

Summer Newsletter August 2020

Dear Members,

You may remember that I wrote to you in May letting you know the current situation of the Society due to COVID-19. As September approaches I would like to update you as follows:

1. Monday Sessions

The college will reopen in September however they will not be renting out their rooms to us, as they feel unable to do so safely. Your committee has been looking for an alternative over the summer but was unable to find an appropriate (Covid-19 secure) venue even before the current tightening of restrictions. Currently we are being told to 'avoid socialising with people from other households when you visit shops, leisure centres, cafes and any other indoor public places.' Until this restriction is changed no meetings could take place even if a suitable venue were to be found.

2. Jericho Life drawings sessions

Prior to the local restrictions Jericho had a visit from the auditors and inspectors and they decided it was too complicated to operate our sessions there until sometime next year at the earliest.

3. Programme for 2020-21 – good news!

Derek has written a new programme for 2020-21. You can take part either by joining the Facebook group, where you can post your completed challenges and interact with other society members, or if you don't wish to join the group you can still take part in the programme by email. Each Monday I will send out the challenge for the week ahead and if you complete the challenge you can email me your completed picture which I will add to the group on your behalf.

If you would like to join the Facebook group but cannot find it, this link should give you the location and you can ask to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/350315765872153/>

Alternatively, email buryartsoc@gmail.com and I will send you an invite to the group.

An email from Derek with more details will follow shortly.

4. Sketching sessions

Over the summer there have been two small informal sketching sessions. The Covid-19 guidance and legislation states that informal groups are limited to 6 people from different households meeting outside. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/north-west-of-england-local-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do> As this is the case, the society is **not** arranging any formal sessions but if *you* are going sketching and would

like to let other members know, you can do so by emailing buryartsoc@gmail.com but for your own and others safety you must adhere to the restrictions.

5. AGM

We have so far been unable to hold our 2020 AGM; arrangements will be put in place to do this by email.

6. Summer Challenge pictures

As we can't meet up at the moment the Summer Challenge pictures will be displayed on the website so everybody can see them. You will all be able to vote for your favourite picture in each category and we will announce the winners. I will let you know details shortly.

Look after yourselves, stay safe and keep painting.

Best wishes to you all,

Judy