walsh with his watercolour of "Snow in New York", runner up "Loch Awe" by Derek Harrison and third Lizzie Byrne's "Heritage Guardian".



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Scheduled Painting Groups & Leaders - Spring Session

Starting Tuesday 16th April to Saturday 18th August

Monday

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| 9.30-12 noon 16 th April | General Painting-Any medium | Robin Martin |
| 2-4pm 16 th April | Watercolour Painting | Caroline Warrington |
| 7-9pm 16 th April | Life painting/drawing | Steve Parker |

Tuesday

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| 9.30am-12 noon 17 th April | General Painting-Any medium | Jill Blower |
| 2pm-4pm 17 th April | General Painting-Any medium | Carolyn Ward |

Wednesday

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| 10am-12 noon 18 th April | Portrait Painting/drawing | Steve Johnson |
| 2pm-4pm 18 th April | Portrait Painting/drawing | Francine Danks |

Thursday

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| 9am-12 noon 19 th April | General Painting-Any medium | Terence Evans |
| 2pm-4pm 19 th April | Watercolour Group | Pat Nolan |

Friday

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| 9.30-12 noon 20 th April | General Painting-Any medium | Frances Arrow |
| 2pm-4pm 20 th April | Still Life-Any medium | Jean Callwood |

The Group Session Fee for the term of 18 weeks is £18. Casual Attendance Fee £2

Prompt payment to Group Leaders please

TREVOR WAUGH CLINIC

Our President, Trevor has generously offered to give us a half-day session for members once a month to take place in his Studio at 45 London Road 10am-12.30pm. A great opportunity to show him your pictures, get advice, watch a demonstration, and discuss all your painting problems with a true Master. The cost for each member will be £25 for one session consisting of a maximum of 4 people. All proceeds will go to Club funds.

The first three dates available are:- Thurs. 10th May, Mon. 18th June and Mon. 23rd July.

A list for those wishing to sign up will be on the Studio Board or book your place by emailing Colin Isted—

SEE YOUR PAINTINGS ON OUR WEBSITE

www.cheltenhamartclub.co.uk

The Club Gallery on our website shows the Studio Displays. Be sure to put your name & titles on your pictures when you hang them in the Studio if you want them included.

Please contact Pat Emery if you have any ideas on how to improve our website. New material is always welcome.

Cheltenham Art Club Welcomes New Members

Traceyjane Rees, Derek Harrison, Lynda Hodder, Malachi Stone
Mary Grundy and Barbara Godfrey

DRAWING WORKSHOP WITH PETER HODGE—Sunday 15th April

Only room for a few more students—so don't think about it call now! See Peter Hodge's website for inspiration.

Phone Dave King

DOUG EATON DEMONSTRATION Saturday, 28th April

This promises to be an exciting journey into painting with acrylics by this local artist from the Forest of Dean, not to be missed. See his website. Admission £4

CRITIQUE by Frances Wilson-Copp 2pm Sunday 27th May

Want to know how an expert rates your work - and what you can do to improve it ? Bring a couple of your paintings along to the Critique at the Studio and you'll find out. Dr Frances Wilson-Copp has been teaching art and art history in Gloucestershire for about 25 years. She is currently a lecturer at the University of Gloucestershire and runs private classes in Art History and the Appreciation of Art and Architecture. Admission £4 to cover overheads.

GERALD SAVINE DEMONSTRATION Saturday, 30th June—Gouache

We can expect an entertaining afternoon with this local artist/illustrator from Upton-upon-Severn. Well known for his railway paintings. Lots of information on his website. Admission £4

EN PLEIN AIR for the Summer of 2012

As you will see below Didi and Jane have organised some attractive venues for our outdoor painting this summer. Please bring with you a packed lunch and drinks plus all the painting gear you might need. Our hosts always make sure there is somewhere to shelter if we are unlucky with the weather and provide Loo facilities. We arrive soon after 10 am and leave about 4 pm. This is also a chance to bring a friend and introduce them to other members of the Club.

In gratitude for their hospitality we each contribute to a collection which our host donates to his or her chosen Charity.

Wed. 2nd May :- c/o Stina Horne, Broadwell, Church Road, Leckhampton.

Parking in the drive is limited so opposite house or near church in the lay-by are other options.

Wed. 6th June :- Dr. Hazel Padfield, Lawns Farm, Pillows Green Road, Corse, Tewkesbury, GL19 3NX. (Contact Didi for directions.)

Wed. 4th July :- Celia Hargrave, Trench Hill, Sheepscombe, Nr Painswick GL6 6TZ

Wed. 1st August :- Tim Wiltshire, Brockworth Court, Brockworth, GL3 4QU

Wed. 5th September :- Dundry Nurseries, Bamfurlong Lane, Bamfurlong GL51 6SL

Please notify Jane Few a day or two before if you are coming and for directions, except for June 6th for which the contact is Didi.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were unanimously elected at the AGM on 17th March.

Chairman - Reg Fahey

Vice-Chairman - Heather Watkinson

Treasurer - Robin Sealey

Head of Painting - Colin Isted

Head of Marketing & Communications—Pat Emery

Company and Club Secretary - not filled

Dates for your Diary

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| 4th-10th April | Our Club Exhibition in the Gardens Gallery and presentation of the Appleby Cup |
| 15th April 10am—4pm | Workshop with Peter Hodge |
| Sat. 28th April 2.30 pm | Demonstration—Doug Eaton. Medium Acrylics (<i>Change from Annual Programme, Joan Lyons has had to postpone her visit</i>) |
| Wed. 2nd May | En Plein Air |
| Sun. 27th May 2.30pm | Critique by Frances Wilson-Copp |
| Wed 6th June | En Plein Air |
| Sat.30th June 2.30pm | Demonstration by Gerald Savine. Medium Gouache |
| Wed. 4th July | En Plein Air |
| Wed 1st August | En Plein Air |
| Sunday, 5th August | Summer Lunch Party in the Studio Garden |

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Out of the 172 members of our Club only 46 still need to have a printed copy of the newsletter delivered or sent to them. This helps enormously with costs so with the price of a second class stamp rising to 50p next year it would be wonderful if we could avoid even more postage.

If you have an email address please make sure you are on the Club list.

If you live near someone whose envelope is in the Newsletter Box in the Studio please help us by delivering it by hand then we will have solved a big problem.

Mary Warner, Newsletter editor

HELENA CUMMINS

It is sad to announce that on the 8th February Helena Cummins passed away at Badgeworth Court Care Home. She had suffered strokes and had been unable to paint for some considerable time. Helena joined the Art Club in the early 1980's. Her husband, John, has kindly passed her books and much of her equipment to the Club.

Audrey Peacock

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