



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2010

Contents: Chairman's Report. Winter Programme 2010/2011. AAS Painting Group. Details of greeting card photography sessions. Noticeboard.

Enclosed: Chairman's letter re: exhibition. Rules & Instructions for exhibition entry. Exhibition entry form (yellow sheet). Subscription renewal form. Invitations to exhibition for friends and family.

Chairman's Report

“Once more unto the Assembly Rooms, dear friends, once more!”

How quickly the years fly by! Here we are again, on the verge of our 79th Annual Art Exhibition.

Once more we will have the shortened format of five days. A concentration of excellence!

Our show opens on Wednesday 29th September at 7pm for 7.30pm for the Private View, until 9pm. Then we will be open to the public from Thursday 30th September to Sunday 3rd October, from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily.

Very importantly, the children's Art Competition Prize-Giving will take place on Saturday 2nd October at 11.00am. Excitement amongst the junior element is guaranteed to be intense!

Also enclosed are invitations for you to give to your neighbours and friends, in fact anywhere you feel is appropriate to let people know about our exhibition.

Please indicate your willingness to help on the enclosed exhibition entry form. Invigilation during the show is very important. Instruction and help will be available.

All offers of help for handing in at 9am on Wednesday 29th September and setting up the exhibition will be most welcome.

Gentlemen; once more we call on you to help unload and assemble the 75 screens in the main hall and on the stage for the children's exhibits.

Please note on the Rules of Entry that on the Sunday, we will close the exhibition doors at 5pm. The committee and helpers will

arrange the sold and unsold artworks, check all sales and greeting card sheets and assemble everything in good order.

Then the doors will open from 6pm to 6.30pm for buyers to collect their purchases and pay any amounts outstanding. Artists can also collect all their unsold artworks, including greeting cards.

All items must be checked by the helpers against lists at the exits in the main hall, before leaving the building.

So do come to our 79th Show. Bring family and friends to the Private View at 7pm on Wednesday 29th September. It will be a great evening out, with a fabulous raffle to be drawn at 8.30pm.

Now comes the really important part of my report. Members: we need your exhibits for our show. Have you ever exhibited before? Why not try now! It's often commented by visitors that the Alton Art Show is one of the finest in the South. Let's make this show another of which we can all be very proud.

John Hearn – Chairman AAS

Members: We have an urgent request for someone to volunteer to organise the tea rota for the winter demonstrations. There is a very willing team in place who are prepared to infuse the tea, but we do need someone to allocate these ladies to the 7 Saturdays involved, see the Winter Programme in this newsletter.

Please call Maureen Morrison if you are able to help, Tel: 01420 561648 – Grateful thanks.

Recent summer painting days.

Jenny Ospici's bluebell woods.

Our first outdoor painting day of 2010 was at Jenny Ospici's bluebell woods. Thirty-four of us braved the chilly wind and attempted to capture the fabulous haze of colour. The converted pig houses proved interesting subjects, as well as shelter from the cold at lunchtime. Jenny had kindly provided a kettle and some tea bags, and a few other items, to ensure we had somewhere of comfort to talk together, which we did.

Jenny Dunk



Chawton House.

Many Art Society members turned out into a refreshing breeze on Tuesday 15th June to paint in the grounds of Chawton House. There were plenty of sheltered spots to bask in the sunshine - the walled garden and the Lutyens terrace being popular. Other parts of the estate had their attractions including the "wilderness", a beautiful woodland, the local church and the stables, with the magnificent shire horses, with nesting house martins in residence in the eaves. All this without even mentioning Chawton House itself, a lovely building with a fascinating roofline and chimneys. I hope those who came enjoyed the day and that we shall see some of the results at the exhibition later in the year.

Angela Woodruff

Bury Court, Bentley.

Twenty plus members of the Arts Society faced the early drizzle on Thursday 8th July to be rewarded with a splendid day of painting at Bury Court, Bentley. Together with the oast houses and barns, there was a choice of the more formal front garden with reflecting pool, or the more relaxed style of the sheltered rear garden, all looking at their best - a delight for both artists and gardeners.

Angela Woodruff

More pictures to show?

Our own Annual Exhibition has to limit the number of pictures any member can show to just three. If you have more pictures worthy of exhibition, why not submit them to a Festival of Talents? This is to be held in St Lawrence Church from Friday 1st October to Sunday 3rd October, which is during our own Exhibition period. Many local societies, as well as church members, will be displaying what they do, as a celebration of talent.

All pictures submitted should be framed and be for sale. Cards can also be put on display and these will all be priced at £1-50 each. There will be a 20% commission retained by the church on any items sold. However, there is no entry fee. Space is limited inside the church and not all work submitted may be shown. All displays will be supervised while the church is open (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day). Please contact Robin Lees (email lees45@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01420 86665) as soon as possible to book a space and, at the latest, before Sunday 26th September.

All proceeds will go towards the St Lawrence Church West End Project, which will provide toilet and community facilities in the church. The new structure will have a stunning glass wall containing images of Alton and its history.

Come and join us.



There are plenty of spaces for AAS members to join us at The Maltings, Alton, (behind Sainsburys) at our painting group. Just turn up with your art materials on any Thursday afternoon in the Target Room, from 1pm to 4pm, £3 only per session. Set up and away you go. The room is on the lower floor (lift available), is light and airy and opening on to the patio garden.

If you would like to have 2-3 hours of quiet painting, away from housework and other infringements on your life, this is the place for you.

Bring along your favourite medium and enjoy the company and comments from other members in the group. Biscuits provided when you begin to flag. Numbers vary each week, but there is always room for more artists, beginners or experienced, all welcome. We are a mixed bunch of all ages and styles, not at all frightening. Don't be shy give us a try. Just turn up when you have a free Thursday.

Kate Davis-Tel: 01420 548458



NB: There will be no AAS Art Group at the Maltings on Thursday 5th August

WINTER PROGRAMME
2010/2011

18th September: Ali Cochrane
Atelier Interactive Acrylics - Abstracts.

16th October: Russ Calver
Framing and mounting your paintings.

20th November: Chris Forsey
Boats and Harbours - Mixed Media.

18th December: Stephen Foster
Oils with palette knife - Subject T.B.A.

15th January: Dee Cowell
*Improving your Drawing
Techniques - Figures.
Media T.B.A.*

19th February: Heather Jolliffe
Wildlife in Wetlands - Watercolour.

19th March: Carol Ellis
World of Wax

April workshop TBA

Reminder – Summer Painting Days

Tuesday 3rd August – Shalden Church
(Off the A339 Basingstoke Road)

Friday 13th August – Rural Life Centre, Tilford
Entrance fee: £8 – concessions £7
(3 miles south of Farnham
off the A287 - GU10 2DL)

Thursday 2nd September – Odiham Canal.
(Over Colt Hill past the Waterwitch Inn for parking)

Meetings from 10am to 4pm

Blue sheet sent with Winter Newsletter has full
programme and details

***Exhibition
Of Paintings
BY LOCAL ARTISTS
AT
CHAWTON VILLAGE HALL***



**ON
SATURDAY 28th AUG
2010
FROM 10am until 5pm
Admission: FREE
Refreshments will be Available**



Members enjoying lunch at Jenny Ospici's



History AAS

If any members have information, photographs,
'Do you remember when.....?'
Mishaps, old success stories
(Fame & Fortune) regarding
the history of the AAS
Please call Denise Olley: 01730 890498
denise_olley@msn.com

Dorothy Dean

**A Rural Retrospective
The Allen Gallery
3rd – 31st July 2010
Tuesday – Saturdays 10am – 5pm
An exhibition of the work of
Dorothy Dean (1920-2005), who
lived and worked in Bentworth
for over 30 years. Proceeds
to be given to the
Batten Disease Charity.**

***Special Note from AAS:
Unfortunately, the publication
date of this newsletter was too
late for many of you to receive
the above notice. We hope that you
saw the report in the Alton Herald
and were able to attend this exhibition.***

NOTICEBOARD.....

Art Classes

St Andrew's Church Hall Medstead
Mon 7pm-9pm
Wed: 11pm-1pm or 2pm-4pm
Tutor: Tana Riviere
Relaxed friendly atmosphere.
Spring Term re-commences
Mon/Wed – 11/13 October.
Further details 01420 84526

Art Exhibition

In East Stratton Village Hall
On Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st October
If you would like to exhibit works at the
above venue, please contact
Olive Bramley on 01962 774516
or email:olly@bramleys.org
for more information

AAS PAINTING GROUP MALTINGS ALTON



THURSDAYS
1PM – 4PM
£3 PER SESSION

Editorial Comment

We are very busy from now until our exhibition as you can see by enclosures with this newsletter; please read all instructions carefully.

If you have anything you would like entered into the next newsletter – eg: success stories, painting groups, exhibitions etc, please contact me.

Also, anything regarding the history of the Art Society, as stated in newsletter main pages.

Don't forget to include a contact name, phone number and an email address (where possible)

The closing date for the next newsletter is 5th November.

The Editor's decision is final for all entries.

Ann Sayer – Editor

1 Gauvain Close Alton GU34 2SB

Telephone: 01420 84526

Email: roseanne8SAY@aol.com

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS FOR GREETING CARDS.

Maureen Morrison has agreed to run the Frozen Images sessions at her home:
16 Winston Rise, Four Marks. GU34 5HP
Sunday 8th August from 10am
Pick-up TBA on the day of photography session.
Tel: 01420 562648

Directions: From Alton take the A31 into Four Marks, drive through pedestrian crossing at parade of shops, signal and turn immediately right, across hatched area, into 'Station Approach' and drive to end of road. Turn left into Winston Rise, opposite 1st cul-de-sac is number 16.

Julia King is organising the Ke-jo sessions at her home: Little Oaks, The Shrave, Four Marks GU34 5BH.
Photography: Saturday 14th Aug 10am – 2pm
Pick-up completed cards: Saturday 4th September 10am-1pm
Tel: 01420 563242

Directions: From Alton take the A31 towards Four Marks Where the dual carriageway turns into single two way traffic, begin to signal right. Turn right, opposite the 'Service Road' sign, into 'The Shrave', and then turn right again.

'Little Oaks' is 200 metres down on the LH side, by the only streetlight. The AAS sign will be displayed outside. Please leave room for cars to exit from other properties in 'The Shrave'.

There will be AAS signs at both sites.

Fine Framing

4 Weyside Park Newman Lane
Alton GU34 2PJ

Offers 10% discount to all fully paid up members of AAS Membership Card for the current year must be available.

Discount applies to picture framing on new frames only.

Contact Steve Cook
01420 82324

Pullingers, West Street, Farnham & Little Green Dragon, Alton, give discount to AAS Members – Membership Card needed at time of purchase.