



SCSA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

**A Message from the President
DEBORAH HODGSON**

I hope many of you had the chance to visit the Spring Exhibition. If so, I am sure you will agree that it was a much brighter room in which to view the wonderful work on display. It was also good to see some of our new members exhibiting for the first time.



Many congratulations to **Ian Van Zyl** for winning the public vote for his painting: **Bums in Abundance**, followed closely by **Jean Willis's Middleton Lakes in Winter** and **Beryl Evans's Pew Tor**. Although visitor numbers were slightly up on the autumn, sales were lower at £1,550 but may well be a sign of the times.



Looking forwards, Chris is busy organising the various summer sketching days out. Information will be circulated in the near future. If you fancy joining us for the first time, feel free to have a chat with Chris to see what is involved. Even if you do not pick up a pen or brush, you are always more than welcome to come along even if it is just to take photos or enjoy the company. The day usually starts and ends with refreshments so we can share what we have done and we are always happy to car share for anyone who does not fancy driving. We are also hoping to organise a car share trip to Patchings in July. More information to follow.

General Secretary and Publicity Team member - Sam Revill



I trained originally as a Design and Planning Engineer being one of the first student apprentices; this included a fair amount of draughtsmanship which, maybe, has since helped. I worked in engineering for 20 years and subsequently for 25 years in Pollution Control licensing, monitoring and enforcing regulations on the disposal and treatment of hazardous wastes.

I have been drawing and painting for as long as I can remember. I've had no real formal art education although I did pass GCE O Level Art in 1956. I began painting and drawing again in earnest when I retired; but apart from a few courses, avid reading and practice I am self-taught.

I have exhibited at the RBSA Friends, the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, the Coloured Pencil Society and, of course, the Sutton Coldfield Society of Artists. I have been a member of the latter for many years, holding the roles of General Secretary, then Exhibition Secretary and now once again as General Secretary and I have the privilege of being granted an honorary life membership.

I work in most media although rarely in oils. I like the precision of pencil and pen and ink (maybe a throwback to my training), the controlled freedom of acrylics and the spontaneity and uncertainty of watercolour. And, I enjoy the combination them all in mixed media. I have an eclectic taste in subject matter; I enjoy all the 'scapes'; sea, land, town etc., and still-life and real-life but if I can with a little quirkiness.



The Spring Exhibition



The Spring Exhibition Awards in May 2024

Ratcliff Award for the Best 2D Artwork (in any medium):

Ian Van Zyl: "Bums in Abundance"

Highly Commended:

Deborah Hodgson: "St. Ives"

Mavis Mottram Award for the Best Landscape:

Beryl Evans: "Pew Tor"

Highly Commended:

Jean Willis: "Middleton Lakes in Winter"

Ashwood Veterinary Clinic Award for the Best Animal Artwork:

Francella Jean: "Fearless"

Highly Commended:

Linda Lewis: "A Proud Horse - An Ashmole Bestiary"

Turner-Hilton Award for the Best Textile Artwork:

Mary Christodoulou: "Amber the Cat"

Highly Commended:

Una Smith: "Foxglove"

Vesey Art & Crafts Award for the Best Flora Artwork (in any medium):

Joanne Barker: "Spirit of Sakura"

Highly Commended:

Pat Paget: "Tulips"

Emily Smith Award for the Best Water-Based Artwork:

Ray Blundell: "Poison Ivy"

Highly Commended:

Paul Bayliss: "St. Ives"

SCSA Award for the Best 3D Artwork:

Petra Röhr-Rouendaal: "Ping"

Highly Commended:

Wendy Griffiths: "Ungui"

Judge's Award for Worthy Artwork:

Joanne Barker: "Portrait of a Potter"

The Awards Judge was Colin Low.

Spring Exhibition Opening and New Members' Work



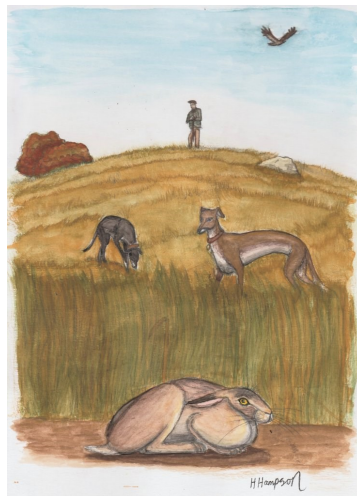
The Spring Exhibition was opened by Viv Astling, RBSA President, who is seen here handing an award to Ian Van Zyl who won the Best 2D Artwork award and the public vote.

Below are some of the entries for the exhibition from our newest members.

Well done to all those who won an award.



Catherine Turner



Harri Hampson



Sarah Faulstroh



Denise Walker



Ray Blundell



Oli Shephard



Lynn Jones



Please note that we now have an Instagram account.
www.instagram.com/suttoncoldfieldsocietyartists

Opening of the Spring Exhibition



Events for the Diary

Next month's demonstration by Richard Holland, on **Saturday, 8th June, at Room 4, Methodist Church Hall, South Parade, B72 1RB**

Once again, due to room availability, it will start at the slightly later time of **2.15 pm.**

Richard Holland - Artist from Matlock Landscapes in Oils



The Art Trail on 29th and 30th June

The Art Trail Map

Our Venues and Artists



Chimneys, Keepers Road B74 3AX

Graham Burquest Margaret Fairhead
Julia Green Eve Johnston-Ryde Kathryn Morris



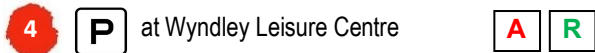
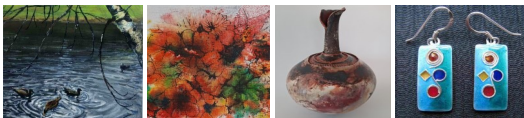
Mere Green Community Centre B75 5BT

Pat Pagett Anya Mansurova Boglárka Tóth



Gracechurch Centre B72 1PH

Geoff Stubbins Chris Bowden
Helen Haywood-Willis Jackie Ubhi

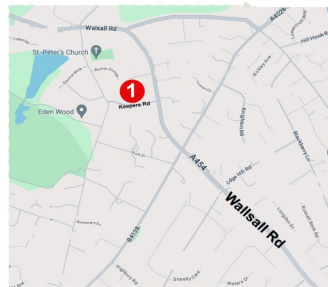


12 Somerville Road, B73 6JA

Petra Röhr-Rouendaal James Ware Kathryn Sawbridge



There is street parking or parking close by at all the venues and wheelchair access at venues 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 & 11.





68 Highbridge Road B73 5QE

Rachel David Stacey-Ann Henry



71 Britwell Road, B73 5SW

Austin Gannon



**Sutton Sailing Club,
Monmouth Drive, B73 6JL**

Matt Greenhill Clive Sayer
Joanne Barker Una Smith



17 Corbridge Road B73 6NJ

Brumhaus



Demonstrations all weekend

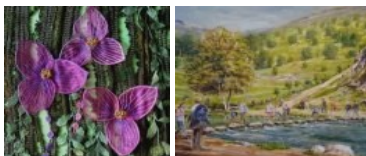
17 Haselor Road, B73 5DW

Judy Preston



**Boldmere Bistro,
St. Michael's Road B73 5FU**


Pauline Barnes Keith Wilkins




**Highbury Theatre
Sheffield Road B73 5HD**

Emily White David White



 Activities & demonstrations

 Refreshments nearby

The whole leaflet can be printed out from the website.

www.suttoncoldfieldarttrail.wordpress.com

Entry is free to all the venues.

More pictures from the Spring exhibition

