



Hello and welcome to the sixth newsletter!

First of all some sad news:

We were shocked by the news that Hazel Clurow died suddenly on 17th April. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 29th April at 11 am at Christ Church followed by burial at Newark Cemetery. Our thoughts are with Hazel's family and friends at this awful time.

AGM

As you are all aware the AGM will be held on 12th May. Any nominations for new Committee members must be in the hands of the Secretary (Shirley Maddex) by 5th May at the latest. Nomination forms are available on the notice board table.

Summer Social Event

This will take place at **12:30 pm on Tuesday 7th July 2009** at the **Ferry Inn, North Muskham**. **Please make a note in your diaries!** All members, partners and associates of the art group are invited. The cost will be about £7 per person. We hope we will have good weather so that we can enjoy some summery food. Please can you sign the form on the notice board if you would like to come? Barbara will collect the money nearer the time.

Outdoor Painting

We would all benefit from getting out to do some painting and/or sketching outdoors. It's good to be out in the summer to produce sketches which can then be turned into paintings in the winter months. Good sketches with notes are a wonderful source of inspiration. Drawing from real life instead of from photographs will enhance your observational skills and challenge your abilities.

John Pearson has kindly offered to organise sessions on the Tuesdays we do not meet in the hall. If anyone is interested in going to some interesting venues please let John know. He can be contacted on 01636 700066

Table Top Sale

We will be holding another sale on **Tuesday 26th May**. This is another opportunity to clear out the stuff you no longer need to make room for some more. We will also be selling some art group books and videos to make room for some new ones.

Mike Webster

We are off to Mike's for another wonderful day's painting on **2nd June**. Please see Judy If you would like to come. It's first come first served so be quick – there's not many spaces left!

Demonstrations

We have had some excellent demonstrations recently and Jan Osbond's workshop was a great success. It will be good to see our old friend Jenny Shaw-Browne again too: she will be giving us a demo in using pastels. Ron gave a very useful short demo on perspective. His handout will be well used I'm sure! If you've not received one, ask Ron for a copy. He will be giving more demos on "more advanced" perspective in future. Don't forget, if you would Ron to cover any particular topic that you are struggling with let someone from the committee know and they'll arrange it.

Sweatshirts

We are able to order sweatshirts and polo shirts with MAG's logo embroidered on. The sweatshirts will cost about £15 and the polo shirts are about £11. It has been suggested that we all have purple shirts to match our website and letterheads etc. What do you think? See Jo for a list of other colours and sizes if you are interested. The more we order, the cheaper they will be!

Trip to London for the SAA's "It's all about Art" Event

Would you like to visit this inspirational event which is being held in Islington on **23rd – 25th July 2009**? Several artists will be there and there will be lots of opportunity to get involved in workshops and tuition. SAA members' entrance tickets are £5 and non-SAA MAG members' tickets are £6. If enough people would like to go we could organise a mini bus to take us. Sign up for this on the notice board if you would like to go. Bring your friends too!

Don't miss "the art event of the year"!

Put your painting on the website

Why not put your work on the group's website? Electronic photos are needed for this. If you don't have a digital camera, bring your paintings in and Jo can photograph them for you. You can advertise paintings for sale and have a few words about yourself up there too. Have a word with Jo and she will give you more information.

Oh well, here goes...

Liz goes to her first show at an art gallery and is looking at the paintings. One is a huge canvas that has black with yellow blobs of paint splattered all over it. The next painting is a murky gray colour that has drips of purple paint streaked across it.

Liz walks over to the artist and says, "I don't understand your paintings."

"I paint what I feel inside me," explains the artist.

"Have you ever tried Alka-Seltzer?" she asked!

You were warned that they would get worse!

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



Happy painting!