

Happy New Year to all our members for 2020.

The annual Founders Plate/Xmas party night was very enjoyable, as usual. Our hearty congratulations are extended to David McPhail who won the Founders Plate Award for his portrait of a young woman. Well done David. The artwork submitted by Angie North and also Bill Bradley was singled out for praise, and chosen as highly commendable. Our thanks go to our long standing friend, Mike Davis, who had the difficult task of judging this contest due to the high standard of the works, and for his very thorough critique of each work. (Please accept my apologies for getting the order of merit wrong in my original Newsletter to you all.)

Our AGM is once again being held in March, when memberships can be renewed at the same cost as last year, ie, £12 for the year. This is a chance for you to raise any issues or put forward ideas for our planned events for the rest of the year.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to David Greenwood who has sustained a major, accidental injury, and he will be recovering for some months yet in hospital.

Veronica Swinden. Jt Secretary.

2020	DAIRY OF PLANNED EVENTS - JANUARY – APRIL 2020
Jan 7th	<i>Our first night back. SHOW and TELL night. Bring in a piece of work, and discuss it.</i>
Jan 14th	<i>Derek Stansfield – will be our demonstrator tonight, painting with coffee. Come and join in.</i>
Jan 21st	<i>Free Painting Night – an opportunity to bring in your own work, sketches, etc to work on.</i>
Jan 28th	<i>Workshop night – tonight we will focus on working with pastels and charcoal.</i>
Feb 4th	<i>Free Painting / Corridor Exhibition Change Night. Please bring in new artwork for the corridor.</i>
Feb 11th	<i>Appraisal Night – bring in your inspirational work from the coffee demonstration.</i>
Feb 18th	<i>A night with painter Hugh Templeton – Watercolour Workshop – Mountains and Snow. For this demo you will need to bring in a No.6 brush, A4 watercolour papers, and w/colours Cad Red Deep : Yellow pale : Cobalt blue, and Paynes Grey.</i>
Feb 25th	<i>Free Painting Night for members. Committee Meeting Night for committee.</i>
March 3rd	<i>Annual General Meeting. Come along and give us your views of our progress. Renew membership.</i>
March 10th	<i>Free Painting Night – plus Sketchbooks will be given out tonight and will be reviewed in May.</i>
March 17th	<i>Appraisal Night – bring in work inspired by the Hugh Templeton watercolour workshop.</i>
March 24th	<i>Free Painting Night.</i>
March 31st	<i>Steve Sinnott – Tonight’s Demonstrator – will be giving tips about painting perfect pets. If you want to join in, please bring your own paper, pencils, and coloured pencils.</i>
April 7th	<i>Theme Appraisal Night – bring in work relating to our current chosen group challenge.</i>
April 14 th	<i>Talk from Liz Griffith about Ken Bromley products (<u>yet to be confirmed.</u>)</i>
April 21st	<i>Free Painting Night.</i>
April 28th	<i>Appraisal Night – bring in your work inspired by the Steve Sinnott’s techniques.</i>
	<i>May to Aug – To be Advised.</i>