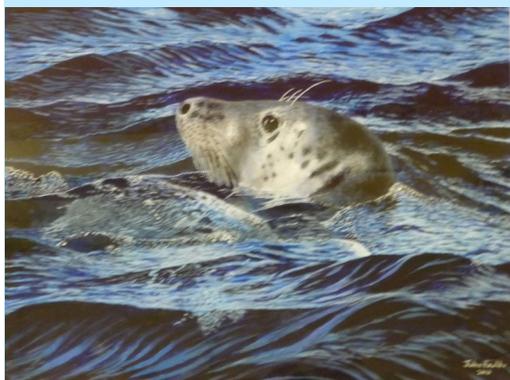




Public Vote



Grey Seal on the Farne Islands

At the Spring Exhibition the public vote went to 'Grey Seal on the Farne Islands' by John Folds which also won the Best Animal painting Award.

Deborah Hodgson's painting of 'Snow at Town Gate' was second with Beryl Evans painting of 'Look at me I'm Dancing' coming close behind.

Keith Ripley also attracted many votes for his animal portrait painting entitled 'Lottie'.

Well done John and thanks to everyone who voted for their favourite picture for which the Artist will receive an Award Certificate.

Letter From the President

I hope you managed to find time to visit our Spring Exhibition at the Town Hall. This time we received 165 paintings and 25 3D works, of which all were selected for exhibit, which reflects the high standard of work achieved by our members.

The Exhibition was formally opened by the Local Councillor for Vesey Ward Lyn Collin who praised the Society for the quality of art work on display. The exhibition offered an interesting mix of art and once again we were complimented on the high standard of work on display. Visitor numbers were slightly up at 596 compared to 589 last spring and picture sales were slightly down as were sales of 3D work.

Thank you to all of you that took part and helped with the setting up the exhibition. There is a lot of work involved so your help and support is always appreciated.



A reminder that Chris Taylor is arranging a coach trip to Patchings on Sunday 16th July and Rachel David a Trip to the RA for the Summer Exhibition on Sunday August 13th.

Also our 'Summer Sketching days' programme has been put together by Chris Bowden. The dates and venues have already been sent out, so remember to diary the dates and join fellow members for a great day out painting en-plein air.

Your committee **still** needs members to come forward and help with various roles to run the Society, so please let me know if you are able to contribute in any way.

Be creative....
Geoff Stubbins

SPRING EXHIBITION AWARDS

This year the selection panel consisted of Stanley Houghton who was the Award Judge, assisted by Carol White and Mary Christodoulou for the Society.

The awards are as follows: -

1. The Ratcliffe Award for Best Painting went to Keith Wilkins for 'Plantsbrook Crossing'.
2. The Artifex Award for the Best Landscape went to Sue Knights for 'Road to the Cove'.

3. The Ashwood Veterinary Clinic Award for the Best Animal Painting went to John Foulds for 'Grey Seal'.
4. The Turner-Hilton Award for the Best Craftwork went to Alan Vickery for 'Quiet Thoughts'.
5. The Vesey Art & Crafts Award for Best Flora Painting went to Pat Pagett for 'Peonies'.
6. The Emily Smith Award for the Best Watercolour Painting went to Peter Rafferty for 'Port Isaac'.



Award judge Stanley Houghton and external selector Carol White compare notes

View the award winning art work on our website:
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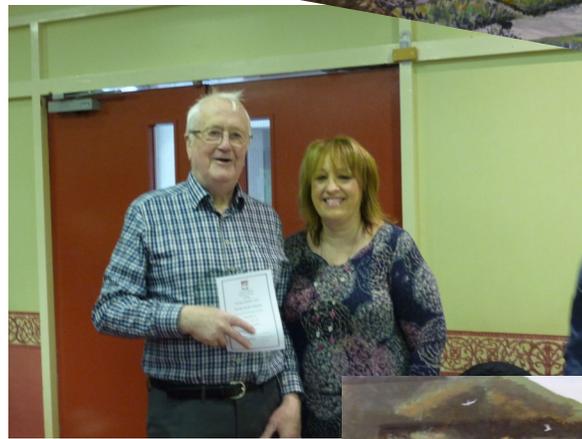
At our Private Preview evening our official guest was Counsellor Lyn Collin, who presented the awards to the winning artists and declared the exhibition open. Keith Wilkins was thrilled to receive the Ratcliffe award for Best Painting for his colourful depiction of Plantsbrook Crossing shown below:



Keith Wilkins receives the Award for Best Painting 'Plantsbrook Crossing' shown below.



Sue Knight receives the Artifex Award for Best Landscape for her painting entitled 'Road to the Cove' shown adjacent.



Peter Rafferty receives the Best Watercolour Award for 'Port Isaac'.



John Foulds, shown below, receives the Silver Salver Award for Best Animal Portrait for his painting entitled 'Grey Seal on the Farne Islands' shown adjacent.



Pat Pagett receives Vesey Art & Crafts Award for Best Floral Painting entitled 'Peonies'.

