

## Our Web Site

If you haven't visited the web site yet, you will be missing a host of delights, from the latest society news to galleries crammed with examples of our members art. For more information on the web site visit [www.wvas.co.uk](http://www.wvas.co.uk) - or contact Jonty Meyer - [jonty@wvas.co.uk](mailto:jonty@wvas.co.uk) - 07799 048841

## Events and Classes

If any members have any exhibitions or events planned and would like to promote them through the WVAS Newsletter, please contact Huw Wigmore (01780 763783) pictures and copy can be emailed via the web site or direct to [huww@mac.com](mailto:huww@mac.com).

## Life Classes

A number of regular life classes are held at the Art Centre on the following days.

### Tuesdays

**Evening tutored sessions 7.30 to 10 pm**  
**Portraits & figures with Mike Alabaster**  
(£7 per session £6.50 for concessions, 10 sessions £65/£60)

### Thursdays

**Daytime tutored sessions 10 am to 12.30 pm**  
with **Joanna Crawford**  
(£8 per week, 12 weeks £84, concessions £78)

**Evening untutored sessions 8 pm to 10.30 pm**  
(£4 per session)

(for details contact Mike Alabaster 01780 763806 after 6 pm) or Arts Centre (01780 763203)

## Sculpture Classes

Regular Sculpture classes are held in the Arts Centre Art room **every Wednesday and Friday** (for details contact **Jonty Meyer** 07799 048841) or Arts Centre (01780 763203)

(All sessions £8.50 per week or £112 for 14 weeks)

**Wednesday (12 Sept to 12 December) 7.30pm to 10pm**

The same portrait head is presented each Wednesday session to allow artists to complete their sculptures.

**Friday (14 September to 14 December) 10am to 12.30pm**

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I call this piece, **The possibility of getting something living in your cozzie when minding death-dealing dragons on the beach - offers over £2,000,000 (buyer collects)**

## And what did you do this Summer?

Apparently not a lot. This is traditionally the silly season, the press having to be creative to fill columns and newsworthy news being pretty thin on the ground. Very little appears to be happening out there in Welland Valley land.

I though I might bore you with some of my holiday photos, but, they are far too exciting and racy.

So this is the quiet before the storm, the lull before the Big Push. Brushes and pencils at the ready... we're going over the top - Good Luck everybody...

## Autumn Exhibition 2007

Time to gird your loins for the big Autumn push, and try and flog some more dodgy gear to the unsuspecting public. All you Exhibiting members will be getting your application forms, etc. with this issue of the newsletter. Any queries please contact our Exhibition Secretary, Gerry Clarke - 01778 590303 or email [gerryv@talktalk.net](mailto:gerryv@talktalk.net)

## Paiges for your Autumn Almanac

Congratulations to Jo Holroyd [WVAS member] for gaining a Credit in the Society of Botanical Artists' Distance Learning Diploma.

This is an exacting 2 1/2 year course, dealing with students from all over the world, demanding expertise, commitment and a high standard.

Jo has been attending Jane Leycester Paige's Botanical Illustration course for several years.

I am afraid you will have missed The Old Brewery Studios annual Students' Exhibition or a special exhibition of John Paige's and Jane Leycester Paige's work in recognition of 50 years painting together (For 45 of those years they have been members of the Welland Valley Art Society!). - because I should have put the information in the last newsletter.

However, there are still places to be had for the life classes held at the Old Brewery Studios on Wednesday evenings starting from 26th September 7.30-9.30. Phone Oundle 01604 237418 for details.



Lovely Summer skies

## Landscape Painting Programme 2007

Dear Outdoor Painters,

September 5th we have permission to paint in the garden and cloisters of Browne's Hospital in Stamford. The Crown hotel will allow us to use their car park as long as we lunch there. If not staying for lunch, please park in North Street Car park. We are asked to give a donation. If you are frightened by the Stamford road works; they should be completed before September. When visiting Peterborough park in the Cathedral car park.

Jane Sharp

Date	Venue	Meeting Area	Lunch
Sept	05	Browne's Hospital	Front steps of Hospital
	12	Peterborough	Front of Cathedral
	19	Uppingham	Town Square
	26	Braunston	Church Area
October	03	Collyweston	Main Street
	10	Barrowden	Village Green
	17	Polebrook	Church Area
	24	Cottesmore	Church Area
	31	Duddington	Royal Oak Car Park

The group meets at 10 o'clock, any queries please contact Jane or John Sharp 01780 721140 or Gerry Wastall 01778 343467.

## Next Issue

Will be posted on Friday November 16th 2007. The copy deadline is Friday 9th November .

If you have any news concerning members of the WWAS, or information on exhibitions and shows that may be of interest to our members please send details before the above deadline to: huww@mac.com or telephone 01780 763783

## New Members

We welcome 11 new associate members (some of whom may well be exhibiting members by the time you read this):

Mrs Shani Wray-Jenkins, Miss Emily Thorp, Mrs Ann Smart, Mr Adrian Roxburgh, Mr M Rock, Ms Stella Mackness, Mr Geoff Hider, Mr Mark Hayter, Mrs Christine Davis, Mrs Valerie Butcher, Ms Christine Best,

Anyone who wishes to become an exhibiting member please contact Tony Wass (for further details and an application form (Or download an application form from our web site). The next committee meeting at which applications will be considered is Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007, when we will also have our ritual burning of a heretical Britpop 'Artist' - suggestions on a postcard to:

Tony Wass - 01780 444647 - tonywass@hotmail.com

## Higham Hall painting courses

Janice Gordon

I recently went on a painting course with my sister to Higham Hall in Cumbria. I thoroughly recommend it – the setting is superb, overlooking the fells, the food excellent and, although I stayed with my sister, the other course members told me that the accommodation is very good.

Our course was "Exploring Abstraction with Pastel", tutored by John Lowry . Every morning we were given a short talk, with examples of work, on one or more abstract artists and their style and methods. Next we had exercises to do (not always easy as the brain kept reverting to realism!) and in the afternoon doing our thing in the style of the artist of the day ....great fun and very difficult. Lots of breaks for excellent food and conversation and making new friends. Non-painting partners welcome, and a beautiful area for walking, bird watching etc. (I was admiring the view during a coffee break and a peregrine falcon stooped after a chaffinch right in front of me! Fortunately for the chaffinch, it missed, not so good for the Peregrine chicks.)

The courses are very wide ranging, from literature to dance, music to bird watching, walking to photography and the art courses include drawing, watercolour, oil, pastels, sculpture, acrylics, enamelling etc etc. Send for a brochure to:

Higham Hall, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 9SH

www.highamhall.com  
tel 017687 76276  
e-mail admin@highamhall.com

## Peterborough Artists' Open Studios

Welland Valley Art Society Exhibiting Members: Christine Butler, Mark Green and Jean Edwards who live in the Peterborough area will be opening their studios/homes as part of the Peterborough Artists' Open Studios event. The dates are 15 & 16th, 22 & 23rd and 29 & 30th September.

Christine Butler and Mark Green will share a venue at 9 Nathan Close, Longthorpe for all three weekends from 12 – 4 pm. Whilst Jean Edwards at 9 Greenacres, Werrington will be open for the first two weekends from 10 am until 2.30 pm.

Brochures have been distributed throughout the area giving details of all the artists participating in this years open studios in Peterborough.

## Art Centre ante room displays

Open to all exhibiting members - the chance to show your work for a whole calendar month in the ante room (next to the gallery). Work must be framed and well presented. All months for 2008 are currently open at the moment - so get in first with your choice of dates.

Ring Chris Illsley 01780 766889 for further details.