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Chairman's Chat

March 2011
By David Lowe

First, with regret, I am sorry to announce the resignation from our committee of Mary Palmer, our Membership Secretary and Lesley Huggins, our Newsletter and Publicity Officer: I wish to thank them for the sterling service that they have provided the society over the years for which we are very grateful.

As we are already a couple of members light, we are now very keen to hear of any members that would be willing to join our committee to help out with the various administrative tasks. We meet at Greyfriars on the second Monday afternoon once each month for a couple of hours.

Please contact me, David Lowe, by phone or email (tel: 01425 482 602 or email: davidlowe@f2s.com) at any time, if you are interested. The main criteria are keenness, and computer literacy would be very useful!

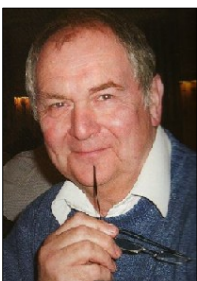
I look forward to a rush of interest of volunteers! In the meantime I will be pleased to handle any publicity or membership enquiries - especially material for our Newsletter.

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Following feedback from members and discussion at our committee meeting, it has been decided that, in future, the Newsletter and exhibition entry forms will be available for ALL members to collect on Club nights: those remaining we will post to the members not attending the Monthly Demonstration Meeting. A full colour version of the Newsletters will still be posted onto our website for you to download.

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CLUB NIGHT

Our demonstration this month is by Steve Hall entitled 'Boats and Harbours in watercolour' – Monday 21st March at 7.30pm

Steve invites you to join with him and explore all that is good about fresh watercolour. He says that "It is to embark on a journey that is unending and at times full of frustration and pitfalls yet, for the determined traveller, one that can be so rewarding."
For most demonstrations he begins with a short introduction and then produces a half imperial framed landscape, which usually takes about 45 minutes. After a short break he will continue with one or two further pictures or perhaps a question and answer session of demonstrations.

For further info about Steve visit: <http://www.stevhallartist.co.uk/about.htm>

PROGRAMME NEWS

Dave White Workshop - Saturday 26th March 10am – 4pm
Forest Tones in Acrylic – £23
Tea & Coffee provided but remember to bring a packed lunch!
Book with Margaret Plant 02380 558 698



This workshop follows on from Dave's demo in February. Dave plans to cover practical applications of Acrylic techniques for the first hour, also Acrylic solutions for portrait painting, and in the afternoon members will work on their own choice of forest scene. There are just a couple of places left so contact Margaret Plant immediately if you want one.

For further info about Dave visit: <http://www.davewhite.org.uk/>

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Frances Mason Painting Afternoon – Mono Printing
Wednesday 30th March 2 – 4.30pm - £7
Tea & Coffee provided.
Book with Margaret Plant 02380 558 698

Painting afternoon with Frances Mason 2-00 to 4.30pm

Frances is a very well known Forest artist and she is particularly admired for her contemporary portrayal of New Forest ponies in wonderful colours.

The mono printing workshop allows members to produce prints of their own ideas or images and Frances will supply all “special” materials. (This course is also virtually full so please contact Margaret immediately if you want one of the last few places.)

For further info about Frances visit: info@francismason.co.uk

CLUB NIGHT

Carolyne Viney is not able to give her planned demonstration or workshop.
Fortunately Martin Swann has agreed to do his demo a month earlier on 18th April
and we are very pleased to have Daphne Ellman doing the demo on 16th May.



On Monday April 18th at 7.30pm we welcome Martin Swan for a demonstration entitled 'Field Work' in Oil

This month's oil demo will be given by Martin Swan, one of the best artists living and working in the Isle of Wight. His subject matter “Field Work” will reflect some of the work currently being shown at his one man show at the Rope Store Gallery, within the highly prestigious Quay

Arts Centre Newport.

Martin's work covers all aspects of landscape i.e. buildings, birds, estuaries etc and recently, even abstracts inspired by nature.

For further info about Martin visit: <http://www.martinswan.com/>

N.B. Martin's workshop will remain on the date originally planned
i.e. Saturday 25th June.

Workshop April 30th Due to a lack of sufficient requests (Royal Wedding fever?)
this workshop will not now take place.

CLUB NIGHT

On May 16th at 7.30 the acrylic demo will now be given by the highly popular Daphne Ellman. It will be entitled "Big and Beautiful" and will include flowers, but in her own inimitable way.



Her artistic journey began back with her love of the natural world by painting the birds and small mammals of the hedgerow until she recently moved to the Isle of Wight. She comments "Now I have the most wonderful vistas full of moving water but also the textures of the worn driftwood and rocks and a whole new bunch of birds to explore." For further info about Daphne visit: <http://www.daphneellman.co.uk/about.html>

PAINTING AFTERNOON Wednesday May 18th 2.00 – 4.30pm.

Open and free painting afternoon for members to come along, and do their own thing in a friendly and helpful environment (especially valuable for new members). There will be no charge, but please phone Margaret to book a place as Greyfriars need to know numbers.

WORKSHOP Saturday 28th 10.00 – 4.00pm

This will now be a Life and Portrait workshop with models (Life am, Portrait pm)
Tutor T.B.A. price £25.

CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It's that time of year when we are all thinking of new activities — why not consider coming onto the committee! No experience necessary and we really are a friendly bunch so don't worry about being thrown into the deep end. We meet at Greyfriars on the second Monday each month between 1.30 - 3.30 pm. If you don't feel you can make the commitment to becoming a committee member then why not consider volunteering to be on a rota to help out. Please talk to a committee member on club nights, or contact a committee member by email or telephone.

EXHIBITION & EVENT NEWS

Moors Valley Exhibition

Moors Valley Country Park

30th April - 22nd May - Opening times: same as Visitors Centre, Moors Valley

Deadline for handing in submission forms is Monday 28th March

Hand In is 10-11am at Moors Valley Country Park 28th April 2011

Hand Out is 10-11am also at Moors Valley Country Park 23rd May 2011

Exhibition is entitled "**Hampshire & Dorset - A Visual Celebration**"

Additional information:

Paintings can be of any Land or Seascape, Fauna, Flora or Wildlife found in these two counties. Stylized are acceptable but not too abstract so as not to lose the theme of the exhibition. Each artist may enter either one medium sized painting or two small. The ticket obtained at the barrier for entry will be verified at the visitors centre for those leaving the park immediately. Anyone staying in the park must pay the parking fee in the usual way.



Salisbury Hospital Exhibition Report



Our exhibition proved once again to be a great success, with all who saw it. Feed back from Lesley the exhibition coordinator for the hospital was excellent. During the course of the exhibition many comments were made on the quality and diversity of the work. Although we only sold four paintings, I'm sure that everyone exhibiting will be pleased to know how much the

patients and visitors appreciated all the paintings.

Many thanks to everyone for taking the trouble to enter this exhibition, especially as you had to sort out your paintings over the busy Christmas period. For me this is a most rewarding exhibition. You don't have to have a sale to feel blessed.



Doreen Baker with Poppies

Once again people voted for their favourite painting. Pauline Scott's painting Mango came second, only being pipped to the post by Doreen Baker's beautiful painting of poppies. Congratulations and very well done to both artists and to all those who took part.

Ann Squire

Programme Times

Monthly Meetings.....	07.30pm - 3rd Monday in month.
Painting Afternoons.....	02.00pm - 4.30pm Ann Rose Hall
Workshops.....	10.00am - 4.00pm Ann Rose Hall

Do you have news or views that you would like to express?

Please send them to davidlowe@f2s.com and help us to add interest to our future Newsletters.

Are you a member of our thriving Society? ... No?

If you would like to join us please email: membership@ringwoodartsociety.org

To have a taster of what the Society can offer guests are always very welcome to come along to our demonstrations for a small charge of £3.

Our monthly Meetings are on the third Monday of each month:
7.30pm at Greyfriars in Ringwood.



Talks and demonstrations.

Painting and Life model classes.

Workshops exploring many different media.

Painting out of doors in the Summer at different locations.

Opportunities to exhibit paintings.