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May I wish all members a Very Happy and Healthy New Year. We have a full programme for you to enjoy in 2013.

The AGM takes place on Saturday 23rd March, this is the most important meeting of the year so I hope you will all be there. As you know, the club is run on an entirely voluntary basis and many members already play their part in the smooth running of the Club for which we are all grateful. We urgently need the newer members to serve on the Committee with fresh ideas and fresh energy. Please remember it is not a life sentence. Every director and officer has to stand for re-election at the AGM.

My term as Chairman ends now after three interesting years, I shall not be standing for re-election so please contact me if you are interested in taking on this rewarding task. (01242 679102)

Legally there are three key positions which simply must be filled at the AGM if the Club is to continue:-

1. Chairman

2. Treasurer. Robin Sealey, has decided not to stand for re-election and I should like to thank him for his dedication to a job well done, especially since he had no previous accountancy experience. In this case the need is **immediate** and so if you are able to help contact either me or Robin (01242 529008) to discuss the role with a view to an orderly hand-over before the end of March.

3. Secretary. We are still in need of someone to deal with minute-taking, general administration and statutory returns to Companies House.

Other vacancies have yet to be finalised but we will be posting the usual Nominations Form on the

Notice Board before the AGM. Please help our Club in its hour of need.

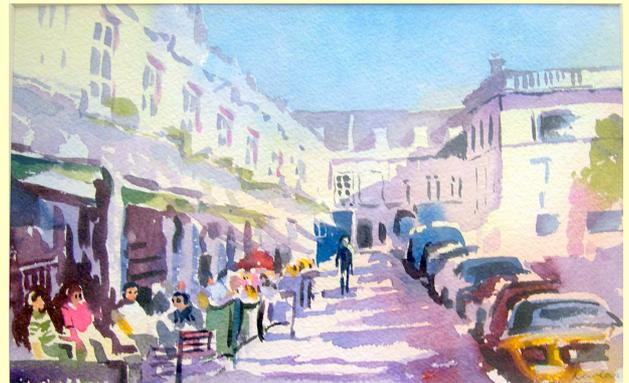
**Reg Fahey,
Chairman**

DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 2nd February 2.30pm

In the Studio—admission £5

Darlas Hunter, is a local Artist and Tutor to the Friday afternoon group. She will take us, stage by stage, through the creation of a Cheltenham Townscape in watercolour.



Montpellier in the Sunshine, a picture from her latest exhibition with Trevor Waugh (now in a private collection).

Dates for Your Diary during the Spring Session

Sat 26 th Jan 10am-4pm	WORKSHOP with BARRY HERNIMAN
Sat 2 nd Feb 2.30pm	DEMONSTRATION by DARLAS HUNTER , watercolour, Cheltenham Townscape.
15 th Feb—1 st March	Studio Display, Friday Afternoon, Still Life Group
2 nd March-21 st March	Studio Display, Heather Watkinson's Class
Sat 9 th March 10am-noon	WINTER MARKET in the Studio
Sat.23 rd March 2.30pm	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the Studio and Presentation of the Percy Mills Cup for new members.
26 th March-9 th April	Studio Display—Wednesday Afternoon Group
Wed 3 rd -9 th April	Our SPRING EXHIBITION IN THE GARDENS GALLERY
Sat 6 th April 2.30pm	DEMONSTRATION BY Jenny Westbrook—Abstract

Cheltenham Art Club Welcomes New Members

Jack Pointer, Nigel Dineen, Ann Berry and Shan Grant



Wednesday Afternoon Portrait Group. For some months the studio has been empty on Wednesday afternoons due to lack of a leader. Sid Penman has offered to take on this job and resurrect the Portrait Group. There will need to be a discussion regarding models, etc. Steve Johnson has offered to provide names of likely sitters.

If there are enough members Sid will set up a meeting to thrash out the details, with me there. This will probably happen on a Wednesday afternoon in the Studio.

Please contact Sid as soon as possible

Colin Isted Email: colin@isted.org.uk

Spring Club Outing.

We are sorry to hear that Mick Walsh is having major surgery soon so will not be able to organise our Club Outing this Spring. We all wish you well Mick and look forward to your speedy recovery.



HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

This should have been done by 31st December but if you forgot or lost your renewal form please contact Pat Silletoe .

WINTER MARKET

SATURDAY, 9TH MARCH, 10.00 - 12.30pm

ANNUAL SALE of art materials to be held in the studio. In preparation, can you please gather together any art-related materials you no longer require or have never used! They can be left at the back of the studio or in the annex from week beginning Monday, 25th February. They must be clearly marked "Winter Market".



Tickets will be on sale through Group Leaders nearer the date – 50p entry, which will include a cup of tea or coffee, so bring your ticket with you. Alternatively, 60p on the day.

There will be a raffle.

ALL proceeds raised will go into Club Funds.

For any further enquiries, please ring: Heather Woodward,

Our Website was set up three years ago by Pat Emery. She keeps it up to date and welcomes your contributions and suggestions. The majority of new members have joined after visiting it and it is a source of interest to many friends and relatives. They can see our pictures in the Club Gallery and read about what we are up to here. Pat downloads the pictures from our Studio Exhibition every fortnight. Sadly some beautiful paintings have been left out lately because she can only show them if they are labelled with the Artist's name and a title for the picture. **Group Leaders please remind your exhibitors about this necessity.**

A GREENER GARDENS GALLERY

The gallery has been closed for development work during January. Improvements being undertaken are:-

Lower Energy Consumption

- Enhanced insulation
- Heating by air to air heat pump
- LED lighting

A more inviting aspect

- 6 front door panels to be double glazed
- Doors and steps freshly painted

Re-opens on 6th February 2013



Before



After

ART CLUB LIBRARY. We are still hoping someone will come up with a solution for copying the videos onto DVDs. No suggestions yet. Any ideas welcome. The club has bought several new DVDs which are available for you to borrow.

EXHIBITIONS DATES AND ORGANISATION.

I have booked two one week exhibitions at the Gardens Gallery in 2013, 3rd to 9th April and 11th to 17th September. I am also looking ahead as most spaces are already taken for 2014. It is likely there will be one week in early April or June and one in September but dates are not yet confirmed.

I have been organising the club exhibitions for some years, ably assisted by members who deliver posters and those who work so hard on the hanging day. I do not intend to go on for ever as Exhibitions Organiser and for the sake of the club there is a need for other members who could take over.

I am therefore looking for a member, or members, who would like to assist me initially and eventually organize the exhibitions. Ideally the load would be shared between two members, bearing in mind the need for back up if at any time the Exhibitions Organiser is unavailable. The job does involve a good deal of time leading up to exhibitions but it is most rewarding to see the pictures hanging in the gallery.

The Organizer and Assistant do need to be computer literate as most of the initial work is done electronically. It is my intention to put all the details, forms, etc. on a CD so that anyone taking over will have all the forms readily available. The forms will be templates as dates will change from exhibition to exhibition. Existing sheets, Regulations, etc., may evolve as time goes by so the CD may need to be re-written from time to time.

If organizing exhibitions or just helping appeals to you, please contact me.

Colin Isted

TUESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Now that Sophie Turner's tutored sessions have finished, Carolyn Ward will resume her place as Group Leader on Tuesday afternoons.

It will be a "general painting" group but Carolyn will be pleased to help members who would like particularly to progress with acrylics painting. Carolyn is a skilled acrylics painter with much experience in the medium. This is **Not** a tutored class but a resurrection of the original Tuesday Afternoon Group which was disbanded temporarily .

Please contact Carolyn if you would like to join the group.

Useful Contacts

Chairman, Reg Fahey - chair@cheltenhamartclub.co.uk

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