



The Cookham Arts Club

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January 2010 Newsletter

Dear Member

At the AGM, held on 19th November, we welcomed Pam Cullinane and Simoné Bonner who have joined the committee. Odette & Trevor, retiring from the committee, were awarded Life Membership as a token of our thanks for their hard work over seven years or more. We wished Libby farewell with thanks for her work as Secretary, all be it short, as she is moving to Gloucestershire.

The AGM was an opportunity to reflect upon the activities of the club as it approaches its 70th anniversary. It is at a time like this that you realise what a range of activities we offer.

In our monthly meetings we enjoyed a number of demonstrators working in different media - three watercolourists, two acrylic painters and an artist working in oils joined us during the year. Other monthly meetings included critiques of our work.

We held three exhibitions this year. The Summer Exhibition looked stunning and received some well-earned praise by visitors for the skill and diversity of styles of work by exhibitors. A significant advance for the club this year was the introduction of card sales into each exhibition and this has proved to be both popular and lucrative.

Three All-day Workshops were held. With Helga Hanfling's guidance in February we explored techniques for abstraction, Pastel Portraits was the subject of the Spring Workshop by Freda Anderson, and finally, Sue Fawthrop demonstrated Mixed Media and the use of collage in the fun Autumn Workshop.

During Tuesday afternoon workshops we have had a varied, stimulating and sometimes unexpected programme. Subjects have included large groups of brass and copper objects, seaside paraphernalia and Roger's motorbike - quite a

challenge! We have already drawn up an exciting list of topics for next year and hope more members will join us. If you need further encouragement, remember that we have tea and cakes or biscuits at the end of each session.

There is nothing to compare with painting outdoors where the challenge is to capture the subtleties of colour and changing light in front of us. The Club organises Sunday venues when painters go out with all their equipment, well wrapped up to brave all weathers. Why don't more of you come and join us?

We also organise a Club Holiday and numerous outings during the year, for example to art galleries in London and other parts of the country.

All these events do have a cost implication - some make a profit that helps to subsidise other events. Cookham Arts Club made a surplus of £915.00 for the financial year ending 30/09/09. This was due to profits from the Exhibition and the Screen Sale plus Interest on the B.S. Account. The General Fund made a loss of £120.00 but this can be attributed to a fall in Subscription Income of £363.00. Subscriptions will remain the same for 2010 as will charges for Tuesday Painting. Members will still pay £1.00 for the Monthly Meeting but the charge for guests and visitors is to go up to £4.00 from January 1st. 2010.

Having reflected upon the excellent (!) club, which you belong to, may we encourage you to renew your subscription for another year? Please would you fill in the form, below, and return it to Janet Fois as soon as possible. We do need lots of members to maintain such an abundance of activities!

Events in January

New Year's Day, Friday January 1st 2010, 10.30am to 4pm. Come and paint indoors in the warm at **Lane End Church**, Margaret assures us that the heating will be on!! Tea afterwards at the church.

Monthly meeting, Thursday 21st January, 2pm at the Parish Centre, Church Gate, Cookham, SL6 9SP. This will be a **critique** by Rosalie Bullock. Participants should bring two paintings for appraisal. Last year, following a similar event, it was suggested that it would be interesting if some artists brought in 'unfinished' work for advice on how to proceed. So if you have a painting, which you feel may need a little extra something before you put away the brushes, why not bring it along as well as a finished work?

Tuesday Painting workshops are held at Cookham Dean Village Hall, Church Road, Cookham Dean, Berks SL6 9PD from 2 to 5pm.

Tuesday Painting: Cost £2 A topic, appraisal, tea & cake	Tuesday Extra: Cost £1.50 Painting, tea and biscuits.
December 22nd: No meeting	December 29th: No meeting
January 5th: A humorous picture	January 12th : Paint What you like
January 19th : Clothes with a purpose	January 26th : Paint What you like

Coming soon

Sunday February 21st **Workshop** 10am to 4pm at CDVH. Odette Coe is teaching **Encaustic Wax painting**. I am sure that many members have admired Odette's work and wondered just how she does it. So if you've never used encaustic wax this is a great opportunity to try a new technique. We will have lots of the hot tools needed for work with the wax. There will also be a still life set up for those who wish to paint in another medium.

Bookings to Margaret Scott. Cost £15. Please return the slip below if you would like to join the workshop.

Spring sale & exhibition March 12-14th Details in next newsletter. Cards will be for sale as well.

Don't forget your Membership renewal, which is due now. Renewal slip below.

Wishing all our members a very Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,




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The Cookham Arts Club		
<i>Date: Sunday February 21st Event: Encaustic Wax Painting Workshop</i>		
Names(s):		
 Home:	Mobile:	E-mail:
I would like Places @ £15 per person (cheque payable to Cookham Arts Club)		
Venue: Cookham Dean Village Hall, Church Road, Cookham Dean, Berks SL6 9PD		
[] I enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for an acknowledgement of my booking (Optional)		
Please send the slip and your Cheque to: Cookham Arts Club, c/o Margaret Scott, The Magnolias, Marlow Road, Lane End, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 3JW		

The Cookham Arts Club Membership Application Form 2010

I wish to apply for: Single membership (£15) Couple membership (£24)	
and enclose a cheque for this year's subscription. (Annual Renewals are due on 01 January)	
Name(s) (BLOCK CAPITALS please): Mr Mrs Miss Other	
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