

Marlborough Artist Newsletter May 2012

Dear Member,

This years AGM was held at a new venue, Marlborough Golf Club, where we enjoyed splendid views over the golf course. There were 22 members in attendance and over 10 apologies for absence. I am pleased to say that I now have e-mail addresses for two thirds of the membership which will enable me to send out more reminders about future events and cut down our postage costs. If you would like to receive reminders, and have not given us your e-mail address, please contact Jane Fox.

The 'Postcard Competition' was won by Jenny Pepper for her fine drawing of a horse and jockey. Jenny will receive a voucher to use at the White Horse Bookshop. We would be pleased to hear from you to discover if you would prefer to have another competition next year or return to a professional critique or have some other activity.

The meeting agreed that the Society would benefit from having a website and Derek Bramwell agreed to look into the design and cost of our own site.

Following the AGM a cheque for £330 from 2011 exhibition sales was accepted by two volunteers from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance who gave a short speech in appreciation.

Membership and Committee:

There are currently 73 members including 8 honorary/life and associate members.

Jane Fox informed members of the sad death of Jack Tomlinson on Easter Sunday following a short illness. Jack was a long-standing active member and a gifted artist.

Andy le Poidevin is now to be an Honorary Member. He has been active with MA since 1984 but due to personal circumstances is no longer able to exhibit.

Of the 65 active members some have not exhibited for several years. Jane has asked me to remind you that it is a condition of membership that you take an active part in the society. If a member does not exhibit for two years, other than in extenuating circumstances, his/her membership will lapse. You can remain an Associate Member without the condition on exhibiting; however Associate Members are restricted to entering one painting per exhibition. If you feel this would be right for you please contact Jane Fox.

We have had 6 new applicants this year. We would like to welcome the three successful applicants, Denise Clark, Sue Rogers and Viv Lucas to the society.

As there were no volunteers from the floor keen to take on a committee post the current committee agreed to serve for a further year,

Committee

Treasurer - Derek Bramwell

Exhibition Co-ordinator and Administrator - Catherine Pier

Membership secretary - Jane Fox

Publicity - Annie Monk

The Programme Organiser - Jane Baikie

Jane Baikie had intended to stand down this year but has kindly agreed to work with Carol Barnes to organise the programme for next year.

Speakers and demonstrators tend to be expensive to hire and in the past these evenings have not been very well attended. We are going to open the two events Jane has organised this year to the public through tickets to be sold for £3 by the White Horse Book Shop. Please encourage your friends to attend.

Dates for your diary: The venue for both events is the Marlborough Golf Club

Adam Rattray - Tuesday 12th June 7.30 - 9.30pm

Adam, an Art Historian is to give a talk entitled ' **The Power of the Patrons.**'

Robin Gray - Monday 8th October 7.30-9.30 pm

Robin is an artist and a pot-holer from Somerset and is going to demonstrate a **Cave Painting.**

Carol is planning to canvas members' opinions on the future of these events.

Future Exhibitions:

The 2012 Exhibition will be held on **14th/15th/16th September** at the Marlborough Town Hall with the **Pre-exhibition and Social Evening on 8th August** at 7.30pm at Marlborough Golf Club.

The 2013 Exhibition has been moved forward in the year to **26th/27th/28th April** to benefit from the lighter evenings and being before other prominent exhibitions in the area. **The Pre-exhibition Meeting** for this event will be on **4th March 2013** (details to follow)

Subscriptions:

Derek has asked me to mention that there are 12 members who have not paid or have not increased their Standing Orders to £15. Please could you check your bank account to see if you are one of these members? It will save him from having to send out personal reminders

Last but not least, we have been asked to send out an updated list of members' contact details and I am including a list of members and their telephone numbers with this newsletter. Please could you destroy any old hard copies of members' contact details and delete any copies stored on your computer. Thank you.

If any of your details are incorrect please could you inform Jane Fox a.s.a.p.

Additions and changes will be included in future Newsletters to enable you to update your list.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the two programme events and at the pre-exhibition meeting.

Have a wonderful summer when it arrives!

Carol Barnes