



Hello and welcome to the twenty third newsletter!

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As you all know this is on May 28th. Is there anyone willing to stand on the committee? We have lost one member and may lose more and we need a committee to run the group. And we would welcome new blood! Please get your nominations in to Shirley by 14th May.

Summer Social

Once again we will be having our lunch time social event at **The Ferry, North Muskham**. It will be on **June 18th at 12:30pm**. Please make a note in your diary. All members, spouses, friends, associates etc are welcome. It will be about £10 per head.

Books

It has been a while since the books and dvds have been put out for people to use. Would you still like to use our library or do you think it would be better to sell them off in the next table top sale? Please let the committee know your thoughts.

Use them or lose them!

Children's Competition

What do you think to the idea of asking the younger relatives of members to enter their original works of art into a competition when we have a demo or workshop? The visiting

artist can then judge the entries and the winner will get a prize. The idea is to encourage children to be interested in producing art. Again let the committee know what you think

Tea/coffee Breaks

Thank you to all those who have helped with washing up, drying and putting away.

Where Do You Buy Your Art Stuff?

I know a good number of members will buy their supplies from the SAA, especially because of their value for money, but two shops I look in, for those unaware that they exist, are Shawes of Mansfield Road, Nottingham (also a good craft shop): out the back of House of Fraser, turn right up Mansfield Road & walk for about 100 to 150 yards

The other is Ruddocks of Lincoln. Through the Stone Bow and up the hill passing House of Fraser, for about 100 yards on right. Upstairs towards the back of the shop, again lots of crafts and a good selection of usual art products.

(Thanks to Brian Clark for the above item.)

Demos and Workshops

We have more demos and workshops lined up for May, September and December. **Terry Harrison's not-to-be-missed workshop** is

on **16th May**. First come, first served so get your name down quick. It will be about £20 per person depending on numbers attending. Details and dates of the others, when confirmed, will be on the website.

If anyone would like to see a particular artist give a demo, or has a topic they would like help with please let Ruth know. She can see about tailoring artist bookings to your needs. Don't forget Ron is always available to give short demos on anything you are struggling with on the days he's at the club. Once again, let Ruth know if you have any suggestions for these.

Spillages

There have been a few occasions when those who are left to put everything away after our sessions have found that water has been spilt on the floor and just left. If you do spill anything, especially on the parquet floor, please wipe it up as soon as possible.

Website

Don't forget that you can put images of your art on the group's website. Just let Jo know if you want to do this. She will photograph your pictures and do the rest.

Once again, Here Goes,...

Which farmyard animal is a famous painter?

Vincent van Goat! (or Pablo Pिकासo!)

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What did the artist say when he finally finished his Bas carving?

What a relief!

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You might be an artist if ...

--The only piece of new furniture you have in your home is a £1000 easel.

--You've ever cleaned your fingernails with a palette knife.

--You butter your toast with your fingers, just to feel its texture.

--You've ever considered framing your palette instead of the painting.

--You notice the burnt umber in the background of the Playboy centrefold.

--Your children are forced to share a room so you can have an art studio.

--You routinely drink the rinse water instead of the coffee.

--The suggestion that you should "teach" or "open a flower shop" or "go to law school" makes you want to scream and throw things.

--You know the difference between beige, ecru, cream, off-white, and eggshell.

--Your favourite fragrance is eau d' linseed oil.

--You do judge a book by its cover.

Oh dear, they don't get any better...



Happy Painting!

