



# Sutton Coldfield Society of Artists Newsletter January 2021

## Letter From the President

I hope you are staying safe and keeping well during this new year lockdown. I am pleased to hear that a number of our older members have successfully had their inoculation against the Covid virus and that the rollout of the vaccine continues at pace. So hopefully we will start to see a downturn in infections and a gradual return to some sort of normality, allowing some of our Society activities to resume later in the year.

Not going out, unless for exercise or essentials has meant that art has become even more important to many of us and provides a great way to escape the dull routine of lockdown by being creative. Apart from learning how to use a digital art painting app called 'Procreate' on my iPad, I am looking forward to watching the Landscape Artist of the Year which starts this week on Sky Arts. My friend's son is taking part, so I am looking forward to see how he does.

Apart from painting, some of our members have been creative in other ways during lockdown and also completed projects that had been on the back burner. David Robinson has completed a book of Selected Verses and Petra has designed and made work aprons for sale featuring the Society logo.



Once again I have been very impressed with the entries I have received for the New Year 'Winter' painting challenge, set in the last Newsletter. All the entries are shown below and can also be viewed on our website.

The next lockdown challenge for you to have a go at is 'My daily exercise' featuring a scene from your exercise routine whether walking, cycling, yoga or whatever you choose to do. Just send a photo of your painting with title and medium used to my email: [geoff.stubbins@btinternet.com](mailto:geoff.stubbins@btinternet.com) by Sunday 14th February. I will publish as many as I can in the next Newsletter.

I know that some members Grandchildren have been painting at home while their schools remain closed. Why not send in pictures of their artwork for the Newsletter.

Happy New Year and stay safe.

*Geoff Stubbins*

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## SCSA Artwork Apron.

The Societies' official artwork apron designed and made by Petra (shown opposite) is now available to purchase.

This generous cotton apron is handmade with an adjustable halter for size, a large front pocket and features a screen printed SCSA colour logo.

This useful handmade apron, reasonably priced at £10, can be ordered directly from Petra by email: [petra@wilberworld.net](mailto:petra@wilberworld.net) or phone: 0121 355 5631.

Numbers are limited, so be quick and treat yourself for the new year.



# New Year Challenge : WINTER



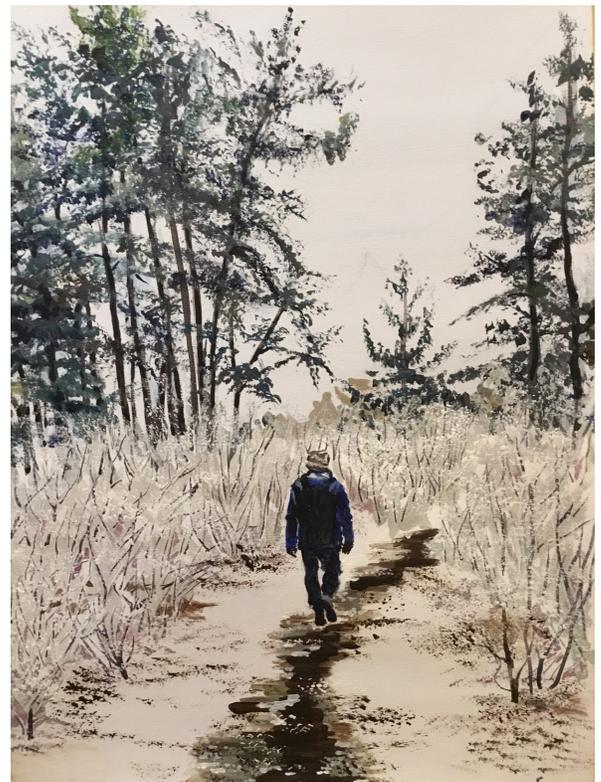
Winter's Day - Keith Ripley



Not Going Out - Alan Hunt



Little Robin - Paul Bayliss



Winter Path - Sue Knights



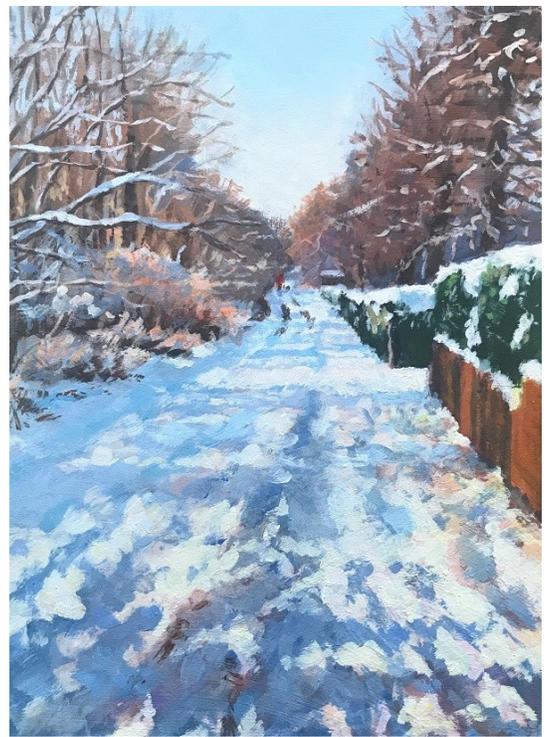
Rose Hips - Rachel David



Verkleinert - Götz Jeran



Wintery Weather - Carol Kelly



Snow on the Midland Road - Deborah Hodgson



Winter walk in Anglesey - Wing Lien



Canal in Winter - Len Roberts



The Secret Lake - Gilly Saviker

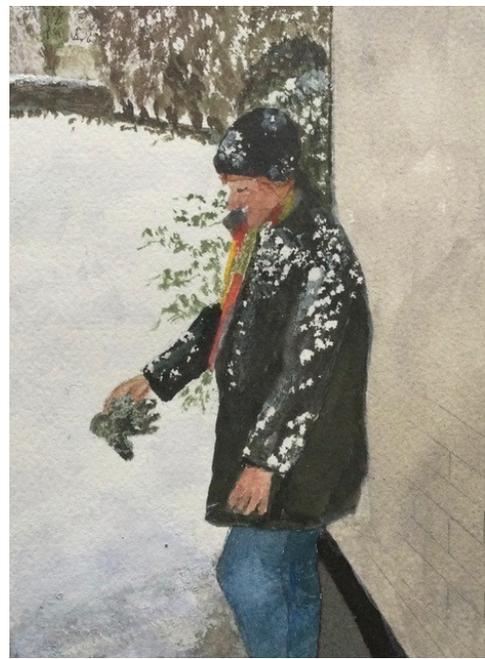


Snowdrops in a winter woodland - Viv Saunders

'Winter' Challenge cont.



Bracebridge in Winter - Pat Pagett



Coming in from the Cold - Janet Hunt



Winter - Clive Sayer



Winter Landscape - paper - Kathryn Sawbridge



My Winter spirit - Bobby Dewsbury



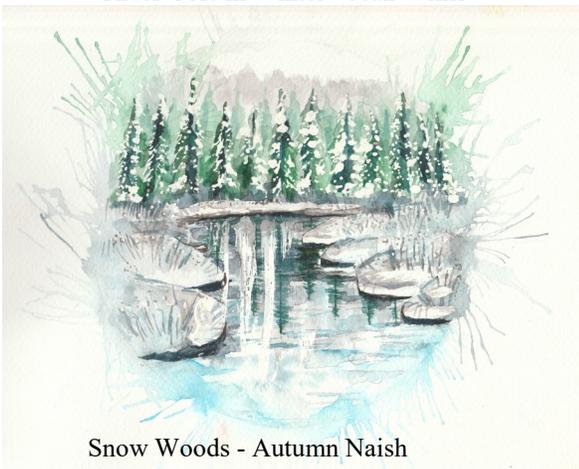
Winter at Wyndley - Judith Sawbridge



River Cole in Winter - Jean Willis



Robin - Fran Jean



Snow Woods - Autumn Naish



Raku Horsehair Bowls - Petra Röhr- Rouendaal



Snow in the Park - Chris Bowden

### Thoughts while following the Autumn Trail at Westonbirt Arboretum

Where woodland paths and grass converge,  
Where hardened ways with wetland merge,  
That's where you see the children surge.  
Their shiny wellies to submerge,  
And trample, puddle that mud verge;  
Much damage done 'ere they emerge.  
What might we do to stop this scourge ?  
How might we this dire habit purge ?  
No. Let them have their fun, I urge.

30 October 2005

Extract from David Robinsons 'Selected Verses'