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Mayor Dave Crocker, Dorothy Howard (centre), vice-chairman of Alton Art Society, and Lady Charlotte Bonham-Carter, president of the society, at the opening of the annual exhibition.

Society's 56th annual exhibition opens

THE 56th Annual Exhibition of the Alton Art Society, held at the Assembly Rooms on Crown Hill, was officially opened on Monday evening by Alton town mayor, Dave Crocker.

The exhibition displays, as always, a wealth of local talent — "a first class exhibition with a variety of oils, watercolours and sculptures to suit every taste," said Mr. Crocker, who added that he was delighted that the Alton Art Society had again decided that the Assembly Rooms remained the right accommodation for the exhibition, in the centre of the town.

President of the art society, Lady Bonham Carter, who has been present at every annual exhibition the society has held, announced this year's collection "a most interesting one". "A town really is a town if it has an art society," said Lady Bonham

Carter, "and the Alton Art Society is such a very well supported one!"

The Alton Art Society Exhibition will be open all this week, with the prize giving of the A.A.S. Exhibition of the Year Award to be held tomorrow Saturday (October 10th). Also to be awarded will be the A.A.S. Trophy, sculpted and presented by R. Briton Riviere for the artist whose exhibit is voted by the public to be the best in each annual exhibition.

Included in this year's exhibition is a display of original watercolours on wood by Alton artist, Joan Wingate, and an exhibition of paintings by local schoolchildren. Prizes to be awarded for the junior artists are as follows:

6-8 years: 1st Ruth Jones (6 years) — St. Lawrence School. Highly Commended — Matthew

Kelly (8 years) — St. Lawrence School.

9-11 years: 1st Shaun Nickless (10 years) — Four Marks School. 2nd Nicola McCardle (11 years) — Alton Convent.

12-14 years: 1st Oliver Truckle (14 years) — Eggar's School. 2nd Sarah Vaux — Eggar's School.

15-17 years: 1st Emma Barron (16 years) — Eggar's School. 2nd Rachel Wilson (15 years) — Amery Hill School. Highly

Commended: Karen Jackson (15 years) — Amery Hill School. Highly Commended: Leon Warren (15 years) — Eggar's School.

Group Award: 'Cinderella's Coach' — a coloured rubbing by 4½ to 5 year olds from Four Marks Primary School. Highly Commended: 'Fair Maids of February' — flowers from Selborne School.



Four Marks schoolchildren carry off the group prize with their creative version of Cinderella's coach