

ALTON ART SOCIETY
SUMMER PROGRAMME 2018

Outdoor Painting days start at 10am and finish by 4pm (unless otherwise stated), but (apart from the Workshop) you can arrive at any time between these hours and stay for as long or as little as you wish, where appropriate. Beginners and more experienced artists welcome. We are a very friendly and informal group, so please give it a try! Bring your own art materials, chair, water and a packed lunch and car-share whenever possible. Don't forget your camera to capture images for future reference!

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018 (10am – 4pm)
CHAWTON HOUSE LIBRARY GARDENS

Description: Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of these wonderful late 18th century landscape style gardens with lawns, open views across the estate, a lime avenue with distant views across the South lawn to the parkland beyond, wooded area, two terraces, a walled kitchen garden with herb garden, a fernery and shrubbery.

Entrance Fee: £3 per person.

Tea will be on sale in the tea room, for those who so wish, otherwise bring own lunch/drink, as usual.

Parking & Toilets: Toilets and Parking available on site. Park in car park at side of house.

Directions: From Alton take A31 towards Winchester. Turn off Left at A31/32 junction roundabout to Chawton, and follow brown tourist signs.

THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2018 (11am – 4.30pm)
WEST GREEN HOUSE GARDENS

Thackham's Lane, nr Hartley Witney, Hook Hants RG27 8JB

Description: Exquisite gardens of contrast and imagination, created by the Australian garden designer, Marilyn Abbott. There is a grand water staircase leading to the Nymphaeum Fountain, a magnificent walled garden, entered through an arbour of wisteria, an elaborate potager, wonderful perennial borders and beyond these walls, the Lakefield with an eclectic collection of garden follies. The path leads away from the lake to the Paradise Water Garden and contemporary Garden of the Five Bridges and meanders on through a woodland glade to the terraced Theatre Lawn surrounded by tall tapestry hedges.

Cost: Free to National Trust Members; otherwise £8 per person.

Parking & Toilets: Parking, toilets and tea room on site

Directions: From Alton (13.7 miles) take the Basingstoke Road to New Odiham Rd/B3349. Continue on B3349. Take B3016 to Thackham's Lane in Hartley Witney. Turn Left into Thackham's Lane.

TUESDAY 3 JULY 2018 (10am – 4pm)

MEL CAMBRIDGE – en plein air Painting Workshop (oil, acrylic or watercolour)

Wyards Farm, Basingstoke Rd, Beech, Alton GU34 4AA

Description: Well-known artist, Mel Cambridge, will be holding an outdoor Painting Workshop (bring oils or watercolour, whichever medium you use), at Ann and Bill Monk's beautiful farm, with barns and sheds, beautiful trees and gardens, stables, sculptures, ponds – so much of interest to paint!

Cover: Conservatory (in case of rain)

Parking & Toilets: Parking in first field after entrance on Left. Toilet available in house

Cost: £10 deposit (non-refundable) by 5 June 2018 (Max 18 people. Total cost depending on number of people coming). Cheques to be made out to Alton Art Society.

Equipment: Bring boards, easels, paints (whatever your chosen medium), chairs, packed lunches/drinks, hat etc.

To Book Contact: **Sonia Hennelly** (01962-807293); or **Sue Robinson** (01420-82896)

Send Cheque to: **Sonia Hennelly, 18 Bakeland Gardens Alresford, Hants SO24 9QX**

WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2018 (10am – 4pm)

THE BURY, ODIHAM, HANTS RG 29 1ND

Description: Delightful, quiet corner of Odiham just off the High Street, with pretty square, 13th Century church and other historic buildings dating from the 17th century, winding lanes, avenue of trees, wisteria-covered old buildings, tiled roof tops, almshouses, pub etc. Perfect for sketching or painting!

Cover and Toilets: "The Bell" pub

Parking: Cost £2 in The Bury Car Park

Directions: From Alton, take the Basingstoke Road to New Odiham Rd/B3349. Follow B3349 then turn Right into Odiham B3016 High Street, then Right into King Street. Continue along King St and bear Right, into The Bury, where you will see the small Car Park.

