

ROCHDALE ARTISTS NEWSLETTER

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This is the first Newsletter of the year, and we wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2018.

To celebrate our 30th anniversary year as a painting group, we held a very successful buffet in October at the Littleborough Coach House. We were delighted that the Mayor attended and officially opened our Art Exhibition there. Our thanks go to Cllr Janet Emsley for her words of encouragement, and to Seamus Kelly for writing a special poem for us. Our extended art exhibition has had four successful sales so far. Please watch for our email advising when the exhibition is ending, and when you must come in to collect your work.

The Founders Plate Night on Dec 12th was very well attended. It was judged by Geoff Butterworth, and won by Peter Barlass with his detailed pencil drawing. Bill Bradley and Lorraine Dewhirst were worthy runners up. Thank you to Mike Davis for, once again, photographing the winners.

Members' News: We offer a warm welcome to Peter Barlass, a new member, who specialises in pencil drawings - and we say a sad goodbye to our dear friend Carl Stockdale who died recently. We have had two paintings, painted by our late President, Colin Gilbert, donated to our group in his memory. These will remain exhibited on the notice board, with our thanks to Mrs Sharran Grey for this kind donation.

AGM 2018: Our AGM is on 6th March, and once again we will be renewing memberships that night. Annual membership will remain at £10. We are looking for a new Exhibitions Secretary, as our incumbent secretary, Barbara Fallas, is retiring from this role and from the committee. We ask anyone interested in taking over from Barbara to let David or Veronica know prior to the AGM. We offer our very warm and sincere thanks to Barbara for all her hard work during her successful years as our Exhibitions Secretary, and for her commitment in undertaking extra duties on the committee to help other events run smoothly for us all.

Our chosen theme this quarter is: Portrait Drawing/Painting (any medium) of a Star of Stage or Screen.

For our next Corridor Exhibition we will showcase the lovely artwork produced for our last theme 3 colours (Black/White/Red). Please, therefore, bring back in this themed artwork on Jan 23 for the hanging night.

2018	DAIRY OF WEEKLY PLANNED EVENTS:
Jan 02	Centre Closed
Jan 09	WORKSHOP: with Lynne Warburton - local Acrylic Artist. Bring in Acrylic paint and paper to join in and complete a painting tonight.
Jan 16	APPRAISAL NIGHT - Bring in your artwork inspired by Elaine Clarkson's 'watercolour flowers' Nov. workshop.
Jan 23	Free Painting Night & NEW CORRIDOR EXHIBITION - (Hanging Up Night) Please bring in the artwork you produced for our last theme - 3 Colours Black/White/Red.
Jan 30	WORKSHOP: In-house. Sketching people using charcoal - with support from group member David Bebbington.
Feb 06	TALK by group member Colin Reeve on the joys of keeping a sketch book. Also take home a new sketch book tonight to sketch in throughout February.
Feb 13	Free Painting Night.
Feb 20	Free Painting Night.
Feb 27	SKETCH BOOK NIGHT - Please bring in your completed sketch book to share with the group.
Mar 06	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Castleton Community Centre - 7.00pm. Time to renew memberships for 2018. Membership £10 per annum.
Mar 13	Free Painting Night.
Mar 20	WORKSHOP: - with Jenny Davis, group member, using Yupo paper and watercolours. We will provide you with Yupo paper - just bring along your own watercolours to join in.
Mar 27	Free Painting Night.
Apr 03	DEMONSTRATION - by Anne Allan, visiting artist Come along to sit and watch Anne Allan give a demonstration on Chinese Brush painting.
Apr 10	Free Painting Night.
Apr 17	APPRAISAL NIGHT - for our current Theme - 'Portrait of Stars of Stage or Screen.'
Apr 24	Free Painting Night.

OUR OUTDOOR ART MEETINGS will be notified in the monthly 'Coming Events' bulletin sent out by David.

Please address any questions about the above diary or events to:

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