



# NEWSLETTER

May 2016

## Dates to note:

2016 Art exhibition and sale of works private viewing - **5th June** open to the public **6th - 11th June**

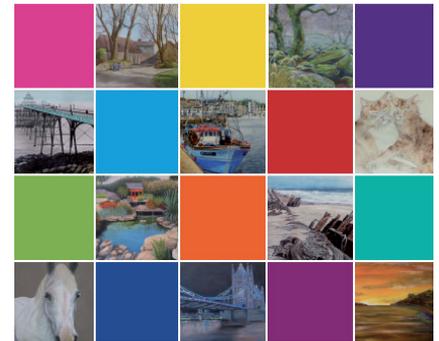
Please bring raffle prizes to club in advance

**'Local Landmark' is this years competition title.** Bring your entries with your exhibition artworks on the 5th. Please do not sign your competition pictures.

## Posters, fliers & invites

The posters (design opposite), fliers and invitations are now available. Please make sure you put up posters and give out as many fliers as possible. See Elaine or Sandra for copies of these and private viewing invitations.

Please make sure you put your name down on the stewarding rota sheet for manning the exhibition and volunteer for private viewing night jobs. Also please fill in the buffet sheet to let us know the food you will be providing.



Hanham Art Club 2016



## Art Club Survey Results Summary

Thank you to the **17** members who responded to our club survey.

**10** thought our website was good, **1** thought it was satisfactory and **6** had not seen it.

**As those that have seen it like the website there are no plans to make any changes. Do look at it if you get the chance. If you want changes to your gallery or want a gallery set up please email sandraburnham@btinternet.com**

**13** are willing to increase weekly rate to £2 and **3** were not, **1** did not give an answer.

**As a result of an increase in the cost of renting the room and the decrease in current membership it has necessary to increase the membership to £2 per night starting next term. This still does not fully cover the costs so we are making up the difference from club funds. Alan is looking into other cheaper rooms that may be available at the community centre.**

**6** were prepared to pay £2 for tuition/demo session, **7** were prepared to pay £5, **2** were prepared to pay £10, **1** did not wish to pay and **1** did not answer.

**As the survey has shown that most of us would like the occasional tuition/demo session this will be looked into and sessions set up starting after our art show. If anyone knows of possible tutors please tell Elaine or Sandra.**

**8** were interested in trips to exhibitions etc and **7** were not. **2** did not answer.

**Not enough of us are interested to make this viable so we will not be pursuing this at this time.**

**6** were interested in painting outings on Thursday evenings, **5** were interested on other week days.

**8** were interested on weekends and **6** were not interested. There were lots of suggestions for places to go. **16** said they came to most club

nights and **1** said summer only. **Lots of you were keen to do art sessions on location so we will be organising some weather permitting after the art show.**

**7** rated the club night as good, **6** as satisfactory and **3** as poor. **1** did not answer. Comments are summarized below:

- Request for models and demos occasionally.
- More communal activities instead of everyone doing own thing.
- All doing same subject and comparing finished artwork to learn from each other.
- All stop for coffee break and chat so that we mix more.

**As most of us are happy with things much as they are we will continue as usual with occasional still life set ups and life model sessions. These need to be planned in advance so please let Elaine or Sandra know of any models or suggested subjects for still life. As we now have a hot**

# Survey Results continued

*water urn this has meant that breaks are taken in the room and do not need to be at an official time although most people break at 8 halfway through our session.*

14 said they submitted work for the annual show, 2 said they did not and 1 did not answer.

*We have increased the number of entries per member in the show this year as the membership has decreased recently and we want to have enough art to make a good show. Members are encouraged to submit work for sale as much as possible.*

12 rated the art show as good, 3 as satisfactory and 2 did not answer.

Comments summarised below:

- Judge to be professional artist.
- Pay for models and demos out of club funds.
- Get all members to be more proactive in promoting the club.
- List all help needed so that members can volunteer to help and allocate tasks specifically.
- 10 is a bit late for closing art show.

*We are happy with the show so need for major changes. The cost of a professional artist would probably mean that we could not afford to do this. However we have a different judge this year and it*

*was felt that changing judges from time to time is a good thing so we will continue to do this. If you know of a suitable person to judge the show who has an art background please let Elaine or Sandra know. Currently we do not have enough funds to pay for models as we are using funds to make sure we have costs of premises covered for the next year. If we get an increase in membership this may be an option for the future. We do ask that all members do their bit to pass on details of the club and encourage new members to give us a go. Elaine and Sandra are drawing up a list of all the tasks that need to be done for our show and will be asking for volunteers to take these on. This will be put up next to the rota sheet on the cupboard door in the art room. We need to man the show until 10pm to look after the artwork until club closes as in the past artworks have disappeared.*

5 said you regularly entered our competitions, 6 said they sometimes did, 4 said they did not and 2 did not answer. There were lots of suggestions for titles for the future. *We need more members generally to enter the competition to make it a success. This years title is 'Local*

*Landmark'. Hopefully all of you will enter the competition. We are looking to put the competition art in a better position this year. This is in addition to your entries for the main show. All of your great suggestions will be put in a hat and a draw taken for each competition title in the future.*

Other comments summarised below:

- Accessibility may be an issue on organised trips for some so this needs to be considered.
  - We all need to try to get new members if we are to survive.
  - Other art groups could be invited to demos to help with costs.
  - Any tutor needs to be able to offer tuition at all levels.
  - Do group activity each month.
- Where possible we will make any trips suitable for all but there may be locations where this may not be not be possible. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to make any tuition/demos available to others.*

**Thank you all for taking part, this survey has been helpful in deciding the way forward for our club. If you have any queries on the survey please contact Elaine or Sandra.**

## Website

Check out our website for interesting video demonstrations on our workshop page. There are also links to sites of interest on our links page. If you want to send me photos to update your gallery or to set up a new gallery please email: sandraburnham@btinternet.com

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We were all very sad to hear of the passing of a very popular member of the club Brenda George.

Brenda was a member of the club for many years and her artwork was always very popular with visitors to our art show often resulting in commissions. Brenda enjoyed working in pastels, watercolour and acrylics. These are some of our favourites of Brenda's art.

We will all miss her very much. Our sympathies are with her family at this sad time.