

Trip to Bruges led to an exhibition accolade

A LONG weekend in Bruges led to Gordon Trimming painting the most popular picture at the Alton Art Society's annual exhibition.

During the two weeks of the exhibition visitors were asked to vote for the exhibit they liked best and on Saturday evening Gordon heard that his painting of a "waterway in Bruges" had come out on top.

A former runner-up in the competition Mr. Trimming obviously has an eye for a popular picture. "Bruges is very much an artist's paradise, very paintable," he commented after the results had been announced.

A member of the art society for ten years, he said he was a bit sad to see his painting go — it had been bought for £65 by a lady from Worldham.

Voted into second place was "Louisa" by Faith Harris and taking third place was

"Selborne Woods" by Eric Street.

Also presented on Saturday evening were the prizes for the junior section of the exhibition. Chairman of the society Mr. Pat Edwards congratulated the young people on their imaginative entries. "I only wish that when you grow up, you young people would join the society. There is such a lot of talent there," he said.

Results — under five; 1st Four Marks School, 2nd St. Lawrence Infants. Six to eight; 1st Stephen Jones, 2nd Debbie Kaira. Nine to eleven; 1st Timothy Allison, 2nd Nicola Tidy. Twelve to fourteen; 1st Karen McBane, 2nd Karen Burchill. Fifteen to seventeen, 1st Sean Stanley, 2nd Damien Atkinson.

A special award was made to the 1st Medstead Guides for their corn dolly exhibition.



Gordon Trimming receives his trophy for "exhibit of the year" from art society chairman Pat Edwards (right).