

News Update for Members - 2nd December 2020



I hope you all looking forward to Christmas, even if it will be different in various ways this year.

The Committee met online last week via Zoom. It was good to see faces again.

Programme Organiser Clair Clark is currently looking for artists for a possible virtual painting demonstration in February. If this is well attended, she will book more artists later in 2021. More details after Christmas.

Our Venues for classes and evening meetings

The good news from St. Mary's Church Hall, Warsash is our slots for Thursday evenings and daytime tutored Tuesday classes are secured for our eventual return once Covid-19 guidelines allow.

For the untutored sessions which I understand have taken place at Sarisbury Green since the 1980s,

organiser Aniska Ballingall is currently seeking possible alternative venues to Sarisbury Green Parish Rooms. The Committee there have done everything they can to fit in fairly the various groups who have met there until now, but the only time which might be available during the week next year is 4.00-6.00pm on Thursdays. This is still non-ideal: congestion and parking hassle during the afternoon-early evening rush hour. Tight timing before monthly Thursday evening demonstrations at St. Mary's Church Hall; timing would be tight and Aniska isn't free then. If anyone is interested in that time and can organise, please let Aniska or myself know.

Christmas Cards and Crafts Call Out

Thank you to the two entrants I've had so far. Their cards are on display on our Facebook Page and new Facebook group for the art group (see below). The deadline for entries is a week before Christmas Day, Friday 18th December. It can be a card, art or craftwork with a clearly festive theme. Please email me jpg images of your arts & crafts to Joan Lee, either via the group's email address, or her gmail address by Friday 18th December: warsashartgroup@hotmail.com or waterwayfarer@gmail.com

Members can vote for their favourite until the end of December via an email to me or commenting on Facebook after 18th December.

Facebook Group for the Art Group

Those of you who use Facebook will see that we have:

1 – A Page – Facebook – Warsash Art Group. As only I can post there, there's now. A Facebook search for will show a WAG's lobster logo in a circle and the cover photo is currently Kay Le Poidevin's gateway to a sunset.

2 - A Facebook *group* for the art group. Again, the name is Warsash Art Group. There anyone who has joined this FB group can post, enabling art group members to share art-related material such as images of their paintings or events in the area happening on and offline. A Facebook search brings up a circle and cover photo of late autumn trees from Jan Milsom's painting of autumn woodland.

As of this Wednesday morning, 23 members have joined. Among them, is Kay LePoidevin who has tutored our Tuesday classes. During lockdown she has been painting black cats in oils. I have also shared Brian Gray's recent trompe d'oeil doorway, which illustrates this email. You can request to join it and I'll approve you if it doesn't happen automatically. I have also shared links to the group on the page.

Finally, whether Warsash Art Group continues to operate online next year online or can meet in person, we will need members willing and able to step into key roles, including a new Treasurer. For various reasons, several people on the current committee have found it increasingly difficult to continue where they are. I plan to continue as your Secretary for 2021, but I could use some assistance in some areas, particularly at the busiest times of year. During the pandemic, I've been trying to keep everyone up to date online to the best of my ability. If anyone can assist me that, it would be good. Is there anyone out there who might be able to help with Facebook as admins or moderators to keep everything up to date and respond to messages and comments more quickly than I have done up to now? I'll say more early next year, but if you can help us in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy Christmas from your Secretary and Committee,

Joan Lee