



Newsletter

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Spring Sales Slump

There was some lovely work in our latest Exhibition at Woburn Sands. The dressing of the stage area looked fabulous. Thanks go to helpers and stewards who contributed to the smooth running of the event. However, it failed to tempt the buyers. Only four pictures were sold, two by Kate East and two by Brenda Fisher. Cards fared better, where 47 were purchased. The current economic climate has hit sales in many art society exhibitions and MKSA is no exception. Artists are also cutting costs and we have also noticed a steady decline in actual entries over the past eighteen months. Alan reported a loss of around £80 for this exhibition.

On a brighter note, the following pictures proved to be the most popular as voted for by our visitors:

- 1 Alan Chown (Staithes)
- 2 Jan Pursey Grange (Poppy)
- 3 Alan Chown (Bosham)

Fortunately, Camphill continues to be a steady successful venture and we have sold nine from the latest hang ■



Don't Forget - Camphill changeover

As mentioned last month – it is essential that Artists come along promptly between **09:00-09:30 on Saturday 30th April** to collect work from the current show and bring entries for the new hang.

We have to complete the changeover quickly in order to free up the café for a booking. Kate warns that latecomers may stand a chance of not getting their work hung.

Entry deadline is Monday 18th April. All forms must go to Kate. ■

April Meeting

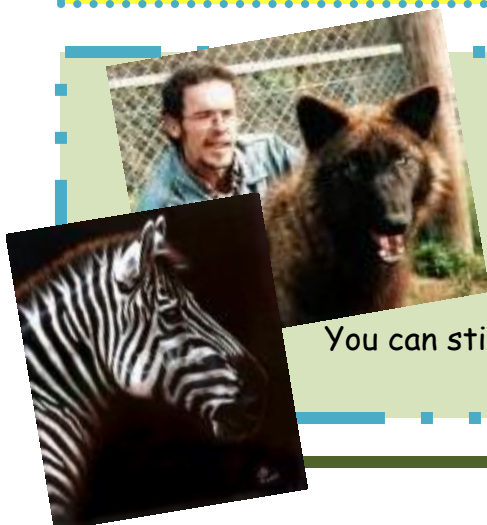
Vic Bearcroft

Wednesday 27 April at 7:30 pm.
Westcroft Meeting Place

Renowned for his animal portraits in pastels, Vic will be demonstrating to the Wednesday meeting.

You can still book a place for his pastels workshop on the following day.

Tea – Eric Mathews and Kirsty Johnston ■



Other Society News

March Meeting - Film Night with David Newens

What a great evening! David began by expressing his frustration when seeing demonstrators go to Art Clubs doing the same picture by rote. He wanted to show members how some serious artists approach their work. He introduced excerpts from DVDs featuring Ken Howard (one of his Venice scenes is below), David Curtis, Jane Corsellis and Tom Coates (pictured above). All used oils. We were able to appreciate the similarities and the differences in how they applied paint, with different types of brushes as well as fingers and side of the hand



to move paint about. It was a refreshing change to see such talented artists at work. A big 'Thank You' to David for putting the evening together. ■



Not quite the Monet

Caron Higgins reported an 'almost success' with her entry to the BBC programme 'Show me the Monet'. She was shortlisted but not taken on as a contestant.

Her portrait of Henry, a Hereford Bull will however be used as part of a montage of work with other short listed artists.

The programme will be on BBC2 on 9th May at 5.15pm ■



Fred Collins

We were sad to hear that Fred has passed away. He was a regular exhibitor at our exhibitions and well known for his railway pictures. We send our best wishes to his family. Fred enjoyed painting and will be missed by both MKSA and the West Bletchley Art Group. ■

Watercolour Workshop

Trevor Lingard is coming to demonstrate his loose watercolour technique to our May meeting. He will do a workshop the following day, Thursday 26 May. Get your booking form to Alf as soon as possible to ensure a place.



LOCATION PAINTING AT CAMPHILL

Come along on the Thursday 19 May to work together in the beautiful surroundings of Camphill. We have the gardens, orchards or canalside to work in and the Café on hand for comfort breaks and refreshments. Meet at 10:30 in the Camphill Café. ■

Painting and Printing Together

Some of us decided to try something different at the March Painting Day. Linda Wells provided equipment and guidance in the art of mono-printing. While others elected to work on their own

projects we had a good day sharing ideas. This was a great chance to try something new. Thanks Linda!



There is no painting day in April as you have the chance to attend the Pastels workshop with Vic Bearcroft. ■

More Society News



Extra Artist-Led Workshop

The April workshop led by Alan Chown was a success so we have decided to offer a Silk Painting Workshop to be led by Kate East.

Kate will provide materials for you to use on the day, included in the cost, which is a very reasonable £25.

(Non-members pay £5 extra to cover temporary membership)

Bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee & biscuits will be provided.

Wednesday 15th June, 10am-4pm,
at Little Brickhill Hall.

Contact Kate to book a place. ■

Out & About

SAA It's All About Art"?

Alf gave up the idea of a trip to Patchings as there was little support.

Are people interested in making up a trip on **Saturday 23 July** to the SAA event at the Business Design Centre in Islington? Alf reckons the cost will be about £25 including coach, entry ticket and driver's tip.

Contact Alf as soon as possible if you would like to book a place. This will only run if there is enough interest. ■

Henry Moore at Hatfield House

This is the opportunity to see some of the sculptor's work in the grounds of this historic house.

April 23 – September 30

Wed-Sun 10am-5pm (Also open on BH Mondays)
Admission is a hefty £18.50 for exhibition and house, or £12.50 for just the exhibition and park.

Parking is free.

See hatfield-house.co.uk



The British Art Show 7 - Hayward Gallery, London (Until 17th April)

Exhibition review by **Suzanna Raymond**

Subtitled, 'In the Days of the Comet', the current show has had favourable reviews from various art critics. This touring exhibition started out in Nottingham last year and has now reached London. For anyone interested in contemporary and conceptual art it's a must-see. However, I only found a few of the works directly engaging. Possibly this is due to the way they are displayed, since one installation I was looking forward to seeing looked less impressive than I'd hoped but others seemed well suited to the Hayward space. This show has been hailed as one of the best of the series, so it's still worth a look, but allow plenty of time as there are several video installations and a performance piece which quickly ate up the two hours I spent there.

www.britishartshow.co.uk/ ■

Suzanna also sent in reviews from her other recent exhibition visits – You can read them on the Newsletter page of the website.

Make a Note

Next Newsletter – Important note

Your next issue will be a combined May and June issue. It will be sent out either at the end of May or beginning of June.

Look out for information about how you can exhibit at an MKSA AIM Exhibition in July. Start planning your entries now!

Meanwhile, please make a note of key dates as listed below as you may not get your usual email reminders. ■

Abstracts in watercolour?

If you want to enter the Hahnemuehle competition for pictures for the 2012 calendar, you can find details on <http://www.hahnemuehle.com/site/en/793/painting-competition-2011.html>

Closing date for entries is 30 June 2011

ART SHOP DISCOUNTS

The following have agreed to give a discount on production of a valid membership card:

“Skills” in Stony Stratford

“The Art Centre” in Bedford

Others shops may be added.



The Art Centre in Bedford wrote with April offers of 33% discount on some of the Daler Rowney range, as well as 4 for £10 offers on both W&N Winton Oils and Galeria Acrylics.

Note: Some shops may not give a discount on goods already at reduced price. ■

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 18 Apr	Deadline Camphill rehang	Send form to Kate.
Wed 27Apr	Vic Bearcroft - Demo Pastel Wildlife	Westcroft Meeting Place, 7:30-9:30pm
Thu 28 Apr	Workshop - Vic Bearcroft	Little Brickhill Village Hall 10-4
Sat 30 Apr	Camphill Exhibition Changeover	Camphill Cafe - 9am-9:30am
Mon 9 May	Meet other members for a chat	Camphill Cafe – 11am onward
Thu 19 May	Paint Together at Camphill Area	Meet in the Cafe at 10:30am
Wed 25 May	Trevor Lingard – Watercolour demo	Westcroft Meeting Place, 7:30-9:30pm
Thu 26 May	Workshop - Trevor Lingard	Little Brickhill Village Hall 10-4
Mon 13 Jun	Meet other members for a chat	Camphill Cafe – 11am onward
Wed 15 June	Silk Workshop with Kate East	Little Brickhill Village Hall 10-4

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