



Newark Art Club

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NEWSletter



February 2016

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2016.

This is my first Newsletter and I must start with an apology. This Newsletter should have been with you in January, but unfortunately just before Christmas I came down with the bug that's been floating around and have coughed and wheezed my way into February. Then, before I really got better, my Mum took ill for two days and died on 2 February. I am still reeling. Things which should have been done haven't even been looked at. I had planned what I was painting for the Sport project, but it isn't done. And I have missed so many Art Club Nights that I almost feel a stranger!

I thank you all for the good wishes and the card you sent to me and my family - it was really appreciated.

I hope I have managed to gather enough 'news' to interest and inform you. If not, then please email me (or hand to me on Club night) any bits of news or interesting anecdotes to include in the next issue - which should (God willing) be out in April or May.

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A few words from member, Pat Murray

This last year has been an exciting one for me, art wise. The real highlight happened in June when I managed to get a painting selected to go on display at Patchings Art Farm as part of The Artist and Leisure Painter Patchings Open Art Competition. We scored a hat trick as Lynne Whitfield and Mark Goodman were also successful.



I have been exhibiting for quite some time at The Old Brickyard Tea Room in Scalford. This delightful little place is about four miles outside of Melton Mowbray and is run by an old friend of mine who trained in graphic design. I have been her featured artist, soon to be replaced by our very own Lynne Whitfield who is running successful art classes there. Anyone looking for a tea and cake destination would be well advised to pay a visit!

I spent the summer happily painting "en plein air" with various pals from the Art Club and attended a *plein air* weekend at Patchings along with Lynne and Hilary. I believe that Patchings are going to do the same thing next summer and exhibit the results. A large part of my Facebook obsession is looking at work uploaded by members of The Midlands Plein Air Drawing and Painting Group, an informal group of like-minded artists who occasionally meet up. Some

of these people are pretty hardcore and have been painting outside right through the winter!

More recently I was accepted to be part of a "pop up" shop at City Arts in Nottingham. Although not nearly as lucrative as the one we had in Newark the Christmas before, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the other exhibitors whose craft work was of a very high calibre. I sold a lot of cards and might get some more printed on the strength of that.

I have been particularly interested in the "Made in Nottingham" designer pop-up store in the Broadmarsh Centre. With its professional looking logo and slick layout it really impressed me. A couple of my new "Crafty" friends appeared to be selling really well from there. Obviously people have been responding to the notion of locally produced art and craft. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could have something like this in Newark!



Leisure Painter & the artist

in association with Patchings Art Centre & Jackson's Art Supplies
are proud to launch our

ART CLUB OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2016

All UK art clubs are invited to submit a total of five two-dimensional works you feel represent your club, along with a written profile, including details about your club's history, members and activities.

We will select our top ten clubs to exhibit their five entries at the Patchings Art, Craft and Photography Festival from 9 to 12 June 2016. An overall club winner and two runners up will be selected by well-known artist and tutor, Hazel Soan, over the weekend of the festival, and visitors will be asked to vote for their favourite club for the People's Choice Award. The winning clubs will each receive prizes from Jackson's Art Supplies. All work entered will be featured here at www.painters-online.co.uk.

The Prizes

First Prize:

- £500 worth of Jackson's art materials vouchers,
- a sponsored demonstration at the selected club venue by a professional art tutor,
- a profile about the club featured in our magazines, website and through our social media channels.

Two Runners Up: £250 worth of Jackson's art materials vouchers for each club

People's Choice Award: £100 worth of Jackson's art material vouchers for the club with the most public votes.

*Andrew Farmer will select five different pictures
produced by five different artists from our Art Club on 9 of March when he visits us for a demo.*

***Club members need to bring works that are original works of art
on this date if they would like a chance to be selected.***

Out and About in Nottinghamshire

At Nottingham Lakeside Arts
University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD

David Jones: Vision and Memory
Saturday 12 March-Sunday 05 June

This major exhibition has been organised to coincide with the publication of a new monograph and includes some 60 works from throughout Jones's life in a timely reassessment of one of the most imaginative artists of his era.



Nottingham Society of Artists

Friary Lane, Nottingham



There are Exhibitions of local artists on most of the time - it's well worth a visit.

Check out the website
for the 2016 Exhibition Programme:
www.nottinghamartists.org.uk

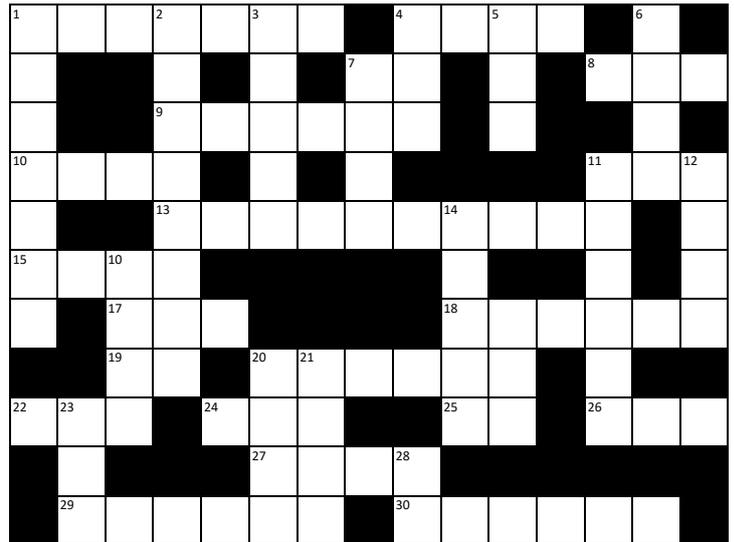
Q: What do you call a painting by a cat?
A: A paw-trait.



Coming up in the weeks ahead

PETER'S QUIZ CORNER

(Answers in next issue)



MARCH

Wednesday 02 Members Night - Do your own thing, socialise, meet with old friends, make new ones.

Wednesday 09 Demonstration by Visiting Artist, Andrew Farmer - *Still Life in Oils*

Andrew Farmer will select five different pictures produced by five different artists from the Club for entry into the Leisure Painter & The Artist/Patchings Competition. (See Page 2)

Wednesday 16 Members Night. There will also be small groups led by Club Member, Mark Goodman, and Pat Murray. Bring Cups and Saucers or other interesting items to draw.

Wednesday 23 Members Night

Wednesday 30 Paint Along by Club President, Ron Freeman

APRIL

Wednesday 06 Members Night (Also a Committee Meeting)

Wednesday 13 Members Night

Wednesday 20 Phil from *Framing 'Ell* doing an introduction to framing.

Wednesday 27 Finish and review Cityscape project by Pat Murray. New Project set by John Geeson - *Dusk to Dawn*

Friday 29 EXHIBITION - From Friday 29 April to Friday 6 May at St Mary Magdalene Church, Newark

Clues Across

1. A happy medium for some artists (7)
4. Artists Augustus and Gwen (4)
7. Los Angeles (Abrev) (2)
8. First name of our chairperson in 2007 (3)
9. A piece of rubber or plastic (6)
10. Pop-eyed (4)
11. First name of the setter of the 'Sports' project (3)
13. Our President (3 and 7)
15. You're on your own (4)
17. The First Lady (3)
18. Second name of artists whose surname sounds like a policeman (6)
20. Us (2)
21. The Sunset Artists (6)
22. Shame-faced (3)
24. What the impressionists painted when out of work (3)
25. The French 'the' (2)

26. Rosehip or Darjeeling? (3)
27. Hue or wash (4)
29. Van Gogh's doctor (6)
30. What we all try to be (6)

Clues Down

1. Spanish painter (7)
2. Our School (3 and 5)
3. Commit to memory (5)
4. Mug or grate (3)
5. Border (3)
6. Salvador(4)
7. King or artist (4)
11. Surname of Lady artist from Nottingham (6)
12. Make fast (4)
14. Artist's support
16. Blue (4)
18. Anger (3)
20. London Gallery(4)
21. Squad (4)
23. Ovule (3)
28. Thank you (2)

1. Which famous artist's grandfather was Mayor of Newark?
2. In what year was our Art Club founded?

ADVANCE NOTICES - SAVE THE DAY

Saturday 25 June 2015
Painting Day
 at
 Muskham

Saturday 18 June 2016
**Outdoor Painting
 and
 Drawing**
 at
 Flintham Hall



CHECK OUT YOUR WEBSITE!

If you haven't already done so, please log on and check out the Website. It's looking good. I have to say I am guilty of not logging on until quite recently - and still haven't sent in any artwork. But, we do need to let prospective members know what a good club we have, and what a friendly bunch we are!



CELEBRATIONS

You all know, of course, that 2015 was a year of celebrations.

The Club was born 70 years ago and we spent the year celebrating in a number of ways. There had been, as you know, much discussion on the best way to celebrate and, though it was right that we celebrate with a party for all the members, everyone agreed that the best way to mark the occasion was by giving back something to the community. Various members therefore donated one or more paintings to be given to different sections of the community, charities, clubs and public buildings so that they could display the paintings or sell them to raise funds. Over the year 44 paintings were donated by 22 Artists. Of these, 12 are displayed in various buildings and 14 were donated to various charities and 18 were donated to St Mary Magdalene Church, Newark for their Christmas Tree Fair. There were parties, dinners and a celebratory afternoon tea.

During the year the club carried out its usual functions of *plein-air* painting sessions, workshops and exhibitions

Although 2016 is unlikely to have as many celebratory events, let's make it a really outstanding year for the Club.



Q: Why did Van Gogh become a painter?
A: Because he didn't have an ear for music.