



Abergavenny Art Group – Autumn 2016

We hope that our website has allowed you to keep an eye on the events, activities, and artwork at www.abergavennyartists.co.uk and to a lesser degree on our Facebook page - Abergavenny Artists. But for those of you without such access, we hope to summarise what has happened since the last Newsletter and to set out plans for early 2017 during which the Abergavenny Art Group will be celebrating its 80th year.

En Plein Air

Well done to those members who painted or sketched outdoors at the various interesting locations earlier in the year. The church at Llanfair Kilgeddin and the gardens at Llanover Court provided inspiration for several paintings at the Annual Exhibition. There was another en plein air opportunity at the Croft Barn in White Castle vineyard in September.

Our Exhibitions

Once again we joined the Art Trail at the end of May with our exhibition at the Abergavenny Community Centre (former Park St School) but our main exhibition was as usual at the end of July in Trinity Church Hall. It coincided with the National Eisteddfod (see below) which seemed to give us an increased number of visitors. As usual there was a huge variety of artwork from which the public chose as their favourite a watercolour by Mary James entitled "Vintage Yellow Dress". Well done Mary! For all of our other artists – it was a very close finish!

On the Maes

We couldn't let the National Eisteddfod come to town without the Art Group having a presence there. Thanks to Monmouthshire County Council we had a stand for three days within their pavilion and were able to provide demonstrations of painting and encaustic wax to Mr Carwyn Jones, First Minister, amongst others. Diolch yn fawr i'r pobl a oedd yn helpu ar ein stondin.

Thank you Ralph

Our Chairman, Ralph Herron, stepped down after several years of dedicated and much appreciated work for the Art Group. His services will be missed although he remains on the Committee.

Ron Morris

Our Vice-President, Ron Morris, passed away only recently. His funeral will be on 25th November. He was a long standing member of the Art Group and his presence will be sadly missed.

A Watercolour Demonstration

We are pleased to welcome Paul Arnott on Monday evening 14th November in the Llantilio Pertholey Community Centre, at the Mardy. He will be undertaking a demonstration of painting a beachscape in watercolour.

Workshops

The pattern of demonstration/presentation followed by a workshop where we can put into practice what we've learnt seems popular. But the last such workshop will be on 28th November when you can paint your favourite beach scene.

Christmas

We'll be celebrating at this year's Christmas Social evening on 12th December at the Mardy. Tickets are on sale at £8.50 per person. The evening will include the usual quizzes and an evening buffet.

The last Art and Craft market this year will be on Thursday 8th December. If you wish to display any of your artwork or help out on our stall, contact Linda Wood.

Abergavenny Community Centre

There will be a break in proceedings during the winter period until mid-February and also a change in venue. In 2017 we will meet at the Abergavenny Community Centre in Park Street. The car-park is just off Merthyr Road. Those of you who came to our Art Trail in May 2016 will know the Centre. Many of our members' paintings continue to be displayed there.

Baroque

Therefore our meetings will resume on 13th February 2017 with an illustrated talk by Malcolm Meadows on "The Art and Architecture of the Baroque era". Then on 27th February there will be a workshop giving you an opportunity to paint in the Baroque style.