

Lichfield Society of Artists

Newsflash March 2023

Dates for your Diary

3.3.23	Flower painting Group	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Holy Cross Community Room, Lichfield, WS14 9DX	£2
10.3.23	Sketching Group	10 am – 1 pm	The Pumping Station, Lichfield WS14 0AA	
22.3.23	A.G.M. followed by Shane Wiseman demo	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Lichfield Social Club, WS13 6TS	
29.3.23	Painting Evening	7.30 -9.30 pm	Lichfield Social Club, WS13 6TS	£2
31.3.23	Flower Painting Group (1st Friday in April is Good Friday)	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Holy Cross Community Room, Lichfield WS14 9DX	£2
12.4.23	Talk by Geoff Tristram	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Lichfield Social Club, WS13 6TS	
13.4.23	Sketching Group	10 am – 1 pm	Stowe Pool, Lichfield (car parking charges apply for city car parks)	

Workshop with Jeni Neale on Saturday 4th March at the Holy Cross community Room, Lichfield is now full. Your name can be added to the reserve list, as a place may become available, should anyone not be able to attend at the last minute. Please email lichfieldsocartists@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded to the organiser.

Please note the change of day for the Sketching Group. The Pumping Station is only open on a Tuesday and a Friday morning for visitors. Do come along and perhaps paint or draw with a view to entering their “birthday” competition. If you were not at the meeting in February for Robin Taylor’s presentation, then you can find details on the Waterworks Trust web site. www.lichfieldwaterworkstrust.com. **Closing date for entries is 31st March 2023**

Lichfield Society of Artists A.G.M.

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 7.30pm

Lichfield Social Club, Netherstowe, Lichfield, WS13 6TS

Doors open at 7 pm.

Members will be sent the documentation by email. Please ensure that you read the information before hand, as the reports etc will not be read out on the night. There will be an opportunity to ask the officers any questions **relating to their reports**. This is to ensure that the business can be conducted quickly and efficiently. Those members not on email will receive their information in the post (strikes permitting.)

If you would like to stand for office or offer to take on a role that is not a committee post, please contact the secretary at lichfieldsocartists@gmail.com (see January Newsflash)

The business part of the meeting will be followed by refreshments & another chance to see the new display boards that the Society has purchased.

Followed by a Demonstration by Shane Wiseman

Shane will be demonstrating drawing a chimpanzee's face in graphite.



Above is an example of one of Shane's drawings and right is the image he will work from on the night. Do look at Shane's web site to see more examples of his work.



We thank Dennis Harper & Ray Blundell for their presentation on mounting & framing with money saving hints at meeting on 8th February. Behind Dennis you can see an example of our new display boards & lighting. These will be on show again at the A.G.M. and at subsequent meeting for those members who have not had the chance to see them. We now have over 50 feet of quality display space to show our work. This will give our exhibitions a more professional look. It also gives us flexibility to find alternative venues where a hanging system is not available. Dennis Harper has worked hard to source both the boards and lighting, negotiating with the vendor and arranging their collection & transport. We thank Dennis for his time, as the committee are sure that this purchase will be of benefit to the society for many years.

Exhibition News

Exhibition Friday June 16th – Tuesday 20th June 2023

In partnership with Friel Homes

Friel Homes is interested in their company being associated with Lichfield Society of Artists. They are working on some of Lichfield's Historic Buildings in a most imaginative and sympathetic manner. (You may have notice 3 buildings on Beacon Street are currently being restored?) This partnership has enabled the Society to stage a longer show in the Guildroom on the dates above. There are indications that this friendship between Friel and LSA might well have longer term benefits to both parties.

- **We would like as many artists as possible to submit at least one work based on Lichfield's Historic Buildings.** (This is not a condition of entry)
- **In order to have a balanced exhibition and to enable as many members as possible to exhibit, other subjects can be submitted as in previous LSA exhibitions.**
- **All work for the exhibition in June must be recent and not have been exhibited in any previous LSA exhibitions.**
- The Lichfield Society of Artists is undergoing some big changes, to improve the quality of our work and our image in the eyes of the residence of Lichfield. An improved profile may well encourage new members, who in turn will help pay the bills.
- We remain an inclusive society for people of **all** abilities encouraging all members to participate in exhibitions. We will require **everyone** to present their work mounted and framed to a high standard. If you are new to exhibiting, please do ask if you need help or advice on presenting your work.

Entry details for the June exhibition will be published in a Newsflash (hopefully April's) and posted to those who are unable to access the internet. In the meantime, please get yourselves out into Lichfield, take photographs, sketch or both and help to make our next Exhibition one to remember .

If you can't get out, copy photographs of Lichfield Buildings will be made available from
Dennis Harper email dfh.art@icloud.com

Exhibiting 3D Work

At the time of writing, we are still unable to find a group insurance for 3D work. Those members who would like to show 3D work will need to have their own Public Liability cover. Planning is in progress for a slightly different approach for the exhibiting of 3D work and we hope to be able to give you details soon. At the February Meeting there was some discussion as to where this could be found at a reasonable cost. If you are looking for **Public Liability Cover**, you might like to try: -

- The Craft Potters Association
- The A-N at www.a-n.co.uk
There are criteria you have to meet to be eligible, so read the list carefully. This is more for the Semi-professional / professional artist or someone involved in "arts" practice.
- **You can take your own policy out with the SAA but do check your individual policy covers the type of 3D work you do.** Looking at the web site it can be a bit misleading! They are not offering cover to societies for 3D work as it is deemed too risky by the insurers.
- G M Imber and Sons: www.gmisl.co.uk
The company are brokers. You can get a Craft Insure policy through them for about £55 p.a. There are some exclusions relating to the types of art / craft businesses they will cover so do check the List. This is a basic cover and one that will be accepted by craft fair / exhibition organisers cover is £5million.
- Or you can google craft worker insurance and get quotes from providers listed. You need to look for cover of £5million for the Public Liability section of a policy. This is the amount of cover usually required by craft / art event organisers.

Trip to Compton Verney

Wednesday May 3rd or Thursday May 4th 2023

This would be a day out due to distance.

Group admission for 2023 is £15.30 with an extra £4 should a tour be included.
Transport will be an additional cost dependent on numbers requiring a ticket.

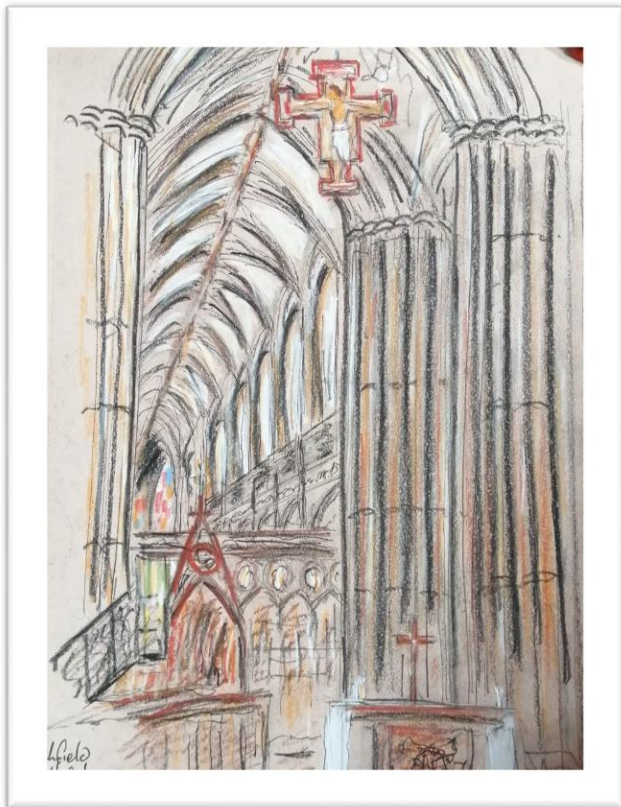
For latest information about What's On please refer to the venue's web site

Contact Tony a.s.a.p. if you are interested in booking a place

Mobile Number – 07932 379741

Email – tbarancewicz55@hotmail.com

Please give your name, contact details and which date you prefer.



Sketching Group met for the first time in 2023 on February 9th at Lichfield Cathedral. Roger & Sue Thompson joined the group. It was great to welcome some new faces. If you would like to come along to any of the sessions do let Kevin McCarthy the group leader know. Work and up-dates are shared on the What's App group. To contact Kevin email lichfieldsocartists@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded.

Exhibitions

SHENSTONE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

In April 2023 the eight members of

Tangent Textiles

will be displaying stitched works covering a variety of topics.

The Library Café area has a designated hanging and lighting system to display a variety of exhibitions which are changed every month.

Exhibits can be viewed in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere whilst enjoying tea/coffee and home-made cakes.

For more information go to

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/branchlibraries>

Then click on

Shenstone Community Library

Opening times vary so please check web site for details.



The Eden Project by Margaret Fairhead

(Margaret is an LSA member and also belongs to Tangent Textiles)

If you are involved in an exhibition either solo or with a group do send details in plenty of time to lichfieldsocartists@gmail.com and the information can be included in the Newsflash subject to space.