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Cheltenham



NEW COMMITTEE AND NEW CHAIRMAN.

The AGM was held on 23rd March with 37 members attending. Reg our outgoing Chairman was thanked for his tireless service during the last three years. Amongst the many jobs he undertook was the redecoration and improvement of the Studio and securing the future of this Club with a new lease on our premises for the next seven years.

The new Committee are as follows:-

David King,(Chairman)Head of Education

Colin Isted Head of Painting

Nigel Dineen Head of Administration

Robin Sealey Treasurer

Heather Watkinson Head of Social Activities

Pat Emery Head of Marketing

Mary Warner Newsletter Editor

Thanks go to David for taking on the Chair he will need all our help, so please don't hesitate to offer your support.

Life Membership for Heather Watkinson

In recognition for the many years she has served as Vice Chairman and Tutor.

Heather has been the main teacher of watercolour in Cheltenham Art Club for as long as we can remember. Many of us have enjoyed her classes and gone on to try other mediums. She served as vice-chairman for Hazel Kitchen and for Reg Fahey but as this position no longer exists Heather will concentrate on the social side of our club. Thank you Heather for all you have done and are doing.

A Message from your Treasurer

We are at the start of a new year with a newly elected committee working to a new structure to help us focus on the real purpose of the Club, painting and art.

During my AGM report I highlighted the importance of the various activities in providing funds for the Club. We made a surplus of £888 for the year but without the money brought in from our activities it

WINNER OF THE NEWCOMERS CUP

Congratulations go to Michael Nadin for his colourful painting "Skyline" in acrylics.

Thanks go to Martin Bowden who did the judging this year. We all enjoyed his questioning of the participants about their choice of subject and their techniques.

It was pointed out that all the entries were from male members of this club, so come on girls show them what you can do next year!



would have been a loss of £1,672.

Painting groups, demonstrations, workshops, courses, exhibitions, outings, the summer lunch party, sales of materials at the markets are all making essential contributions to our finances.

Please continue your support by taking part in as many activities and events as often as possible.

We must meet the demands of rent, insurance, heating etc. Our new 7 year lease brings an increase in rent so we need your help to find and encourage more new members.

Thank you for your support during the past year, please continue the good work.

Robin Sealey
Treasurer

Publicity Officer Needed– If you can write good copy and are interested in telling others about the Club, then please help us publicise our activities and attract new members. **Contact Pat Emery**

Scheduled Painting Groups & Leaders - Spring Session

Starting Tuesday 7th May to Friday 23th August

Monday		
9.30am-12 noon 13 th May	General Painting-Any medium	Robin Martin
2-4pm 13 th May	Watercolour Painting	Caroline Warrington
7-9pm 13 th May	Life painting/drawing	Chris Ward
Tuesday		
9.30am-12 noon 7 th May	General Painting-Any medium	Jill Blower
2pm-4pm 7 th May	Sophie Turner Classes	Carolyn Ward
Wednesday		
10am-12 noon 8 th May	Portrait Painting/drawing	Steve Johnson
2pm-4pm 8 th May	Portrait	Sid Penman
Thursday		
9am-12 noon 9 th May	General Painting-Any medium	Terence Evans
2pm-4pm 9 th May	Watercolour Group	Pat Nolan
Friday		
9.30-12 noon 10 th May	General Painting-Any medium	Frances Arrow
2pm-4pm 10 th May	Still Life-Any medium	Jean Callwood

The Group Session Fee for the term of 16 weeks is £16. Casual Attendance Fee £2
Prompt payment to Group Leaders please

Dates for Your Diary

Wed 1 st May 10am-4pm	En Plein Air, Broadwell House, Leckhampton
Sat 11 th May 10am-4pm	ACRYLIC WORKSHOP with Mariana Robinson
Sat 1 st June, 2.30pm	DEMONSTRATION by Martin Rumary
Thurs.6 th June 10am-4pm	En Plein Air, Stanway House and Fountain
Wed.3 rd July 10am-4pm	En Plein Air, Moorwood House, Woodmancote
Sat. 6 th July 10am-4pm	DRAWING WORKSHOP with Peter Hodge
Sun.4 th August 1 pm	SUMMER LUNCH PARTY

Wednesday Afternoon Portrait Group.

Sid Penman has created a flourishing portrait group that meets on Wednesday afternoons. There is still room for a few more members, so if you are interested, please phone Sid. Models are always in great demand, if you would like to be a model, or know someone who would, he will be happy to hear from you as well. Please contact Sid

Studio Displays during the Summer Session

All members are invited to display their work at any time during the summer. Some may like to display a group project which will be most welcome.

Photos and paintings from our En Plein Air outings will be particularly interesting to everyone.

Best picture of the summer might receive a surprise prize!

Cheltenham Art Club Welcomes New Members

Barbara Shaw, Sally Scanlon, Annalisa Beeching and Katie Radcliffe



BROADENING OUR HORIZONS

My job on the Committee is to arrange workshops, demonstrations and classes for Club members with a an emphasis on encouraging the creative aspect of its activities. I want this to be team effort - more hands make light work.

I don't mind carrying on with organising the workshops myself, although I certainly won't object if someone else fancies the job - it's not onerous and you meet some interesting people! Peggy Lewis is currently handing over the role of organising demonstrations to Elizabeth Germaine Tebby, so that aspect is covered.

Where we are falling short is the matter of organising more professional teaching and mentoring support for Club members. We all need help sometimes to move forward and broaden our horizons (me included) and the Club needs to develop a range of solutions to meet this need: it is clearly a situation where one size does not fit all.

We need someone to give some thought to this, come up with ideas, discuss them with us and put them into practice. You will not be on your own, you'll be part of the team. Call me to talk about it if you'd like to help - no commitment!

David King - (Chairman)

ACRYLIC WORKSHOP with Mariana Robinson. Saturday 11th May 10am–4pm. Cost £25. This is a brilliant way to improve your skills with acrylics or really master them if you are just a beginner in this medium. Cost of the day £25 & bring packed lunch. Phone or email David King **NOW** to secure one of the few places left on this workshop .

DEMONSTRATION by Martin Rumary Saturday 1st June 2.30 pm

Martin will be painting the Birds in your Garden using acrylics. He has a very inspiring website well worth a visit.



HOW IS YOUR DRAWING?

We are lucky to have Peter Hodge coming again this summer to give a drawing workshop on 6th July 10 am– 4 pm. Members were so impressed last time that they requested another chance to learn from him. Contact David King to make sure you can be there.

WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP with Fiona Peart Saturday

28th September 10am–4pm. Cost £30 Last time Fiona came to us the workshop was over-subscribed, now you can sign up in plenty of time although half the places have already been taken so don't delay. Contact David King



JENNY WESTBROOK DEMONSTRATION - 6th April



Twenty members enjoyed a fascinating demo by Jenny Westbrook who is an Abstract Artist. She explained the importance of mood and surroundings to achieve her best work. Painting in front of a crowd of artists who kept asking questions could not have possibly met her needs but she produced a beautiful picture which seemed to depict different scenes to different people. Thank you Jenny for an inspiring afternoon.

The En Plein Air Season is almost upon us again!

Venues for our visits this year (do note the dates as I had to alter June);

Wed. 1st May, a return visit to Broadwell House, Leckhampton, GL530QJ. It has an attractive garden with views up the hill and across to St Peter's church. We hope for better weather in this location this time!

Wed. 5th June we go to Stanway House, GL54 5PQ. It is a beautiful Jacobean manor house with gardens including orchards, walled gardens, follies, ponds and a famous fountain which shoots up to over 300 feet, the highest gravity fed fountain in the world. Our group will have private access for the day here, for which we pay £5 each rather than giving a donation. The fountain especially for us! And an offer of cream teas, at £3.50 per head, for which I need numbers a few days in advance.

Wed. 3rd July we are visiting the garden at Moor Wood House, Woodmancote, GL7 7EB. It contains the national collection of rambling roses. The roses only bloom for a couple of weeks each year, and we are lucky enough to be visiting at about the right time! Moor Wood is a lovely old house with roses scrambling up it, and there are extensive gardens with many other flowers as well as the collection of roses.

Thurs. 5th August we go to an old friend, Whittington Court, GL54 4HF. This is a very attractive listed Elizabethan manor house with gardens, and a twelfth century church adjacent to it. Plenty to paint here!

Thurs 5th September (note change of weekday) will be at Toddington Gloucester Warwickshire Railway station. Note that this trip is the only Thursday. There should be several heritage trains running on that day including one steam train to add to the excitement. We could even stoke up inspiration by taking a trip!

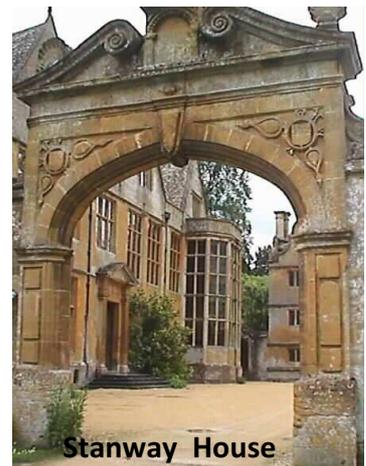
As always, we will meet at each venue at around 10 am and can stay until 4pm, generally meeting up at some point to eat our picnics. With the exception of Stanway House, we will be taking a voluntary collection for our host's chosen charity. Do let me know a day or two beforehand if you are coming, so that we can give our hosts an idea of numbers and I can pass on any last minute arrangements.

This is an opportunity for you to bring a painting friend who might be interested in joining the club.

Do come, see you there!

Jane Few

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Stanway House

THE WINTER MARKET 2013

Many thanks to all members who donated art materials and bought tickets for this event and, of course, to those who came to buy. We had a last-minute donation of a large quantity of materials via the widow of our dear late-member, Paddy Cornaby, which meant we had a plentiful supply of items for the sale.

On the day the all the monies totalled £253, but since then sales of left-over items has steadily increased this sum to **£420** – and rising!! This is a terrific contribution to the club funds.

Very many thanks again to **everyone** who helped setting up and selling, and serving teas, etc.

Heather Woodward

Useful Contacts

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