

Woodbridge Art Club Newsletter May 2019

Dear Members

Welcome to Woodbridge Art Club! As the incoming Chair I'm pleased to introduce myself and the new committee elected at the AGM back in March:

I am Rosemary Judge and I have been a member of the club for more than 10 years and have held a series of committee roles under 3 different Chairs.

Vice- Chair	Judy Mattin
Secretary.	Naomi Drown
Treasurer.	Mary Harris
Programme Secretary.	Jane Cochrane
Publicity.	Bernie Walsh
Membership.	Sandy Taylor
Events and pottery.	Michele Parsons
Exhibition.	Helena Mecrow
Property.	Steve Emms
Substantive Roll.	Tracey Waghorne
Audrey Percy	Books

Contact details for committee members are in the Rota Book and on the web site, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any issues you'd like to discuss or any ideas for events, speakers etc - we'd love to hear from you.

Membership

Like many other clubs we are slightly down in numbers and need to find ways to attract new members. So do please consider whether you know of anyone whom might like to join us. Membership forms are in the desk at the club house or available to download from the website.

In order to appeal to a wider membership we are making the club available for potters, painters and lacemakers on the following days.

Monday.	Potters all day
Tuesday.	Potters morning. Painters and potters afternoon. Evening painters.
Wednesday.	Closed for cleaning during the daytime Programme for all members and guests evening.
Thursday.	Lace makers and painters all day. Evening painters.
Friday.	Painters all day.

If you are using the club during the day please open it to the public and serve customers. Our drop in membership means we need to sell more of our works and be more accessible to raise more funds and avoid a future rise in membership fees.

Parking

Thankfully our Parking problem has been kindly solved by Liz Henderson. We are free to use the car park at the very back on a Wednesday evening and the barrier will be manned by Mick Wells from 7pm to 7.15pm and from 6.45pm to 7pm on workshop evenings.

It is also possible for those people on duty to. You will need to collect the magnetic key to the barrier from a small box in the top left drawer in the desk before using it to open the barrier. **Please make sure this is returned immediately. If it is damaged or lost we will lose the parking.** Any evening painters can use this method too. Leaving the car park is easy as the barrier simply raises as you approach it.

Wednesday Evening Programme

A pdf copy of the Wednesday evening programme is attached and looks really interesting. It will be copied onto the web site and on boards in the club. Small cards for handbags and pockets are currently being printed. I hope you will all come and support the club. Do please encourage your friends to come along too - there is a small charge of £2 (Life classes are for members only).

Website & Social Media

Jane Cochrane is also busy creating our new web site which will give you all the information you need about the club and the activities - see **www.woodbridgeartclub.org.uk**. Whilst not quite finished it is looking good. Please email photos of your paintings that are in the exhibition as these can be shown on the site.

For all those who use social media - please join our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/woodbridgeartclub> and follow our brand new Instagram site - <https://www.instagram.com/woodbridgeartclub/> We'd love to see pictures of your work on these pages.

Painting of the week

We are encouraging visitors to the exhibition to nominate their “favourite” painting. Votes will be collected each week and the “winner” featured on our social media pages and notice-board.

Payments for sales

To cut down on administrative costs we are now aiming to make all payouts for sales by internet banking. If this is a problem please contact Mary Harris on 07821 595771.

Card Payments for Purchases

We are also looking at card payment systems for the sales of artworks. In order to maximise sales we need to make it easy for purchasers. More news on this at a later date. In the meantime you are on duty and a visitor is not able to pay by cash or cheque we have put a note in the cash till about internet banking if the purchaser is able to do this via their smart phone.

Please put a note in the takings box if you use this method.

Coach Trips

The Committee is keen to set up some outings and coach trips. Newer club members might not be aware but in the past the club has run quite a lot of trips and they were very well supported. One option would be the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition in London probably in late June - but I have yet to research dates and costs. **If members are interested please contact me with suggestions and/or offers of help!**

Our Art Club is the key cultural hub in Woodbridge and we want to make sure our members value it as a place where they can meet & make friends, paint; make lace; create pottery; learn new skills and enjoy our social programme.

We have a lovely building in a beautiful location and we need your help to keep it thriving. We have overheads which are increasing and therefore we need more members and sales. Please advertise us wherever you go and encourage your friends, old and new, to join us down by the river.

Have a lovely year and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

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