

Letter From the President



I hope this finds you all well and you are beginning to get back to a more normal routine following the relaxation of the Covid restrictions. After such a long period it's good to see Art Groups and classes starting up again, along with other activities as people are more confident about returning.

This has been the case for our 'Painting Days Out' programme where our members have been meeting up safely in the open air and enjoying painting, in the company of others. So far we have visited 3 locations, the weather has been kind and a café has also been a welcome addition. Some of the results of our members work who attended are included in this newsletter.

The relaxation will also mean that we are able to return to holding a live Autumn Exhibition along with re-starting our Saturday Demos and Sunday painting days in September. So look out for the dates so you don't miss out.

For a number of years we have hired the Bedford Suite at the Town Hall for our Art Exhibitions but due to changes of use in Town Hall policy this room will no longer be available to us. As an alternative, we have been offered the Crush Hall which is of similar size but accessed from the main entrance. So our Autumn Exhibition will now be held in the Crush Hall from October 23rd to 31st, with hand in and set up on Friday 22nd.

The Art Trail will be also be going ahead this year at a later date of 4th and 5th September. Many of our members take part in this so remember to diary the dates and be sure to enjoy a weekend of Art and Open Studios. Be creative and stay safe.

Geoff Stubbins

Summer Painting Days Out

Our painting days out have been blessed with good weather so far and the great locations have resulted in some wonderful sketch book artwork which are shown in this newsletter.

It is always a challenge to paint outdoors because nature can overwhelm the artistic senses, so its important to choose your composition carefully and simplify what is before you in order to quickly capture it in pencil or paint. It helps to take a digital image, which you can refer to later should you need to finish the painting later at home.

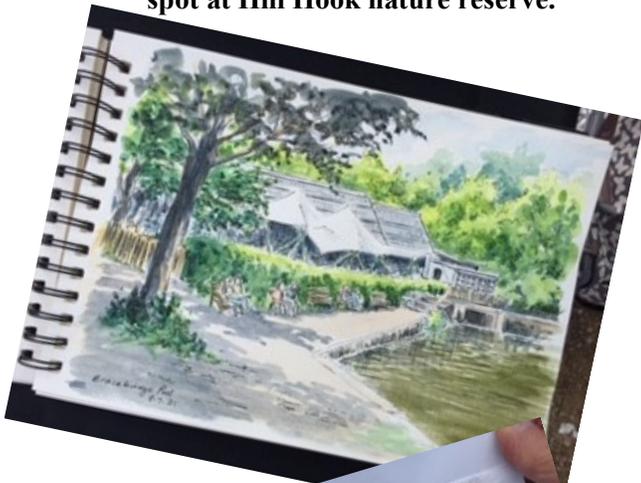
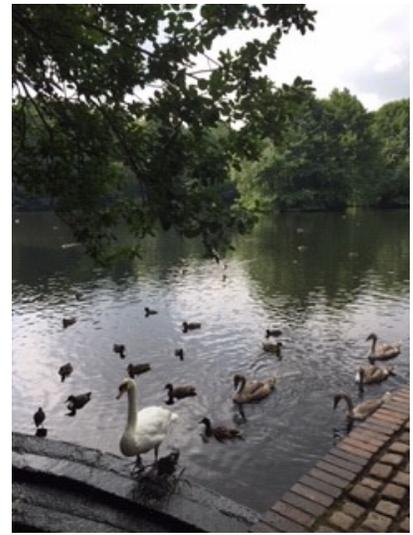
Painting in the company of others gives you the confidence to have a go, as well as providing a great social outing, so why not give it a try.



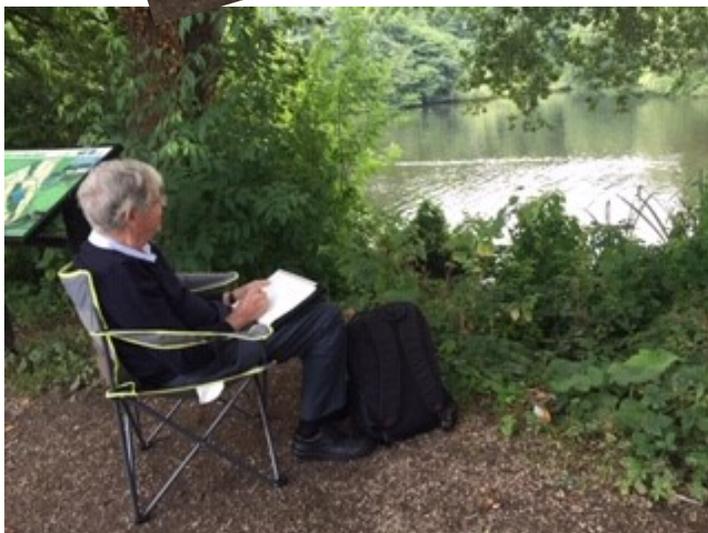
Phil Boddy and Wing Lien enjoying a pleasant day out



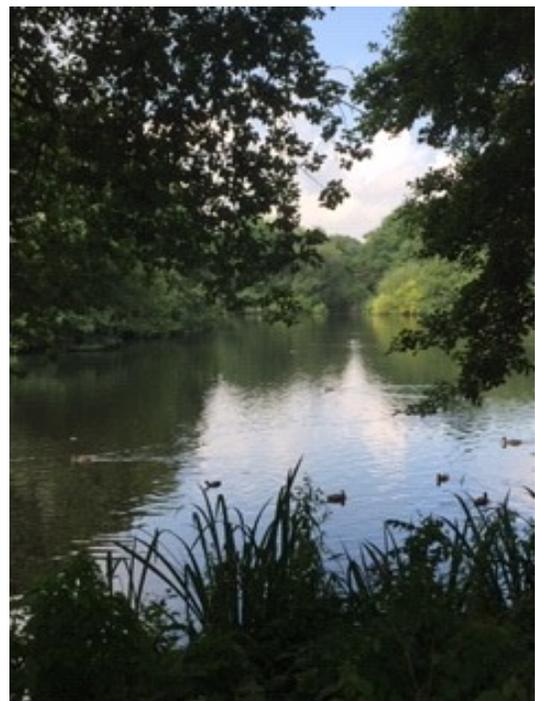
Phil Boddy & Jean Willis find a shady spot at Hill Hook nature reserve.



Keith Ripley and our new member Kisoons Lees enjoy painting the view across the mill pond.



Alan Hunt puts paint to paper at Hill Hook.





Chris Bowden & Jean Willis at Whitacre Hall Tearooms



Geoff Stubbins at Barton Marina captures the view from the Water Front pub.



Alan Hunt at the first outing to Sutton Park

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

