

# The Townsend Times

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### STUDIO FOR THE NEXT SEVEN

**YEARS.** *New lease deserves New-Look Studio.* When you come back after the summer break there will be new floor covering to greet you, additional display boards and a change in layout for the notice boards. We are fortunate to have the help and guidance of a member whose career as an Architect makes him ideally suited.

Already we have been given replacement chairs by the Racecourse Administration and are hoping that they may also find us some suitable tables in due course. Most of the improvements are free and the only large cost is the floor covering which is well within our means. Any rumours of reckless spending should be ignored, the Committee will account for every £1 spent and will put the account on the Notice Board.

**HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED to achieve this during the Summer Break (24<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September)**

**The carpet will be delivered and laid 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August.**

**We have to clear the floor beforehand.**

**After the carpet is laid we need a team to put up the new boards (not heavy) and re-paint the display boards.**

**The old carpet will be cut-up into manageable-size bags for removal to the dump (less than one mile from the studio)**

**If you have some time (morning or an afternoon?) and able to turn a screw, wield a brush or drive to the dump please contact:- Nigel Dineen John Boxall or Derek Harrison.**

**Please help to put a new face on the club!**

**THE LIBRARY is back in use:** we have collected in excess of £100 from the sale of videos and books no longer wanted and this can go to buy new DVDs and books. All the unsold videos were donated to Dundry Nurseries who have a recycling system and the books went to the Red Cross Bookshop who were very grateful. We checked the

### **NEW CLASSES**

Heather Watkinson has suggested that after tutoring for 20 years the time is right to hand on the Beginners Class to Darlas Hunter. This Autumn it will take place on Tuesday afternoons.

We are much indebted to Heather for the many years she has run her happy and relaxed afternoons, patiently giving encouragement to all her students. Without her great personality it is doubtful that the Club would have lasted this long. Thank you Heather, now we want all your lessons published in a book, please.

Darlas has also agreed to run a course for intermediate/advanced painters in acrylics and watercolour on Wednesday afternoons. (see page 3)

re-sale value of a proportion of the books on Amazon and concluded that they were not worth selling.

Feel free to borrow books and DVDs from the library as you wish. Just make a note in the appropriate ledger. There is no charge, but a donation towards the purchase of new stock would be appreciated. We have only a few Art DVDs: if you have one that you don't need, why not loan it to the Club. I intend to set the ball rolling with the loan of two new titles. If you have Art DVDs that you are prepared to lend to the Library we shall be most grateful. Please make sure they have your name on them.

Somebody asked me the other day what we were going to put on the spare shelves. Well, here's a suggestion. Why not bring in some suitable items to set up still life subjects?

The new Librarian will be our retired chairman, Reg Fahey, who will take over in October. Many thanks Reg.

*David King*

# Scheduled Painting Groups & Leaders - Autumn Session

Starting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

<b>Monday</b>		
9.30am-12 noon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	General Painting-Any medium	Cris Cambraia
2-4pm 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Watercolour Painting	Caroline Warrington
7-9pm 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Life painting/drawing	Chris Ward
<b>Tuesday</b>		
9.30am-12 noon 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	General Painting-Any medium	Jill Blower
2pm-4pm ..... Oct.	Beginners Class	Darlas Hunter
<b>Wednesday</b>		
10am-12 noon 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Portrait Painting/drawing	Steve Johnson
2pm-4pm 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Tuition Intermediate/Advanced	Darlas Hunter
<b>Thursday</b>		
9am-12 noon 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	General Painting-Any medium	Terence Evans
2pm-4pm 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Mixed Media Group	Pat Nolan
<b>Friday</b>		
9.30-12 noon 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	General Painting-Any medium	Mike Nadin
2pm-4pm 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Still Life-Any medium	Jean Callwood

The Group Session Fee for the term of 15 weeks is £15. Casual Attendance Fee £2  
**Prompt payment to Group Leaders please**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs.5<sup>th</sup> Sept.10am-4pm  
Mon.9<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Wednesday,11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Sept  
16<sup>th</sup> Sept-30<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Sat.21<sup>st</sup> September 10-5pm  
Sat.28<sup>th</sup> September 10am-4pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Sept-14<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Sat.5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2.30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Oct- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct.-12<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
Sat.2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov-26<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Sat.23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 10am-4pm  
Sat.7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2.30 pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov-20<sup>th</sup> Dec

En Plein Air -Toddington GWR Station  
Start of Autumn Session  
**GARDENS GALLERY EXHIBITION.**  
Studio Display, Monday Morning Group  
**OPEN DAY IN THE STUDIO**  
**WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP** with Fiona Peart  
Studio Display,Monday Afternoon Group  
**DEMONSTRATION** by Rick Middleton line & wash  
Studio Display, Monday Life painting/drawing  
Studio Display, Tuesday Morning Group  
**PASTEL DEMONSTRATION** by Jan Whitton  
Studio Display, Wednesday Morning Portrait Group  
**WORKSHOP** with Alison Vickery  
**DEMONSTRATION** by Trevor Waugh  
Studio Display, Darlas Hunter's Students

**THE LOST SHEEP IS BACK IN THE FOLD.** We are happy to report that the missing easel has made its' way back to the Studio. Thank you to whoever found it. We will try to make sure that Club equipment is clearly marked in future.



## Cheltenham Art Club Welcomes New Members

Cristina Cambraia and Andrew Cowling



## **ART CLUB OPEN DAY SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2013. 10 AM-5 PM**

This is an opportunity for us to show off our Club to our friends, especially those who are interested in joining. Please either bring them or tell them to come to the Open Day on Saturday, 21st September any time between 10am and 4pm.

There will be tea/coffee, artists painting, an exhibition of our pictures and much more. Darlas will be there to talk to anyone interested in Tuition and, if possible, demonstrating her own skills.

This event needs as much publicity as possible. We welcome help from anyone prepared to take notices anywhere where they might be prepared to display them. If you may have ideas which will improve the event they are very welcome. .

The object of this day is to tell and show people what we do and to encourage new members. Many of our older members cannot come anymore, and we need new energy, ideas and commitment to keep our Club flourishing.

*Mary Warner*

**DEMONSTRATION Sat. 5th October 2.30pm in the Studio by RICK MIDDLETON, line and wash.**

**WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP with Fiona Peart**, Saturday 28th September, 10am – 4pm Beach Scenes. Cost £35. By popular demand Fiona is returning this year to give a second workshop. This was fully booked but there are now 2 places available due to cancellations so be quick, you might just get a place. Contact David now.

**WORKSHOP with Alison Vickery**, Saturday, 23rd November, 10-4pm. This workshop is fully booked but David is willing to take names if you wish to be on a waiting list

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**INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED COURSE IN WATER-COLOUR/ACRYLICS** The Tutor will be Darlas Hunter, a well known local artist, on Wednesday afternoons during the Autumn. The course consists of 6 two-hour lessons starting 18th September at 2 pm—4pm . Students are at liberty to work in either watercolours or acrylics. The charge for the six sessions is only £30. There are just a few places left. If you are interested in joining this lively group, please contact David asap

**BEGINNERS CLASSES** will take place on Tuesday afternoons starting in October. I do not have the exact date yet. These classes are for new members. Any members from Heather's Class should join the Intermediate/Advanced Class.

**Contact David King,**



## The En Plein Air Season.

We have had a wonderful summer for our outside painting. Whittington Court was another fun day this month and Jane is to be thanked for her fantastic organisation, but we still have one more to look forward to.

**Thurs 5th September (note change of weekday)** will be at the Toddington Gloucester Warwickshire Railway station in Toddington. 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 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. 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 them 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*

**CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE COMPETITION;** This prestigious new award has attracted a fine collection of pictures which we have enjoyed over the Summer.

**The First Prize** (a bottle of wine) goes to Jack Pointer's portrait of Rudyard Kipling (or was it really Alf Garnett?)

**The Second Prize** (a box of chocolates) went to Cris Cambraia's yellow abstract "There is a Crack on Everything—that is how the light gets in".

**LIKE MASTERMIND IT IS NOT THE VALUE OF THE PRIZE BUT THE HONOUR!!!**

## GARDENS GALLERY EXHIBITION, WEDNESDAY, 11th-17th September

Colin Isted has sent out all the information for entering your pictures in this Exhibition or you can pick up a pack in the Studio. If you can help Colin in the setting up and taking down please contact him: For several years now Colin has asked for a volunteer to take over as Exhibitions Organiser. He has done all the work for many years and we are extremely grateful, but Colin is not Peter Pan and it is unfair to put him under such pressure. No-one has yet come forward so we must assume that without Colin there will be no more exhibitions. If that is what you want, so be it. We have the Gardens Gallery booked for next year. Do you want us to cancel it?

### GAS BILLS GOING UP

Please don't use the hot tap as it takes so long to warm up and  
**BE SURE TO TURN THE THERMOSTAT DOWN WHEN LEAVING THE CLUB**