



Bury Art Society New Year Newsletter 2018

2019 is fast approaching and it seems a good time to take a quick look back at the latter part of 2018. Already Derek's exciting programme has had us painting pictures for Tina's Tearoom as well as (theoretically) for Grayson Perry. We've looked at artists as diverse as Tarsila do Amaral, Alfred Wainwright, Edward Ruscha and Picasso. Also, we've tried our hands at Aboriginal art, Japanese floral art and, with Gemma as a model, 'Nose Art' and Ema has modelled for us too. We also had an excellent lino-printing workshop very skilfully given by our own Wright Platt which was a great success. The last session of 2018 was of course the Christmas social which proved to be an evening of great fun thanks to our Chairman, Anne Sugden's super party games!

On Saturday 1st December, the Mayor of Bury, Councillor Jane Black, opened the Annual Exhibition. The Millennium Prize was awarded to Malcolm Lucas, The David Swithenbank award went to Peter Jones; Tommy Valentine Award to Wright Platt; Mary Edyvean Award to Anne Sugden; Life Image Award to Gill Pollitt. Derek White work was Highly Commended and Phil Raynes' was Commended.



As part of the exhibition this year, some members of the society will be taking part in a Landscape Challenge on Saturday 19th January in Bury Art Museum. The subject of the challenge is the Irwell Valley Sculpture trail and members will be painting a sculpture of their choice between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you would like to take part, there's still time to join in – please contact Derek White for details.

This year the People's Prize is being renamed the "Mary Shaw People's Prize" as part of the legacy that Mary – a long-standing Bury Art Society member – generously bequeathed to the Society last year. The prize now includes a trophy in Mary's name which has been crafted in mahogany by our own very talented Graham Lomas. The exhibition runs until Saturday, 26th January when, for the first time, the trophy will be awarded by Senior Curator Kat Au for the work chosen by the public.

Our last trip in 2018 was a very enjoyable outing to Liverpool ably organised by Bernice Davenport and Pam Stone who are now planning trips for 2019 based on suggestions they received from the members on previous excursions.

We have been delighted to welcome several new members since the beginning of this academic year quite a few of whom have found us through our website.

The Society's annual dinner will 13th February – the venue will once again be Bella Italia in Bury – we are hoping that this year the weather will be much kinder to us!

Our first meeting of the new year will be January 7th and the subject will be a snowscape reflecting the emptiness in snow pictures from Hokkaido. I look forward to seeing you again then.

*Best Wishes for a
Happy and Prosperous New Year*

Judy Turner, Secretary