



TAS TIMES



'Bottallack' by Hilary Tosdevin

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2016 (£17 Adult, £2 Juniors)

Please could you remember to renew promptly next year - if you don't think you'll be attending the January members' meeting it would be very helpful if you could send your subscription to **Shirley Walton** at

The Eastern Close, Thorverton, EX5 5PS.

Please enclose an SAE to help keep our costs down.

Payment can be by cheque, or by bank transfer to sort code 52 30 42 A/c 43744192, using your name as the reference. If you do pay by transfer, an SAE to Shirley would still be appreciated please. New cards will be issued in January.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello Members

First of all I have sad news on the death of two of our members. Dorothy Bazeley was a staunch member of the summer painting group and the Monday group doing beautiful bird portraits. She lived in a local residential home and also, amazingly for her age, kept two allotments! She was a very self-contained person and requested that there be no public ceremony for her cremation. I also heard recently that Pilly Turner died this summer; she was a member for many years until moving away from Tiverton a few years ago. Pilly was a talented painter and members may remember her beautiful studies of Africa that often graced our exhibitions. I have sent a condolence card to her brother on behalf of TAS.

Our November AGM, followed by quiz and supper was enjoyed by all. I was disappointed that we had fewer members attending than usual. Please remember that the committee need feedback from you all to plan the year's events. If you have any requests, complaints or comments please feel free to e-mail or phone me (91398-361310) or contact any committee member. We have a full, hard-working committee and I thank you all. Also thank you for those who have helped put up and take down tables and chairs at St Georges, the monthly meeting. If you can do this regularly please let Wendy, Keith or myself know.

I think you will agree that Wendy (speakers programme) and Teresa (workshop programme) have organised very interesting programmes this year. Thank you both. I would also like to thank Keith our Exhibitions Secretary who has masterminded our exhibitions for several years. He will be retiring after the Spring Exhibition. With the committee, I am spreading the load of this job by allocating some of the tasks to other people and probably creating a new post of Assistant Exhibition Secretary to help co-ordinate. Please think whether you can offer your help at exhibition times.

Our January meeting will be a talk by Tilly Willis 'What inspires me' I think you will enjoy it – I remember seeing her beautiful work when she talked to TAS a few years ago. The next workshop, by Rebecca de Mendonca, is fully booked (animal portraits in pastel) with a waiting list.

We are hoping to enter the Express and Echo local art societies competition. I have 8 people involved so far but we need ten entries. The theme is botanical inspiration. Please let me know if you would like to take part.

Finally I wish everyone a Happy Festive Season and wish you good painting for 2016

Lindsay

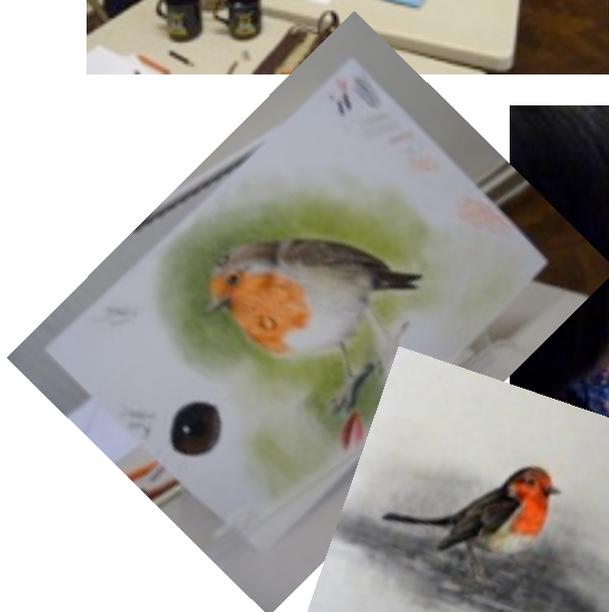
COLOURED PENCIL WORKSHOP

On the 12th November twelve members met at Old Heathcoat's School community centre for a day with Linda Hampson.

The theme was how to use polychromous coloured pencils to create the likeness of a robin. We were all left wondering how you could spend an entire day on a single robin. Well, it turned out to be a fascinating process, at the end of which I felt drained, and I didn't even finish.

Using our own images and an advice list of colours to use, Linda took us step by step through this exciting process. Just as you felt the picture was complete she demonstrated how to add yet another layer using another technique until our robins looked as though they would fly off the page.

After a day of total absorption and deep concentration I left feeling exhausted with one legless robin hovering over a possible branch, but with a determination to pursue this fascinating medium. That's Art for you! (by Wendy Vlasto)



Photo's by Tony Griffiths.

Exhibition Calendar 2016

March 29th, Tuesday (Spring Exhibition)

Handing-in 9:30am - 11:00am

April 1st Friday (Spring Exhibition)

Preview 7:00pm - 9:00pm

April 2nd Saturday (Spring Exhibition)

Opening to the public 10:30am - 6:00pm

April 9th Saturday (Spring Exhibition)

Close down 3:30pm

July 26th Tuesday (Summer Exhibition)

Handing-in 9:30am - 11:00am

July 29th Friday (Summer Exhibition)

Preview 7:00pm - 9:00pm

July 30th Saturday (Summer Exhibition)

Opening to the public 10:30am - 6:00pm

August 6th Saturday (Summer Exhibition)

Close down 3:30pm

Workshops 2016

Oil Group - Spring Term

January 13th (Wednesday) - March 23rd (Wednesday)
9.30am to 12.30pm

Watercolour Group - Spring Term

January 11th (Monday) - March 21st (Monday)

The Oak Room Tiverton's Largest Art Gallery

We are offering artists:

- Exhibition space (30% commission) - 1 picture to a whole show
- Art Club - Wednesday afternoons 1.30pm - 4pm
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