

Newsletter – November 2021

AGM

There were several additions to the committee. Andy Clark has joined the committee. Judith Church has become our new Vice President following the death of Mary Edyvean, and Judith Jones has agreed to become the Vice Chair in the role that Derek White had. Judy Turner will continue to do the programme.

Winter painting Challenge

The topic **Nature and Winter** got the most votes at the AGM so that will be the subject of our Winter Painting Challenge which will be held on **February 28th**. So that all members can take part in the challenge, whether they are able to attend meetings or not, the challenge will be held in two formats.

1. At the meeting on **Monday 28th February 2022** and we will vote for a winner in the normal way
2. On the website: submission by email, closing date **Monday 28th February 2022**. When all the pictures are displayed everybody will have the opportunity to vote as we did for the Summer Painting Challenges.

Members will be able to enter **both** at the meeting and online, but it must be the **same** picture. We will have a winner from each part of the challenge – this might be the same picture.

Any media is acceptable including digital.

Christmas Social

All members attending the AGM voted to hold a **Christmas social** this will take place on **20th December**.

The format is going to be somewhat different from previous years because of the need to stay Covid safe. As before, we will have fun quizzes/games but people will be asked to remain seated at tables of four. We will also have a version of 'Secret Santa' where everyone buys one present (suitable for anyone) costing no more than £4 and brings it to the Social wrapped in Christmas paper. In previous years we have incorporated the gift exchange into a game of pass-the-parcel, but this year we will be doing it more like a raffle instead.

The committee decided that since it is unlikely that we will be able to have another social occasion, like the winter meal, that *this year* you will not be asked to bring food, instead BAS will provide mince pies (we will endeavour to offer a gluten free variety too) and wine or juice.

We will also have a small exhibition of members work – bring along one picture you would like to share with the society.

More details to come nearer the date

Art Materials retrieved from the College

Steps have been taken to retrieve the Society's property from the cupboards in Bury College. Amongst these were a small amount of art supplies. I will bring them to the meeting on the 22nd November for sale for a small donation to the society.

Life Drawing and demonstration

Thanks to the efforts of Graham Lomas and Phil Raynes our programme now features monthly life drawing sessions. If you, your family, or friends are willing, we are always on the lookout for people to model for us, for which you would be paid a small fee.

We are also looking forward to our first demonstration in our new premises on 6th December, the cost to members is £5 but non-members are also welcome (£7 charge) so you can bring family or friends.

Mary Shaw Award Picture

Look out for Anne Fryers picture **Seagulls** that won the public vote at our last annual exhibition. It should be featured in the February issue of Leisure Painter on sale **Friday 24th December**, just in time for Christmas!