

Letter From the President

I hope this finds you all well and you are continuing to stay safe as we near the end of this new year lockdown. I would imagine many of you have had your inoculation against the Covid virus since the last Newsletter and hopefully we will start to see a downturn in infections and a gradual return to some sort of normality, possibly in March. Unfortunately, because the Sutton Town Hall is a vaccination centre we will not be able to hold our Spring Exhibition there in May.

Watching the Landscape Artist of the Year, which is now in its 4th week on Sky Arts, has proved interesting, and as a whole I have agreed with the judges choices. What has fascinated me is how the different artists interpret the same scene differently and how good many of the 'wildcard' artists have been. Incidentally, my friend's son, who took part in the second episode, disappointingly, was not chosen to go through to the final round.

I mentioned in the last Newsletter that apart from painting, some of our members have been creative in other ways during lockdown, such as crafting and poetry writing. Petra, because of her eyesight difficulties, set herself a blindfold challenge to produce a sculpture of a figure in clay. Her amazing result can be seen below.



Once again I have been very impressed with the great variety of entries received for the 'My Daily Exercise' painting challenge, set in the last Newsletter. All the entries are shown below and can also be viewed on our website.

My next lockdown challenge for you to have a go at is '**Reflection**' featuring actual reflections in water, ice, windows or just a state of reflective contemplation. Whatever you choose to do, just send a photo of your painting with title and medium used to my email:

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by Sunday 14th March and I will publish as many as I can in the next Newsletter.

If you have been creative in other ways, like Petra, I would love to hear from you, so just send in pictures of your artwork for the Newsletter.

Be creative and stay safe.

Geoff Stubbins

Petra's Blindfold Challenge.

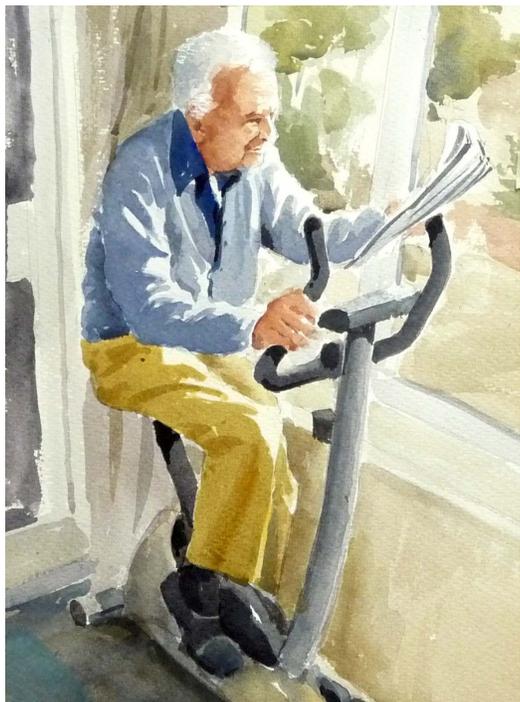
Petra said "It was very difficult to do and required complete concentration".

"The result is a woman - what I had intended to do - but I was not aware that I gave her such large feet and overall she looked very different to what I had envisaged".

"It's not a good sculpture, but I did it and I learned a lot from this activity. I will try another one - a woman, more abstract and sitting".



Lockdown Challenge : My Daily Exercise



Pedalling and Getting Nowhere - Keith Ripley



Indoor Bowling - Paul Bayliss



Get on your Bike - Geoff Stubbins



Workout - Sue Knights



Dappled Shade - Deborah Hodgson



Exercise - Götz Jeran



Come on In - Carol Kelly



Bending, Stretching, Twisting, Turning - Teresa



Fell Runners - Clive Sayer

Teresa has written a little verse summing up our feelings:

**“Bending, stretching, twisting, turning,
For Keep Fit we five are yearning,
We will dance with joy and glee,
When five can meet legally.”**



Sutton Park Pony - Judith Sawbridge



Covid Safe Snowmen - Jean Willis



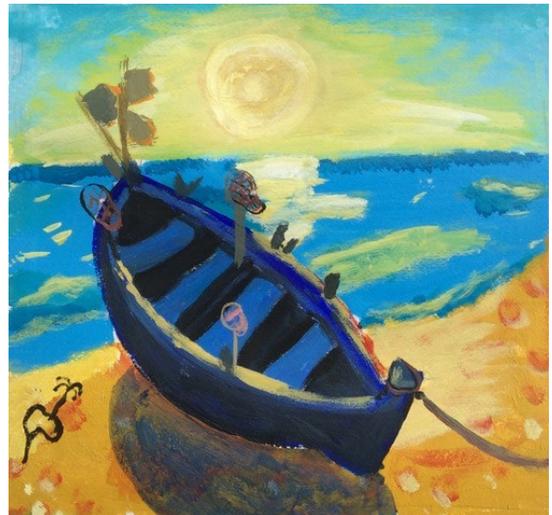
Sutton Park Walking - Pat Pagett



Abstract Tread - Jane Hinks



Morning Tai Chi - Chris

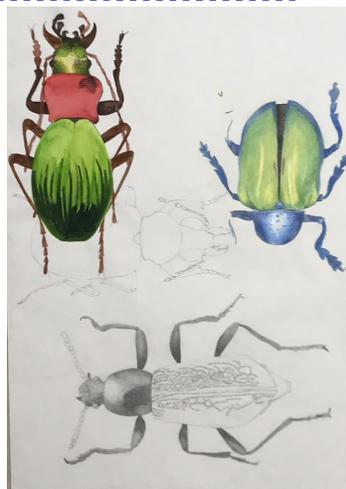


Boat - Francesca Rouendaal age 13

Thanks for sending in your amazing Grandchildren's Artwork. I will include more in the next Newsletter.



Aurora
Robbie Wilber age 11



Beatles
Madison Partridge age 14



Rolling Snowballs
Samuel Knights age 10