

Spotlight on television illustrations

Alton Art Society

THE ALTON Art Society was visited last month by Channel 4's *Time Team*'s historical illustrator, who brings the archaeologists' findings to life with his interpretive drawings and watercolours.

Hungarian-born Victor Ambrus, the quiet man of the team, is always on site with *Time Team*, but is often given a little as ten minutes to produce a sketch of the site, life or ritual according to best guesses. Often he literally takes the bare bones of a dig and creates an image which

reflects the unearthed clues.

With his self-effacing manner, Mr Ambrus enthralled the audience at the Alton Assembly Rooms with his delicate life drawings and paintings whilst also recounting details of the dig sites and revealing a few *Time Team* secrets.

Alton Art Society's next demonstration will be on Saturday, 20 January from 2.30 to 4.30pm at the Assembly Rooms with a wildlife demonstration by Chris Christoforu. There is a £2 charge to non-members.

Society exhibiting

ALTON ART SOCIETY

THE Alton Art Society is currently staging a spring exhibition at the Allen Gallery in Church Street, Alton.

Officially opened by Alton town mayor Robyn Fitzer, the exhibition comprises paintings and ceramics by 55 members of the society, using a wide variety of styles and media. Most of the work is for sale.

Mrs Fitzer is seen here receiving a gift of greetings cards, donated by exhibitors, from art society chairman John Hearn.

The Allen Gallery is open from 10am-5pm Tuesday to Saturday and entry is free. The Alton Art Society exhibition runs until March 22.

