



Sutton Coldfield Society of Artists

Newsletter

December 2025

A Message from your President
Deborah Hodgson

Dear Members,

Now our exhibitions run for only five days, they seem to come and go extremely quickly. However, I hope many of you had the opportunity to visit and see the wonderful work on display. It was particularly good to see some of our new members exhibiting for the first time. As always, there was a lot of appreciation from the visitors, not only for the artwork, but the sketchbooks too.

Following the AGM, we're delighted to welcome two new members to the committee, namely Lynda Hoar and Anita Nicholson-Alexander. We're also very grateful to Catherine Cocks who volunteered to take on the task of producing the newsletter, this being her first.

The programme for 2026 will be coming out very soon and our first meeting at the Methodist Church will be on Saturday 24th January with a full Art Day including a model. In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Deborah

Exhibition News

The Exhibition was opened by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Raut, who was very impressed with all the work on show. The number of members who submitted artwork was 49 which is about the norm. We had 502 visitors with Saturday and Sunday being particularly busy. We sold 25 items totalling £1501 and greetings card sales of £229. Overall, the cost of the exhibition was £255.59 which wasn't too bad considering the sales were down on the spring and our room hire cost is still £1350 for the five days.

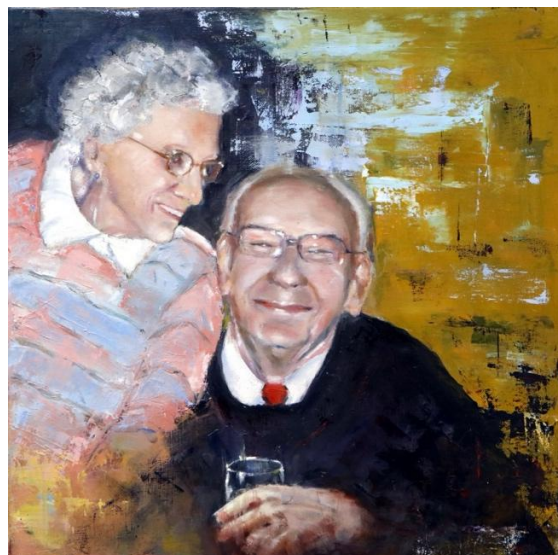
Public Vote Winner



Congratulations to Dennis Harper who won the public vote for his picture School Lane, Hints,

followed closely by Dianne Hughes for her portrait: Happy Anniversary.

The sketchbooks were so popular that Ray Blundell's gained 5 public votes as well.



Our judge for this exhibition was Martyn Harris RBSA who found it extremely difficult to choose the awards. Once again, well done to everyone who received one.

JUDGE'S AWARDS AUTUMN EXHIBITION 2025

Ada Wilkinson Award for Best 2D Work (in any medium)	Carolyn Bradburn	Winter Heather, Pilkington Avenue
Highly Commended	Julia Green	Pedimore Fields between the Showers
Mavis Mottram Award for Best Landscape	Christine Taylor	Sky, Sea, Shores, Forever Changing
Highly Commended	Kathryn Sawbridge	Colours of a Landscape
Doris Jackson Award for Best Water-based Artwork	Becky Farrington	Posy in Glass Vase
Highly Commended	Ray Blundell	Windrush Exiles, Destination Unknown
Keith Ripley Award for Best Portrait (in any medium)	Julia Bradbury-Bates	Bulldog
Highly Commended	Dianne Hughes	Happy Anniversary
Madge Oliver Award for Best Pastel	Deborah Hodgson	Morning Light
Highly Commended	Beryl Evans	English Setter
Jean & Bob Dressler Award for Best Mixed Media Artwork	Teresa Gordon	Winter Waterside
Highly Commended	Simon Walker	The Africaness Crochet Version 22
SCSA Award for Best 3D Exhibit	Helen Willis	Water Split
Highly Commended	Petra Rohr-Rouendaal	Ma Pula
Judge's Award	Lesley Pritchard	Geeta
Judge's Award	Margaret Fairhead	Birmingham & Fazeley Canal Nr Ludgate Hill

Exhibition Photographs



SCSA SUBSCRIPTIONS 2025/26: £30 (£31 by cheque)

Your subs are now due. The preferred method of payment is by electronic transfer, details of which are below. However, if you wish to pay by cheque, the amount payable is £31 to cover the bank charges that we now incur.

If you have any queries concerning membership, please contact Lynda Hoar, particularly if any of your contact details have changed.

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For electronic transfer:

ACCOUNT: Sutton Coldfield Society of Artists

SORT CODE: 30-98-37

A/C NO: 02080961

REFERENCE: YOUR NAME

Dates for 2026 Diary.

**Venue: Room 4, The Methodist Church Centre
South Parade, Sutton Coldfield B72 1RB**

AM session: 10 am – 1 pm

PM session: 1.45 pm – 3.30 pm

January Saturday 24th

Practical Art Day with model

February Saturday 21st

AM: Practical Art Morning

PM: Demo by Ray Blundell in w/c

March Saturday 21st

Practical Art Day with model

April Saturday 18th

AM: Practical Art Morning

PM: Demo by Carl Knibb in acrylic

Date for 2026 Diary.

Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, Bedford Suite

Spring Exhibition: Sat 9th – Wed 13th May 2026

Handing in day: Fri 8th May 2026

LOCAL ART CLASSES

Wednesday

Wednesday Portrait Class

Wednesdays, 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm, Room 4, Methodist Church, South Parade, Sutton Coldfield.

There is no formal teaching, but everyone helps each other. Cost is £7.00 per session.

For more information, please contact Chris Bowden by email: citbowden171@gmail.com

Tel No: 07779 981878

Geoff Stubbins runs the Mere Green Art Group which meets at the Mere Green Community Hall, Mere Green, from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm on Wednesdays.

Contact him on: 0121 323 2694

Thursday

Shane Wiseman runs art classes:

Mere Green Art Class

Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am

Beginners are welcome. There is a mix of abilities in all mediums. In the class there is a varied programme with different subjects to paint. You can paint your own if you wish.

You will need to bring your own materials and drink.

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