

Letter From the President



I hope this finds you all well and you are enjoying the opportunity to meet up with friends again outdoors, visit a restaurant or even take a holiday following the partial relaxation of Covid restrictions.

I have just returned from a walking holiday in the Yorkshire Dales which was very enjoyable and the scenery was stunning. On the way up we visited the Yorkshire Sculpture park, featuring many famous Artists, which was interesting and also quite thought provoking.

Chris Bowden our General Secretary has put together a programme of 'Painting Days Out' for July and August. This proved very popular last year, during the pandemic, giving people the opportunity to meet up safely in the open air and enjoy painting in the company of fellow members. So remember to diary the dates and join us for a spot of outdoor painting. See programme of venues and dates included in this newsletter.

Last months painting challenge was 'Nature in Bloom' and I asked you to take inspiration from your garden or walks and send in your paintings for publication in the Newsletter. However, not many of you responded due, I suspect, to your new found freedom as Covid restrictions were eased. Well done to those of you who found the time to respond and your lovely art work is shown below.

If you have been creative in other ways I would love to hear from you, so just email pictures of your artwork or events to geoff.stubbins@btinternet.com and I will endeavour to publish them in the next Newsletter.

Be creative and stay safe.

Geoff Stubbins

Public Vote Winner

It is always interesting to see if the public agree with the judges awards and it is very rare that they do.

Our Spring Exhibition was no exception with the most votes going towards Shameela Yoosuf Ali for her lovely acrylic painting entitled 'The Language of Silence'. Close behind in the votes was 'Blackthorn Tunnel' by Jean Willis, 'Morning Light, Dartmouth' by Geoff Stubbins, 'Will I Ever Fly Again' & 'Rainbow Trees' by Paul Davis and 'Gossip' & 'Lotti on my Sketchbook' both by Petra Rohr-Rouendaal,

Thank you to those who took the time to vote for their favourite piece of artwork and congratulations to Shameela who receives a 'Public Vote' certificate.



June Challenge: Nature in Bloom



Summer Butterfly
by Paul Bayliss

There's a Fairy in Our Garden
by Keith Ripley



Farm House in Dosemoor
by Goetz Jeran



Walled Garden - Packwood House
by Geoff Stubbins



The Next Generation
by Chris Bowden

Summer Painting Days 2021

Join fellow members sketching or painting at the venues below. The venues are all quite near to encourage you to join us. If you are new to this, there is always someone to help. More information can be found on the internet for each venue or contact Chris Bowden.

Email - citbowden171@gmail.com

Tel - 07779 981878

*Note: Packwood House - may need to be Pre -booked on line or by phone 01564782024



Thursday July 8th

Sutton Park - Bracebridge

Meet in the car park 10.00-10.30am. The car park can be reached from Blackroot Rd off Lichfield Rd or by Four Oaks Gate



Tuesday July 13th

Barton Marina

Barton-under-Needwood D13 8DZ
Meet by the Waterfront Pub 10.30



Wednesday July 21st
Whitacre Hall Tearooms and walks B46 2PD
Meet at entrance 10.30



Thursday 29th July
Packwood House*
Packwood Lane Lapworth B94 6AT
National Trust property.
Meet by entrance 10.30



Tuesday 3rd August
Hillhook Nature Reserve
Netherstone Grove Four Oaks B74 4DT
Meet by entrance 10.30



Wednesday 11th August
Middleton Hall B78 2AF opens 11am -4pm
Meet by entrance 11.00
To go into the House and grounds you may
still need to pre-book online or by phone
01827 283095



Thursday 19th August
Fradley Junction DE13 7DN
Meet by café car park at 10.30

Please come along and enjoy painting outdoors in the company of fellow members. For more details and to book in contact Chris Bowden .