



Hello and welcome to the sixteenth newsletter!

The Christmas Social Lunch

Thank you to all the members and partners who attended and made it another successful gathering. Thank you also to all those who provided raffle prizes (including the SAA), we appreciated this very much. Thank you Barbara for organising the raffle.

Congrats to the quiz winners Barbara Mason and John Pearson who both won two free sessions at the club with their winning scores of 22/30.

Thank you Shirley for organising a very tantalising quiz this year. The correct answers will be on the notice board if you would like to check out them out.

Matthew Palmer

Everyone who attended Matthew's first visit to the club enjoyed his demo very much. For those who did not attend, Matthew used a camera and a screen so that everyone could see what he was doing easily. More artists should do the same! His snow scene was impressive and we learned a few new techniques from him. It was certainly topical as the recent wintery weather testified. Hopefully his demo inspired you to get out and sketch or paint some of the lovely snow scenes we have had. We intend to invite him back for a workshop in the near future.

Perhaps we'll ask him to do a warm summer's day in a garden with a Pimm's!

Vic Bearcroft's workshop

Unfortunately this had to be cancelled because of the snow. It was just as well because in the afternoon there was a power cut. We would have been unable to have hot drinks or heating. Brrr! We will arrange another date as soon as possible in the New Year. It will probably be a Thursday again. If you are attending this workshop please let Judy know if there are any dates that are inconvenient so that she can avoid them.

2011 Programmes

These personalised programmes showing next year's dates have been handed out to most members. If you have not received yours yet please ask Jo for your copy.

Discount at Patchings

Thanks go to Dee Staton who has negotiated a 10% discount for all Muskham Art Group members at Patchings Art Supplies Shop. Every little bit helps!

MAG website

If you have logged on to our website recently you will have noticed a few changes. This is still "work in progress". More pages will be added and other alterations will take place over the coming weeks. If you have any

suggestions for content or would like to put your pictures in a gallery on the site please speak to Jo.

Email addresses

The committee has asked everyone before for your email addresses and we had very little response. It would save the club a lot of resources and postage if we could send important information out electronically. Please let Shirley if she can email you. You can always email the club if you need to by going to the contact page on the website. Emails will be directed to the relevant committee member if necessary.

Helpful notes for beginners

If any of the new members are beginners Barbara has some sheets giving help and advice on watercolour painting, colour mixing etc. Please ask her for copies if you are interested.

Thank you to a MAG member for this contribution...

Paddy and Mick were waiting at the bus stop when a truck went past loaded up with rolls of turf.

Pady said, "I'm gonna do dat when I win da lottery..."

"What's dat den?" asked Mick

"Send me lawn away to be cut..."

Apologies to any Irish members. Please don't shoot the messenger!

If you know any good jokes you wish to share let Jo know.

Thank you Anne...

For the mince pies at the last meeting of the year. Yum!

Don't forget, this is your newsletter. Please let the committee know what you would like to see in it. Contributions, comments and ideas are all welcome.



Hope you all have a wonderful, magical Christmas.

Here's to a productive 2011 full of happiness and fulfilment.



Happy painting!