

## Letter From the President

I hope this finds you all in a positive mood as the inoculation programme gathers pace against the Covid virus. As I mentioned in the last Newsletter because Sutton Town Hall is a vaccination centre we will not be able to hold our Spring Exhibition there in May. So instead we will be holding a Virtual Spring Exhibition as we did for the last Autumn Exhibition.

Our Exhibition Secretary, Jean Willis will be sending out an exhibition schedule to you in the next few weeks, with details on how to enter and the submission date, but don't delay start preparing your artwork now.

The Exhibition Awards detailed in your membership guide will still apply and we will invite an external judge to choose the award winning artwork based on our normal selection criteria. We will aim to go live with the Exhibition on our Website on Saturday the 8th May.

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. I featured Petra's blindfold challenge last time and this time, Debi Lane kept herself busy and isolated with an unusual commission. Her impressive result can be seen below.



Once again I have been very impressed with the great variety of entries received for the 'Reflection' 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 '**Spring**' capturing nature as it wakes up from winter in all its mood and splendour. However you choose to express it, 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 18th April and I will publish as many as I can in the next Newsletter.

If you have been creative in other ways, like Debi, 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*

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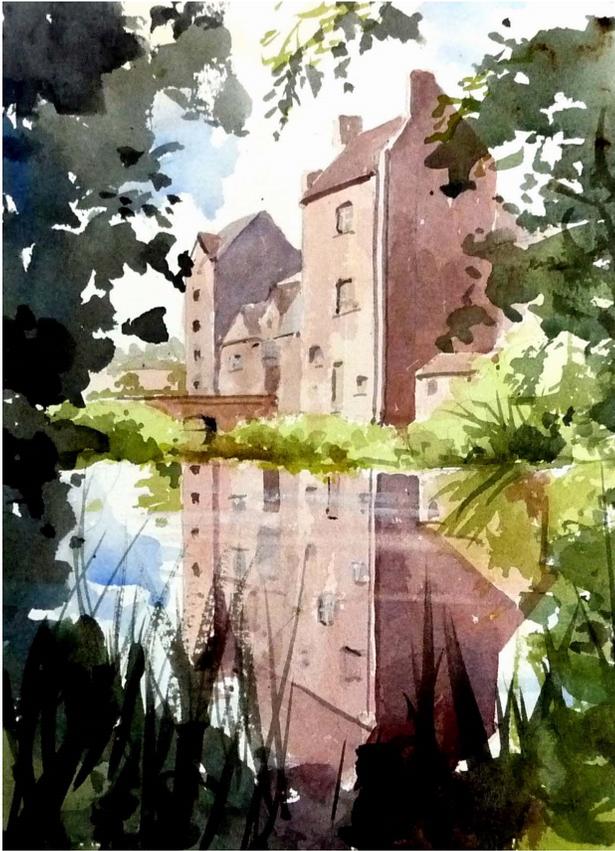
## Debi's Canal Boat Challenge.

When I asked for members to send in pictures of what they had been doing during lockdown, Debi Lane sent me these pictures of her unusual signwriting commission.

Debi said she had been commissioned to paint this barge in a dry dock on her own and it took her 3 days to do both sides. She said she was a signwriter for 23 years and it was great to go back to a dying trade now that vinyl letters had taken over.



# Lockdown Challenge : Reflections



Harvington Hall - Keith Ripley



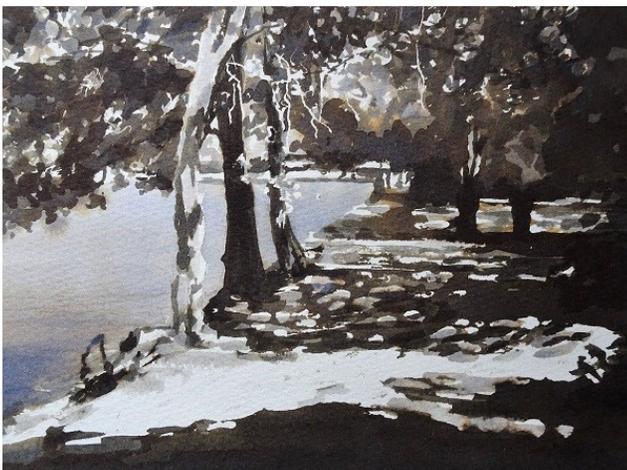
Tree Reflections - Geoff Stubbins



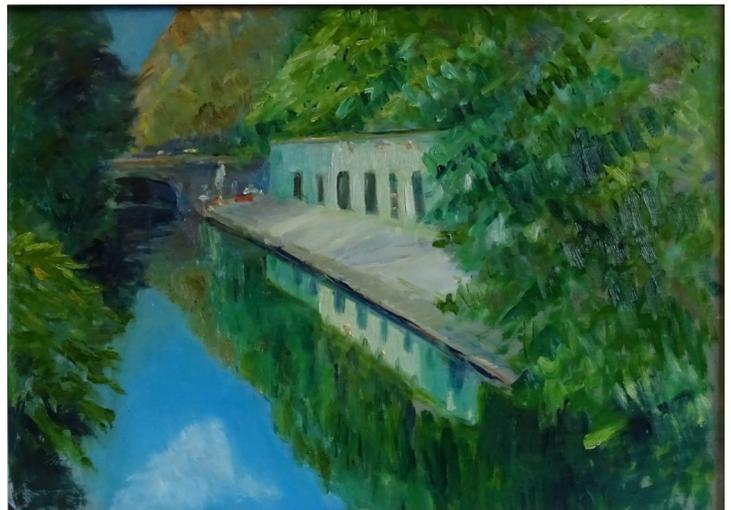
Bracebridge - Paul Bayliss



Reflecting - Sue Knights



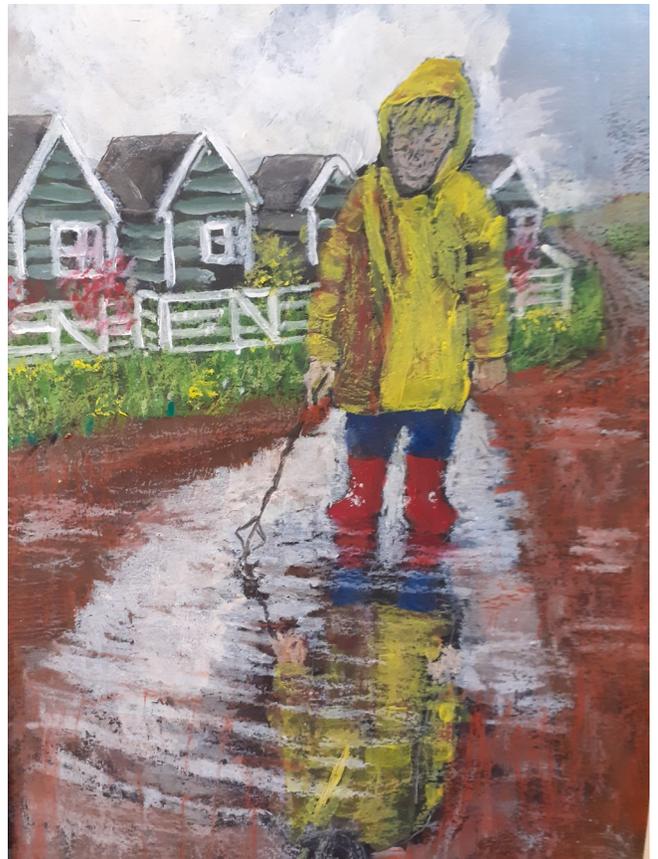
Dappled Shade - Deborah Hodgson



Boathouse - Götz Jeran



Tracing Raindrops - Carol Kelly



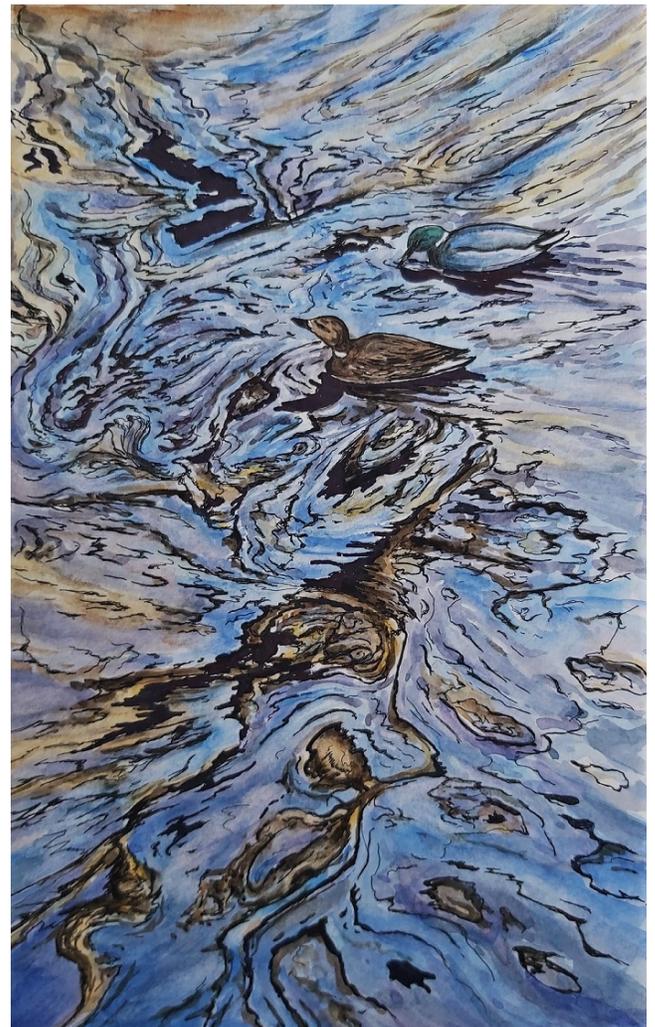
I'm Going to Make a Big Splash  
Teresa Gordon



On the Bus behind - Clive Sayer



Sunrays - Kathryn Sawbridge



Reflections on the River Coal - Jean Willis



Port Isaac - Pat Pagett



Reflections of Spring Phil Boddy



Nest in the Sky - Chris Bowden



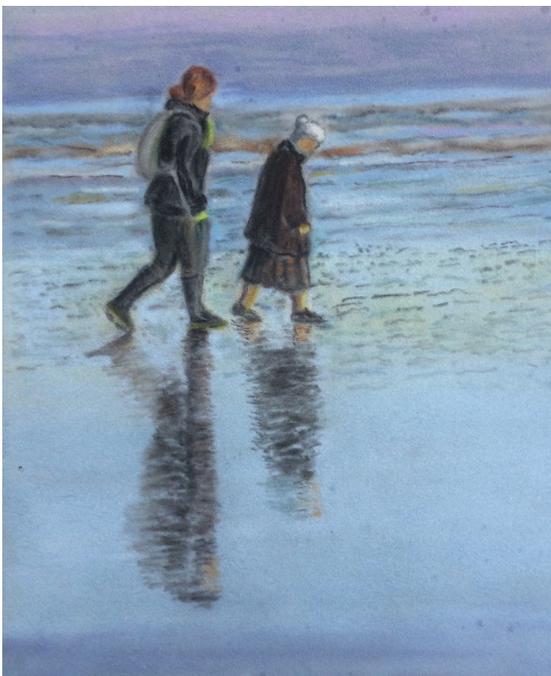
Bracebridge Mist by Wendy Griffiths



Park Stream by Alan Hunt



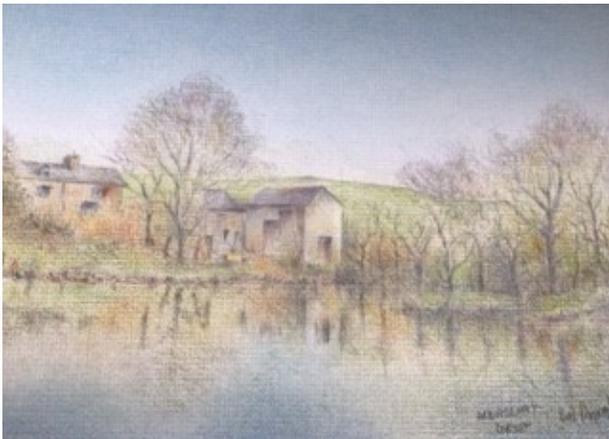
Reflections by Margaret Fairhead



Low Tide by Janet Hunt



Mallard in Water by Petra Rohr-Rouendaal



Abbotsbury by Bob Pagett



House on the Lake by Ken Walker



Reflection by Chris Holloway



Sky & Water Echo by Mathe Shephard

**Thank you for all your wonderful entries for the April 'Lockdown Challenge' they will all be posted on our website for friends, family and the public to admire.**