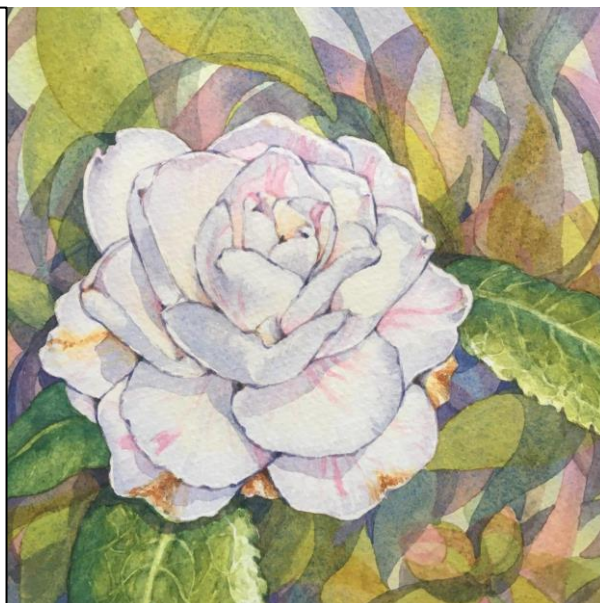


**Lichfield Society
of Artists
Newsflash
April 2023**



Dates for your Diary

12.4.2023	Illustrated talk by Geoff Tristram	7.30 – 9.30 pm	Lichfield Social Club, WS13 6TS	
13.4.2023	Sketching Group	10 am – 1pm	Stowe Pool, Lichfield (car parking charges apply for city car parks)	
26.4.2023	Painting Evening	7.30 -9.30 pm	Lichfield Social Club, WS13 6TS	£2
5.5.2023	Flower painting Group	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Holy Cross Community Room, Lichfield WS14 9DX	£2
10.5.2023	Jenny O'Leary talk & demo	7.30 – 9.30 pm	Lichfield Social Club, WS13 6TS	
11.5.2023	Sketching Group	10 am – 1 pm	Venue t.b.c.	
24.5.2023	Painting Evening	7.30 -9.30 pm	Lichfield Social Club, WS13 6TS	£2

Trip to Compton Verney

Thursday May 4th, 2023, has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Trip to Patchings

The event takes place on 13th, 14th & 15th July 2023.

Contact Tony a.s.a.p. if you are interested in booking a place. The trip will only go ahead if there are enough members to make booking transport viable.

One of the days will be chosen. The cost will include the price of a ticket and transport.

Email – tbarancewicz55@hotmail.com

Mobile Number – 07932 379741

A.G.M. Report

Thank you to all those members who attended the meeting on 22.3.2023. The business part of the meeting was concluded swiftly. Elections were held for committee posts. Stuart Burn was re-elected as Demonstration & Workshop organiser. As he is not always able to attend meetings, Beryl Evans was elected to meet and greet the speakers in Stuart's absence. (This is not a committee post). Although the secretary had indicated that she wished to stand down, no one came forward to take on the role. Claire agreed to remain in post for the short term and was re-elected. Jan Flynn was elected as vice chair and will take on this role towards the end of this year to assist with our 80th birthday celebrations in 2024.

Communications and Publicity Officer – Position not filled.

As no-one was prepared to take on this role of Communications / Publicity officer, perhaps you could help by undertaking one or two of these smaller tasks which would not involve attendance at committee meetings?

Newsflash Publicity for meetings Press releases for other events.

Publicity for exhibitions Help with face book Help with web site

If you would like to help, or need more information then please contact lichfieldsocartists@gmail.com or speak to any of the committee members at a meeting.

Membership Fees for 2023- 2024 are now due

At the A.G.M. members voted on the proposal which sets the membership fees for the next year, March 2023 – March 2024. **Your fee of £25 is now due. Please pay this a.s.a.p. and no later than 10th May 2023.**

If you wish to exhibit in the June exhibition you must have paid your fee by 10th May 2023.

You can pay:

By bank transfer

Lichfield Society of Artists

Sort code - 30-90-09

Account number – 50760360

Please include your initials and your membership number in the reference.

In cash at a main meeting. Please place the money in an envelope with your name and membership number and mark the envelope membership fee.

The card machine may be available at the demonstration evenings but please bring an alternative method of payment just in case the machine isn't working.

By Cheque, made payable to The Lichfield Society of Artists. Please write your membership number on the back of the cheque. This can be handed in at a meeting or posted to the Membership Secretary see address below.

Membership Secretary L.S.A., Mr Chris King, Packington House, Jerrys Lane, Lichfield, Staffs, WS14 9QA or ring 07825 216720

During these financially difficult times if you find it difficult to pay the £25 in one go then please contact Chris King (see above) who will be able to arrange something for you.

If you have changed your contact details or no longer wish to be a member, then please notify Chris King a.s.a.p.



Demonstration by Shane Wiseman

After the business part of the meeting members had an opportunity to view the new display boards and have refreshments. Following the break Shane Wiseman gave an excellent short demonstration using graphite to draw a chimpanzee. He gave a lot of tips for building up tone & texture plus ways of blending. If you are interested in the technique, then Shane does do workshops. Full details can be found on his web site.

www.animalpaintingsbyshane.com

shane.wiseman@btinternet.com

Is this of interest to you?

1. Do any of you draw line sketches of the Lichfield skyline?

A member of the public has made contact through the web site and is looking to **purchase** an image of the Lichfield Skyline. If you already have a picture that fits the bill, then send an image to lichfieldsocartists@gmail.com & I will pass this on to Andy along with your email address so he can contact you directly. Alternatively, if you would like to consider a commission on this topic then make contact & will forward your details.

2. A request for help from a local school

I have received a message from Rebecca Preston, who is a teacher at **Five Spires Primary Academy** along Cherry Orchard in Lichfield. She is the school's Art and Design Lead. She is looking for links with local artists, who may be available to visit the school to share their artwork, do workshops or talk to the children about being artists.

We also received a request from Isabelle at Saxon Hill School for artists to go in and work with the children there.

You would be working alongside the school staff, so you do not need to have any teaching qualification etc.

If you are interested, then please email lichfieldsocartists@gmail.com I will forward your message. Please state which school you are interested in helping.

3. Exhibition Opportunity

Christmas Art at the Hub.

Barbara Weaving has booked the first three weeks in December in the Hub Art Space, Lichfield (upstairs by the cafe), with a view to offering gallery space to those amongst you who would like the opportunity to display more than the usual 2/3 items permitted in the society's exhibitions.

This is not a society event, but Barbara would like to promote the society with a view to attracting more new members.

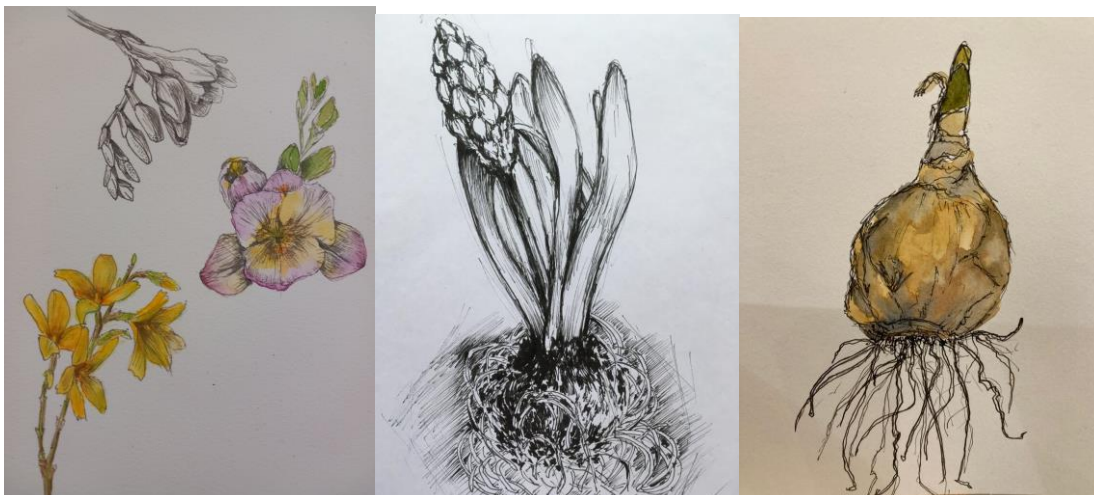
- There is enough space for 5/6 artists to be involved.
- No need for stewarding as Barbara has been assured it is a safe space. Although it would be good to have artists there, to promote the Society & talk to the public about the work. It would be possible to do some work while there.
- The artists involved will share the cost of hiring the venue, this will be £120 plus VAT for the 3 weeks. The space will be configured differently to the current lay out, due to some planned changes.
- There is an illuminated locked display cabinet available for ceramicists/ model makers.
- Hub Staff will hang the exhibition, but you can be present.
- The Hub has its own exhibition insurance.
- You will need to name your art works & write a short resume of yourself to be included in your space plus contact details.
- Any sales would be agreed privately.

It should be a lovely event. The atmosphere will be very special just before Christmas, with the public out and about Christmas shopping. It may be a good opportunity to sell some work?

Let me know if you're interested. Barbara Weaving 07765003917

Workshop with Jeni Neale on Saturday 4th March 2023

The workshop was a sell-out. Jeni's aim was to inspire us to keep records of our plant observations in sketchbooks, using fine liner pens and watercolour wash. She gave projected demonstrations to magnify the detail and then we worked on our own spring flowers and bulbs. The day was enjoyed by all in spite of a few heating problems! Jeni was very encouraging and gave generous hints and tips on how to create a sketchbook journal, as well as showing us many examples of her own work.



Sketchbook pages by members of the Flower Painting Group