

TAS TIMES



'CAS' by Stuart Fowle

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2017 (£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

Greetings!

If you were able to come to our November AGM you will already know that I have taken over from Lindsay Wall as Chairman of the Society. It is already proving quite a steep learning curve but I am looking forward to the challenge! I appreciate enormously the fact that I have the support of an excellent committee, many of whom have been involved with TAS for considerably more years than I have. Also I am delighted to say that Peter Radford has kindly agreed to take on the role of Secretary, and not just on a temporary basis as was at first suggested. I know he will do an excellent job.

It has been something of a revelation to me to discover just how much is involved in running our Society and I realise that some people are actually carrying out more than one role. This is unsustainable in the long term so if we want TAS to continue to operate as successfully as it has done for the past four-and-a-half decades we really do have to find new volunteers to join the committee. Please give this serious consideration. The committee meets only ten times per year and with a few more members the load could be spread much more evenly so that no-one is over-burdened. If you would like to help but are unsure about what you might be letting yourself in for, then do come and chat and we can arrange for you to sample one of our meetings without obligation, as it were. Or maybe you don't want to serve on the committee but would like to help in other ways. Just let me know!

You will no doubt be aware that membership fees fall due in January (£17). You can bring your payment to the January meeting when Shirley Walton will supply you with your new membership card. If you are unable to come in January and need to send your payment by post, do remember to include a stamped self-addressed envelope so your membership card can be supplied to you (or you can collect it from Shirley at the February meeting). If you are paying by cash, it will make Shirley's life much easier if you would kindly bring the right change.

Over the past twelve months we've enjoyed some excellent demonstrations and inspirational workshops. Your 2017 membership card will provide you with details of the first-class programme that has been set up for next year.

Diary Dates

Our next **workshop** will be held at the Old Heathcoat Community Centre on **25th February** when Hester Berry will demonstrate her approach to painting portraits. You can secure your place with a booking accompanied by a cheque for £20 sent to Teresa Grant.

Painting Groups

The Monday afternoon group will recommence on 9th January.

The Wednesday morning group re-starts on 11th January

Thursday morning portrait group begins on 26th January.

Last but not least I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and an inspirational New Year.

Hazel-Ann Willson (Chairman)

2017 TAS WORKSHOPS

We are looking forward to workshops next year and will be welcoming Hester Berry, who competed in the Sky Arts Competition for the landscape and the portrait competition. She will be coming along to a workshop, entitled portraits on 25th February.

(<http://www.hesterberry.co.uk/about/index.htm>)

Lucy Large, who has come to an evening presentation will be giving a workshop on 17th June, entitled landscapes in collage. (<http://www.lucylargeart.com>)

Belinda Reynell, who is a TAS member will be giving a workshop in oil landscapes on 9th September. (<https://belindareynell.com>)

Our last workshop for 2017, will be local artist Heather Irvine - the date has yet to be confirmed, but the workshop will be in October and is entitled animals in pastels.

(<http://www.irvinearts.co.uk>)

If you would like to be booked onto any of these workshops or need any further information, then please contact Teresa Grant, 01363 860124 or email

Exhibition Calendar 2017

April 4th, Tuesday (Spring Exhibition)

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

April 7th Friday (Spring Exhibition)

Preview 7:00pm - 9:00pm

April 8th Saturday (Spring Exhibition)

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

April 15th Saturday (Spring Exhibition)

Close down 3:30pm

Spring 2017 Painting Groups

Mondays 2pm - 4pm

Watercolour and any other medium. Starts 9th January till 3rd April

Wednesdays 9.30am - 12:30pm

Oil and any other medium. Starts 11th January till 5th April

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

Portrait in any medium. Starts 11th January till 5th April



Urgent appeal!

We have vacancies on the Committee which need to be filled if the Society is to thrive in the months and years to come.

We urgently need a
Press Officer

to submit articles to newspapers and magazines to raise our profile. Full support will be provided by the Publicity Officer and other members of the committee

Can you help?

We also need people to volunteer to join the committee so they can get to know what goes on, input their own ideas and suggestions, and help out generally.

Spread the word!

Encourage others to join TAS so that we increase our pool of resources. We have an excellent Society so let's keep it that way. Grow and prosper!

