



Some of the young winners in the art society's competition receive their prizes. AD40-28-03.

Much to enjoy at Alton Art Society's annual exhibition

THE 72nd annual exhibition of the Alton Art Society began at the Assembly Rooms with a private view last Wednesday.

It was formally opened by the Town Mayor, Pam Jones, who was welcomed by the society's chairman, Mary Janaway. On this occasion the mayor had a special interest as she is a member of the society.

The annual exhibition continues to be a major event in Alton's calendar. More than 150 invited guests attended the preview of good, honest works of art produced by a wealth of local artists.

There were no sharks in

formaldehyde or unmade beds! But there are almost 300 water colours and oils, works in acrylics, pastels, pen and ink mixed media, sculptures and ceramics. All works are for sale and at reasonable prices.

A new venture this year was greeting cards produced from members' work.

Mary Janaway, the society's extremely hardworking chairman, was thanked by Michael Cross, the society's Newsletter editor, and presented with a bouquet of flowers for her unstinting leadership.

The Alton Art Society's exhibition is open from 10 am to 8 pm daily and runs until tomorrow

(Saturday) at the Alton Assembly Rooms.

Anyone interested in joining the society, regardless of their level of expertise, is invited to write to JM Lines, Rest Harrow, Wield Road, Medstead, Alton, Hampshire GU34 5NJ.

John Hearn

● Young artists excelled at this year's Alton Art Society Exhibition, providing a source of joy, especially for AAS members who are keen to attract younger blood into the club. The winners of this year's junior competition were as follows:

Reception to Year One: 1.

Constance Evans; 2. Joseph Murrell (both of Four Marks Primary). Year Two to Three: 1. Clara Knight (Medstead Primary); 2. Sarah Lacey (Four Marks). Year Two to Three Group Work: 1. Paper and paste cats by Wootey Junior School. Years Four to Six: 1. Freddie Faulkner (Chawton Primary) Years Four to Six Group Work: 1. Maddy Clare, Harriet Guy, Jennifer Beckwith and Charlotte Kirk (Four Marks); 2. Elizabeth Marshall and Pavanjot Matharu (Medstead) Years Seven to Eight: 1. Rebecca Pugh (Eggars) Years Nine to Eleven: 1. Suzy Minett; 2. Neil Sampson (both of Amery Hill) Year 10: Exquisitely beautiful face masks: 1. Karlfe Gould; 2. Rebecca Timms (both of Eggars).