

Art Society exhibition



Alton Town Mayor Pat Cole and chairman of Alton Art Society Mary Janaway at the opening of the exhibition last week. See page 6 for full report. (photo order 27900/CM/3A)



Mayor opens town art exhibition

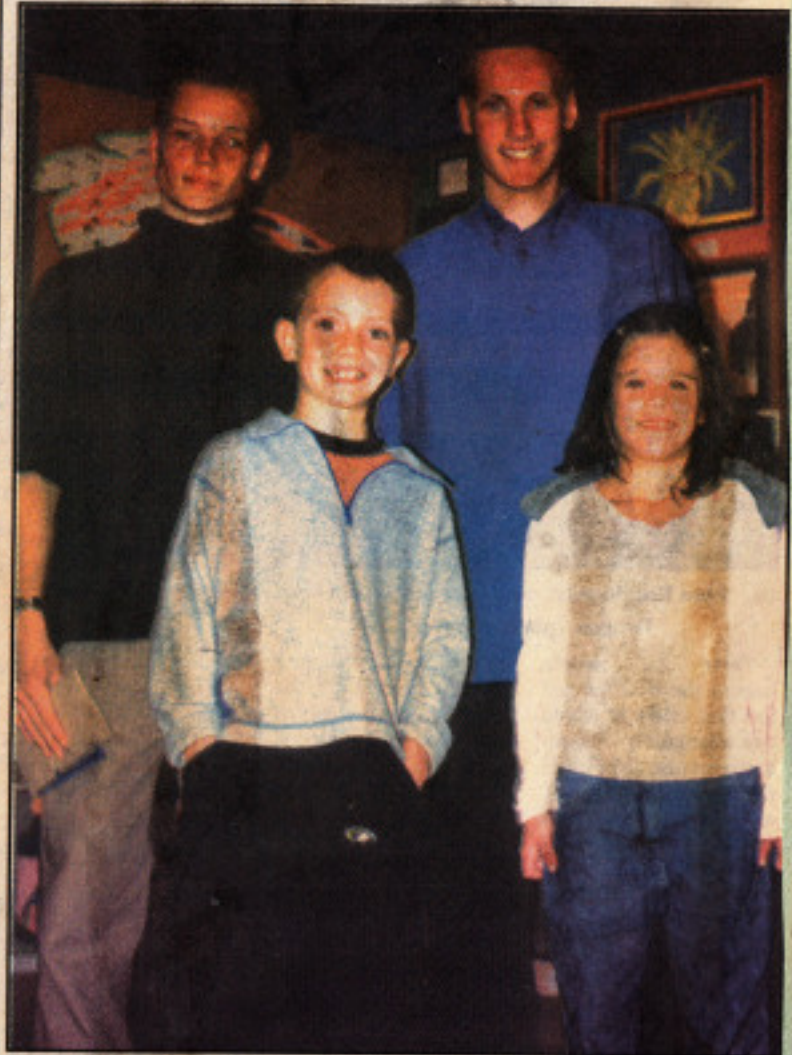
Alton Art Society's 69th Annual Exhibition at the Assembly Rooms was opened by Alton Town Mayor Pat Cole along with Mary Janaway, Art Society chairman, last Thursday.

The exhibition runs until tomorrow (Saturday) and includes 316 exhibits by local

members, which have been selling well in the first week, with a constant flow of people passing through.

The exhibition also includes sculptures and a selection of work from eight local schools and is open daily from 10 am - 6 pm.

A promising future for young Alton artists



Young artists with a promising future who all received awards at Alton Art Society's 69th Exhibition. Clockwise from top-left: Tom Causton, Simon Barber, Francis Curme and Jamie Wright. (photo order 27900/MS/2A)

Over 300 exhibits are currently on display in the Assembly Rooms for the Alton Art Society's 69th annual exhibition. Opened on Thursday last week, by Alton Mayor Cllr Pat Cole, the exhibition was the usual high quality collection of landscapes, seascapes, animals and flowers in all mediums, as well as 18 sculptures.

It seems members of the society have been travelling widely since the last exhibition, as not only were there homely scenes from Hampshire but Scotland and Italy were also recognisable.

The most popular painting will be presented with a special award at the end of this week.

The exhibition remains open, 10am till 6pm until 30 September. All items are for sale,

ranging from £28 to £200, and a catalogue costs 50p.

There is also a display of work contributed by local schoolchildren. The impressive quality of the younger contributors' efforts was recognised by the society's chairman Mary Janaway, who presented the winning young artists with their prizes on Sunday.

"I'm very proud of all those who took part this year. The children have done exceptionally well," she said before adding a word of thanks to Pam Jones, who was responsible for liaising with the local schools involved in the competition.

Allen Thomas, head of art at Alton College, was responsible for judging the children's entries:

5 years and under - 1st, Sythery Russell; 2nd, Savannah Blanks (both Four Marks School)

6-8 years - 1st, Francis Curme (St Lawrence School); 2nd, Jamie Wright (Four Marks School)

9-11 years - 1st, Bethan Jones (Andrews Endowed, Holybourne); 2nd, Flur Parisi (Chawton School)

12-14 years - 1st, Louise Gibson (Amery Hill School); 2nd - Fiona Pruen (Eggar's School)

15-17 years - 1st, Tom Causton (Eggar's School); 2nd, Simon Barber (Amery Hill).