



Hello and welcome to the fifteenth newsletter!

The Exhibition

A huge "thank you" to everyone who helped set up and run this year's exhibition. Once again we had some lovely comments from some of the 173 visitors. Seven paintings and lots of cards and crafts were sold – congrats to all the sellers! We raised £43 for Beaumont House from catalogue sales. We made a loss of just over £100 which is better than previous years due to the negotiation of a better deal for hiring the village hall. The weather wasn't in our favour on the Sunday and we think this was the cause of reduced visitor numbers. There are some things that are just out of our control!

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for improving the exhibition please do not hesitate to let someone on the committee know. We are keen to implement changes to prevent it becoming stale.

Next year's exhibition will be on **15th and 16th October 2011**. Put the dates in your new diary!

Matthew Palmer

Matthew will be with us on 23rd November to demonstrate watercolours. We have not yet decided on the subject so if you have any ideas let Judy know. Matthew comes highly

recommended so this might be the first of many visits to us.

The demo, as usual, is open to non members so invite as many people along. Entrance fee for non members is £4 and £3 for members.

Vic Bearcroft's workshop

This is on **2nd December 2010** from **10:00 am – 4:00 pm** and is now full. Please arrive from **9:30 am** so that we can start creating out masterpieces promptly at 10:00 am. The subject is a tiger.



All members going need to pay Barbara £17.00 as soon as possible. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch!

Christmas Social Lunch

Once again this will be at **The Ferry, North Muskham** at **12:15 pm on Tuesday 7th December 2010**. It will be a hot and cold buffet costing about £7 per head. All members, partners, associates are invited. Please sign the form on the notice board as soon as possible if you want to come. Barbara will collect the money as soon as we know the exact price.

This year's quiz master will be Shirley.

Once again, we will be holding a raffle so if you have any suitable prizes we would be grateful if you could bring them along on the day.



Putting your pictures on sale

Just a reminder now that the exhibition is over ... Blood Brothers Stoves Ltd have opened a shop in Manners Road, Newark selling wood burning stoves. They already have a successful shop in Matlock. The shop in Newark has a lot of wall space which they would like to use to display and sell our paintings. They won't take any commission and the shop is quite secure. This arrangement will be of mutual benefit – it will brighten up their shop and it gives us another outlet for potential sales. If anyone is interested in this please see Jo. Feel free to go the shop and have a look for yourself too.

New members

We have recently gained some new members. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Marian, Dee, Linda, Carol, Val and Suzanne. To help everyone learn everyone else's name can you please use the name cards. If you have mislaid yours more can be found by the notice board.

Flower Power

Chris Healey, an art teacher who goes to Elston Art Group, is going to run a Botanical Art Class on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Lowdham W I Hall, Main Street, Lowdham (opposite The Magna Carta) starting on 5th Januray 2011 The course costs £40. Further information can be obtained from Chris on 01159 663434

Life Drawing

If anyone is interested in doing some life drawing (no, not nude – it's too cold in the village hall!) please let Judy know. We have been contacted by a model who also gives help and advice on drawing. If enough

members are interested we can hire him for a modest figure (pun intended!).

Long Eaton All Media Art Club

If anyone is interested in exhibiting in their exhibition in February please see Jo who has all the details,

Trent Valley Project

Groundwork, a group of charities that work to improve the environment, have contacted us asking whether we are interested in helping to produce some art work for their project to promote the Trent. Completion should be in February 2012. A meeting will be held with them soon to discuss ideas. Further details will follow as soon as we get it. Their website is www.groundwork.org.uk if you want to find out more.

Why are vampires artistic?

They're good at drawing blood!



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!

