

Brushstrokes

Newsletter of the Harrogate and Nidderdale Art Club

Patron Sir Thomas Ingilby

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Chairman's Chat

It is with much excitement that I look forward to the coming year: a new venue, a new programme and the 75th Anniversary dinner.

Our move to Harrogate Grammar School, whilst not without a few teething problems (it would be boring if it was all easy!) seems to be proving popular with everyone. Members attending the club nights are increasing, which is great news, please keep it up!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the committee members who have recently stood down; Helen Cassidy, Marina Emptage and Leisa Mark, all of whom worked hard on behalf of us all to move the club forward. Leisa updated the library to include DVDs, Marina efficiently managed the memberships and Helen put together the exhibition sub-committee to ensure our exhibitions run more smoothly. A task I am happy to say Helen has agreed to continue with – phew! As committee members stand down, so new ones step up to the challenge and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Ian Brocket, who joins us as Membership Secretary.

The committee will continue to do their best for the club and its members. If you have any ideas for us to work on, please let us know or join us!

The 75th Anniversary dinner (Friday 11th November 2011) is nearly upon us, and promises to be an exciting event. There will be some special entertainment on the night – befitting of the 75th celebrations: a magician and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Prizes so far include a Rosemary & Co watercolour brush set and brush roll worth over £50, a Winsor & Newton artist quality acrylic paint set and a years subscription to 'The Artist' magazine. Watch this space, more prizes to be confirmed soon! Partners are also welcome to attend. Book now!

As November approaches so does our Autumn Exhibition on the 19th-20th November. We look forward to receiving submissions from all of our members. It is a great showcase to be a part of and a wonderful opportunity to see everyone's work. Please help us by volunteering to help set up, steward and dismantle the exhibition. Your help really can make a difference, it spreads the workload and is very sociable!

I look forward to seeing you all at future club nights.

Happy painting!

Kate Stephens

Your New Committee

Marina Emptage, Leisa Mark and Helen Cassidy are stepping down from the committee though Helen will continue to help organise exhibitions. The club extends its thanks for all their hard work.

Committee members returning to service once again are Robin Corner – Treasurer, Marie Cousens – Secretary, Manchula Foulkes – Website, John Harcourt – Brushstrokes, Gwen Puckrin – Events, Chris Rushton – Publicity and Kate Stephens – who takes over as Chair as well as organising an excellent Programme.

Ian Brocket has joined the committee as Membership Secretary. Wish him luck!

There is still plenty of room for anyone else who wants to join the committee! If you're interested in getting involved in the running of the club please talk to Kate at any club night.

75th Anniversary Dinner

The 75th Anniversary Dinner will be held at Ascot House Hotel. The date for your diaries is Friday 11th November, arriving 7.00pm to be seated for 7.30pm. The cost is £22.50 per head including tip. Partners are welcome.

Menu

Melon, strawberry coulis, summer fruits

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or

Chicken liver paté, toasted bread,
caramelised red onion chutney

or

Caramelised red onion, tomato and
mozzarella tart, dressed leaves (v)

Roasted leg of lamb, garlic and rosemary

or

Slow roasted belly of pork, bacon mash,
bury black pudding

or

Grilled salmon fillet, white wine sauce

or

Roasted Mediterranean vegetables, grilled
goat's cheese, basil and tomato dressing

(All main courses are served with a
selection of seasonal vegetables and
potatoes)

Sticky toffee pudding, ginger wine and
brandy sauce

or

Selection of cheeses, biscuits, grapes

or

Blackcurrant cheesecake, vanilla ice cream

or

Freshly baked profiteroles, warm chocolate
sauce

Freshly brewed coffee or tea and chocolate
mints

If you would like to come, please give your menu choices (let us know if you require a vegetarian option or have any food allergies) to Gwen or another committee member and full payment to Robin by Thursday 27th October. Unfortunately no refunds can be given after 1st November.

The club extends a warm welcome to new members Jacqueline Wigglesworth, Yvonne Spence, Anne Lawless, Mr Raymond Fiddes, Gina Motala, Gillian Ramsay, Linda Pieters, Rachel Auty and Sheila Moon.

Our best wishes to Eileen Lindsay, Betty Phillips, Robert Hembrow and Gina Bean, long standing members who are retiring this year and will be sadly missed.

Jack Goldhill Painting Prize

The club has received correspondence inviting its members to enter the Jack Goldhill Painting Prize, a new art prize and celebration of fine art in the UK, with a top prize of £5,000. The competition is open to all amateur or professional artists aged 18+ who live or work in the UK, and welcomes painted artworks of any subject matter.

Entrants can submit up to three pieces of work to be judged by a panel of experts from across the art world. The first prize is £5,000, second prize £3,000 and third prize £1,000.

Winners of the Jack Goldhill Painting Prize will be required to donate their work to leading health and social care charity, Jewish Care, to be displayed in one of their care homes or centres for all to enjoy.

Registration for entrants is open now and will close on Monday 14th November 2011.

For more information including full terms and conditions and details of how to enter, visit their website at www.jewishcare.org/paintingprize, email paintingprize@jcare.org or phone 020 8922 2814.

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If anyone is aware of any other competitions that would be open to club members or knows of any exhibitions of interest and would like them to appear in future issues of Brushstrokes or on the club website then please let myself or Manchula know.

Thank you for your help,

John Harcourt