

TAS TIMES



'Max' by Stuart Fowle

Love of beauty is taste. The creation of beauty is art.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

This year is quickly flying by and we seem to have certainly had extremes of weather! When I was writing the last news letter, we had the 'Beast from the East' with snow blizzards etc., currently we are in the middle of a heatwave, and as I write this it is 29°C.

Looking back since March, we had our Spring Exhibition in the the Castle Primary School. All in all, I feel that it was a successful venture. Considering it was a new location and we had to adjust some of our procedures and work out a new layout etc., it went very well.

Feed back from visitors was that it was a great venue and exhibition. The only downside was that the school promptly increased the price for the summer exhibition to almost double what we paid for the Spring Exhibition! As we only just break even at the exhibitions, this would have resulted in us making a £600 loss for the Summer Exhibition, hence the reason why one is not being held this year.

However, by not having the Summer Exhibition, Castle Primary have agreed to discuss costings for future exhibitions, and Keith and Peter have recently been in to the school to discuss a lower price for next Spring. So far, they have been doing a great job with this, so fingers crossed.

To replace the Summer Exhibition we had hoped to run a 'Lite' Exhibition in late September, however this is now not happening due to many reasons, the main one being that key committee members would not be available at the only time we can secure a venue.

I do hope that we still may be able to organise some one day events between now and Christmas. But with all these things, it depends on committee member availability, cost of venues and participation from you the membership to make them work. But I will keep you posted on progress.

Gosh, the above all sounds a bit negative. But the Society has had some great and entertaining monthly meetings organised by Wendy, plus some very inspirational workshops organised by Teresa and Sue. In addition Sandy and Gillian have been organising some great venues for the sketching days. And of course the weekly painting groups continue to be wonderful social and informative get to togethers for all members.

So yes, we are going through some transitions with the exhibitions, but overall I feel that the Society is continuing to grow and be a source of inspiration for its members and future members who have yet to join us.

Stuart

Sketching Day Dates

Tuesday 24 July – 2.00pm Cruwys Morchard EX16 8LD

This village has Holy Cross Church (a mixture of medieval & 18th century architecture), a pond and a Manor House with garden to which we are invited for sketching. The manor has been the home of the Cruwys family since the reign of King John.

Directions: From Tiverton take the B3137 towards Witheridge. In 6 miles at Pages Cross turn left off the main road. Follow the road until you reach the parish hall where Hilary will meet us to give further directions for the Manor House.

After sketching Hilary has kindly offered to provide access to a WC and a cuppa in the village hall. The Cruwys Arms pub opens at 5.30pm!

Thursday 16 August – 2.00pm Bickleigh Castle EX16 8RP

A fortified manor with courtyard, a Norman chapel and gardens. Former home to the Courtenay and Carew families.

Directions: From Tiverton take the A396 to Bickleigh. At Bickleigh keep right following the A3072 signed to Crediton. After a short distance take a left signed for the Castle. Parking is on the right hand side in a clearing before you reach the main buildings. Meet in front of the Castle at 2.00pm. WC available & we will make a donation for our visit.

Thursday 23 August – 2.30pm Tiverton Castle EX16 6RP

Originally built in 1106 by order of Henry I and enlarged in the 13th & 14th centuries. A lovely place for sketching with castle, ruins and walled garden. Parking is on site & free. Meet inside the gardens at 2.30pm when it opens. WC available and owner, Alison, usually makes us a cuppa towards the end of the afternoon. £2 for entrance to the gardens only (£7 if you also wish to go inside the Castle).

We are planning a couple of sketching afternoons in September and will advise details later. If you wish to have a lift to a venue or would like to offer space in your car to others, please drop an email to sandymawer@ymail.com.

New monthly meeting competition

It was suggested at the last committee meeting that we should introduce a monthly art competition, which I think is a great idea. So here are the rules:

1. Subject to be announced at each meeting for the next meeting
2. Prize will be a certificate
3. Winners will be selected by members votes (as per the Alan Rigby award)
4. Artwork does not have to be new, it can be one of your older works
5. Paintings, drawings and 3D
6. Artwork does not need to be framed, but should be well presented
7. These rules may change as we learn and adapt!

So get kick this off, the Septembers meeting competition will be on the theme of 'Autumn'.

Really looking forward to see what you enter.

News Letter Editor wanted

I've been doing the News letter for quite some years now. But as I've taken on the role of Chairman, it's becoming a bit more harder to find the time to do it justice. So i'm hoping that there is budding news letter writer in our ranks just eager to take this on and make a vast improvement on my attempts!

If you are interested, just drop me an email to info@tivertonartsociety.co.uk

It would be your project and you can change the format etc., the only real requirement would be that it would have to be supplied in PDF format.

Content for website

Did you know that we have an 'Artist' section on the website? You get your own page which you can display your work

<http://www.tivertonartsociety.co.uk/artists/>

All I need to add you is:

1. Image for the link
2. Images for your page
3. Some words for 'About the artist'
4. Your website link
5. Your email address (if you want it displayed)

If you would like to be added, email all the above to

gallery@tivertonartsociety.co.uk
