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Alton Town Mayor Jacqueline Martin admires some of the work of younger artists after opening the 60th annual exhibition of the Alton Art Society at the town's Assembly Rooms this week. Joining Mrs. Martin is the chairman of the Art Society, Margaret Jones.

CHRISTINE'S TROPHY AGAIN

For the second year running, Christine Radford has won the trophy for the most popular exhibit in Alton Art Society's annual exhibition.

Last year, her view over a stile at Newton Valence was the runaway winner of the "Exhibit of the Year" award.

This year, the voting by visitors to the exhibition was much closer.

However, Christine this time took both first and second place, the most votes going to her study of the foot-

bridge at Alton's Flood Meadows.

Next best in the voting was her striking view across a bright yellow swathe of oilseed rape.

Christine, who has been runner-up in the exhibition in previous years, retains the coveted bronze figure created by the late Jack Riviere, who continued to sculpt after losing his sight.

In third place was Geoffrey Ainley's "Waiting for High Tide" while fourth and fifth respectively were Len Wilding's view of King's Pond, Alton, and Paul

Banning's "Sheep in the Shade." Presenting the awards in the children's section of the show, secretary Mr Arthur Wren spoke of the subject matter chosen by the "young adults."

"They paint events, emotions, they paint today while we are content to say 'Isn't the countryside beautiful,'" he said.

"Theirs are not happy pictures. They show grey skies, dead seas, threatening, menacing, sorrow. It is all rather sombre."

It was Elizabeth Tucker's "Sorrow" that won the 15-17 years section with Sarah

Highfield taking second prize with one entry and having another highly commended.

Rosie Marnan won the 9-11 years section from Gary Martin and Emma Wright and first prize for the 6-8s went to Anna Hogg with Alistair Martin second.

Kayleigh Rhodes won the 5 year group with Penny Miles second and Suzanna Futton third.

The group prize in the infant section went to Selborne School and the special handicraft award was won by Mark Atherton-Jones who made a tea cosy.