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Here is your autumn Newsletter with future events up to and including the Spring Session. We hope there will be something here to interest everyone.

Darlas Hunter in Venice—1st October

Thirty-five members watched Darlas painting a Venetian scene as a foretaste of her classes which began on 6th October. As a result 12 members signed up, of whom 5 had joined the club specifically to attend the classes. We are particularly pleased to welcome two Students who are in their final year at the University of Gloucestershire.

The success of the first four evenings has led to a further four classes taking place during November, on Thursdays 6-8 pm in the Studio. There will be more classes in the New Year—see on page 3.

Darlas generously gave her demonstration free-of-charge, admission fees going to club funds, for which we are most grateful.

Wednesday, 7th December. Studio 7pm.

Bring-and-Share Supper & Ladies' and

Gents' Neckwear Sale. Please leave your donations of ladies' scarves and necklaces gents' ties and scarves, ("As New", condition) in the Studio Annexe between Monday 21st Nov. and Monday 5th Dec.

There will be no entry charge, but please bring along a small plate of finger food (enough for one person) suitable for the buffet table. If you are also a cake maker, a contribution for the cake stall would be much appreciated!

Proceeds from this event will be for Club funds

Saturday, 11th February 10 am—12noon in

the Studio. The Winter Market. A sale

of unwanted painting materials donated by members.

Your donations should be left in the annexe the week before, clearly marked "Winter Market".

On 11th February come and enjoy a cup of coffee, a chat with friends and stock up with some bargains.

Trevor Waugh surrounded by Roses -24th SEPTEMBER

A good turnout was enthralled by Trevor's skill, not only with his painting but entertaining us at the same time. It started like this



and ended like this.



A great afternoon was had by all.

Thank you Trevor.

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Scheduled Painting Groups & Leaders – Spring Session

Starting Tuesday 3rd January to Thursday 5th April

Monday		
9.30-12 noon 9 th Jan.	General Painting-Any medium	Robin Martin
2-4pm 9 th Jan.	Watercolour Painting	Delia Graham-Clarke
7-9pm 9 th Jan.	Life painting/drawing	Steve Parker
Tuesday		
9.30am-12 noon 3 rd Jan	General Painting-Any medium	Jill Blower
2pm-4pm 3 rd Jan	General Painting-Any medium	Carolyn Ward
Wednesday		
10am-12 noon 4 th Jan	Portrait Painting/drawing	Steve Johnson
2pm-4pm 9 th Jan	Portrait Painting/drawing	No Leader, contact Colin Isted
Thursday		
9am-12 noon 5 th Jan	General Painting-Any medium	Terence Evans
2pm-4pm 5 th Jan.	Watercolour Group	Pat Nolan
2-4pm 26 th Jan	Beginners & Improvers Class	Heather Watkinson
Friday		
9.30-12 noon 6 th Jan	General Painting-Any medium	Frances Arrow
2pm-4pm 6 th Jan	Still Life-Any medium	Jean Callwood

The Group Session Fee for a full term of 14 weeks is £14. Casual Attendance Fee £2

Prompt payment to Group Leaders please

Dates for your Diary

23rd Nov-7 th Dec.	Studio Display Wednesday Morning Portrait Group
Wednesday 7 th Dec. 7 pm	Bring and Share Supper in the Studio.
Tuesday 3 rd January 2012	Club Opens for the Spring Session
11th Jan-25 th Jan	Studio Display Wednesday afternoon Portrait Group
26 th Jan-9 th Feb	Studio Display Thursday Morning—General Painting
Sat. 11 th February, 10 am	Winter Market in the Studio
9th Feb-23 rd Feb	Studio Display Thursday afternoon Group
23 rd Feb-1 st March	Studio Display Thursday afternoon—Heather Watkinson's Class
Sat. 25 th February 2.30 pm	Talk by Jackie Garner "Impressionist Ladies"
Sun. 26 th February	Roger Jones Pastels Workshop (details page 3)
1st March-8 th March	Studio Display Thursday Evening—Darlus' Class
9 th March—23 rd March	Studio Display Friday Morning Group
Saturday, 17 th March 2.30 pm	AGM in the Studio. Presentation of Percy Mills Cup.
23 rd March—5 th April	Studio Display Friday Afternoon—Still Life Group
Wednesday 4 th —10 th April	Our Club Exhibition in the Gardens Gallery

SEE YOUR PAINTING ON OUR WEBSITE

www.cheltenhamartclub.co.uk

Pat Emery is creating a Club Gallery on our website by photographing the Studio Displays. Please put your name & titles for your pictures when you hang them in the Studio if you want them to be included.

CHELTENHAM ART CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Joyce Allison, Gillian Reid, Rodney Curwin, Catherine Skillman, Kathryn Hawley, Tamara Kutschyn, Carolyn King, Jacky Scott, Margaret Oakshett, Josephine Potter, Simon Radford, John Caney, Michael Nadin, Bill Sargison, Elizabeth Howlett, Lauren Dayment

CLASSES AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS IN SPRING SESSION

Darlas Hunter will run a course initially for 4 weeks on Thursdays 6-8pm. 19th and 26th January, 2nd and 23rd February. There are still a few places so if you wish to join this class contact Colin Isted or email:colin@isted.org.uk

Heather Watkinson will run her 6 week **Beginners & Improvers Watercolour Class** on Thursday afternoons 2-4pm starting 26th January. Contact Heather,

WORKSHOPS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday, 25th February 2012, 2.30 pm in the Studio.

Jackie Garner will give her talk with slides on "Impressionist Ladies". We take a glimpse into the lives of the two best-known female members of the French Impressionist movement. The first half of the talk concentrates on Berthe Morisot, the second half on Mary Cassatt. We explore their similarities and differences and see how two women artists in a man's world produced some of the most radical work in the history.

Much recommended, entry £4

Sunday, 26th February 2012, 10 am-4pm in the Studio.

Pastels Workshop with Roger Jones, at The Studio from 10.00a.m until 4.00p.m.

Find out all about Roger by visiting his website www.roger-jones.co.uk

Application forms will be sent by e-mail and some will be available in The Studio. If you want to get ahead of the game, contact me and I will book you in. Colin Isted 01242 260993 or email:colin@isted.org.uk

Saturday 28th April 2012, 2.30pm in the Studio

Joan Lyons Portrait Demonstration in pastel (Details in next newsletter)

COMING UP SOON

NEW MEMBERS will be keen to enter paintings for the **Percy Mills Cup** which is awarded every year at the Annual General Meeting, Saturday 17th March at 2.30pm. You are eligible to enter if you have been a member for less than two years, whether you are new to painting or quite experienced. During your painting sessions you have plenty of time to plan your entries. The judge is a local distinguished artist.

The Appleby Cup will be presented at the opening of our Exhibition in the Gardens Gallery on 4th April. It is given for the best painting (in the opinion of the judge). Time now to think of what you might put into this Exhibition.

Colin Isted, our head of painting and exhibitions organiser, is always happy to answer any queries you may have and appreciates offers of help.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

We are delighted to announce the award of Honorary Membership to Ron Hill in recognition and appreciation for his many years of membership, during which time he has served the Club in various capacities, particularly as Group Leader. He regularly attends the Thursday morning group, and until recently, the Tuesday morning group. We wish him many more years of companionship with friends and fellow-artists in the club.

DIRECTOR OF PAINTING

Francine Danks has been Director of Painting since April 2009, and we thank her for all the work she has done organising some exciting workshops and overseeing the club's painting groups. Her successor is Colin Isted, who is well known to most members as Exhibitions Organiser. He welcomes your ideas, help and support with both jobs

DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Our Company Secretary and also our Finance Director/Treasurer will be standing down at the AGM in March 2012. It is essential for those posts to be filled. **Legally, the Club cannot operate without them.**

If you feel you can take on either of these jobs please talk to Reg, our Chairman, Dorothy, our Company Secretary or Antje, our Finance Director/Treasurer. Ideally, those who might be willing and able to take on these positions would work with the present people in order to learn what is involved before taking office after the AGM which would make for an easier change-over.

We are still in great need of a Studio Manager, or team of 3 who would deal with issues regarding studio maintenance. It is not necessary for those taking on the job to do repairs etc., but to be responsible for engaging someone suitably qualified to undertake them.

TO SURVIVE THIS CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW

People Who Never Get Mentioned.

Many unseen and unknown contributors help with the running of this club and we can all help in many little ways. Perhaps you have a few spare plants for our garden or clean jam jars for the paint pot shelf. We are grateful to all those who gave the Studio such a wonderful facelift during the summer. Thanks too to the nimble fingers who created the beautiful new curtains and to the donor of the handsome coat stand to replace the ugly rail. Painting smocks now have their own home in the annexe.

Many members are doing their bit to keep our club clean and hygienic, but we would ask each of you to **make sure you clean and dry your tea/coffee mug after use.** Some mugs stain very easily and these should be thrown out as we do have more mugs than we need. One of the Friday morning group checks the mugs and cleans the shelf in the kitchen during her coffee break every week, she also provides clean tea towels, so maybe we can lighten her load as a way of saying thank you? The Townsend mice are always on the look out so please don't leave any food or crumbs in the Studio.

George Meakin

We announce with great regret the death of George Meakin A much respected long serving member of this club. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and fellow painters.

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