



Hello and welcome to the twenty first newsletter!

Christmas Social

We will be having our annual Christmas Lunch at

The Ferry, North Muskham

on

Tuesday 6th December at 12:00 for 12:30 pm.



It will be a hot buffet costing £9 per person. All members, partners, associates, friends old and new are invited. Please make sure you have your name on the list. Barbara will be collecting the money for this at the next session.

If you have any suitable raffle prizes please bring them with you on the day.

Jean's husband Barrington has very kindly offered to compile a fun quiz for us.

Exhibition

This went well once again although we had a whole host of problems leading up to it this year. One was that our lovely banner was slashed and removed from where it was hanging at the mini roundabout.

Thanks you Barrington for making the road side signs that went up instead of the banner.

They looked great and will be useful in future years.

Once Friday came though, everything seemed to go smoothly. We had 132 visitors and sold 8 paintings.

There were lots of really nice comments and many people thought this was the best exhibition ever. Several folk said that there seemed to be more variation in subject matter this year too.

What with the newly painted boards (thanks John and painting crew!) and the refurbished hall it all looked very smart.

Thanks Anne and Jean for looking after the catering so brilliantly again this year and to everyone who donated cakes and other food items and also to those who stood in for Anne and Jean when they took a break.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped to put on such a good show. You should all be feeling proud.

Name Badges

Thanks Anne for organising the ordering of the lovely name badges. They really do look smart and hopefully everyone will continue to wear them.

Edna

Edna now has a date for her hip replacement. It will be done on December 14th. We look forward to her return to tea and coffee making duties in due course. In the meantime we wish her well and a speedy recovery.

Thanks to everyone who has helped out in the kitchen while she has been away.

Vic Bearcroft Painting Raffle

The committee decided that we will raffle Vic's pastel of the tiger at the last meeting of the year. This is on December 13th. Mince pies will help us get into the Christmas spirit.

We still have two more paintings - Matthew Palmer and Mike Webster watercolours - which we will raffle off at later dates.

Your Committee Needs You!

Sadly, Linda Drury has resigned as RSC so we need to fill this very important position. The job involves attending committee meetings, booking artists for workshops and demos and co-ordinating the advertising for the annual exhibition. Please do consider volunteering as we need to fill this post as soon as possible in order to comply with our association with the SAA. Help will be on hand so you won't get bogged down with anything.

Newark Bus Shelter

Some of you will already know that the last paint-a-long we did with Newark Art Group will be on display at the newly opened bus station next to the new Asda in Newark. Each member involved painted a square from a cut up photograph. The painted squares were then assembled to re-create the picture of the Wharf, Newark in flood. This is relevant to the bus shelter as it moved to the Wharf while Asda was being built. Please do go along and have a look at it when you are in town.

We are very grateful to John Geeson for organising this and for painting the display board and helping put it in place. It will be a good advert for both art groups and will help to add interest to the building.

Thorseby Exhibition

If you have any A4 sized paintings you would like to exhibit and sell commission-free at Thorseby Gallery, Thorseby Park please see Jo who has all the details.

Village Hall

The village hall committee has asked if we would put three or four paintings up to decorate the newly refurbished hall. These can be for sale if you wish. Please let Jo know if you would like to be involved in this.

Next Year's Meetings

The dates for 2012 meetings are on the website if you don't get your programme in time.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

As this is the last newsletter of the year we wish you all a really good Christmas and New Year. Hopefully Santa will bring you lots of goodies too. Let's hope that 2012 will be kind to us all.



Happy painting!

