



## Abergavenny Art Group – Spring 2017

With the Art Group celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> year, there has been a push to keep our web-site [www.abergavennyartists.co.uk](http://www.abergavennyartists.co.uk) up to date, and our FaceBook page (called Abergavenny Artists) on top of events.

Having moved to the Abergavenny Community Centre there has been links established between our FaceBook page and that of the Community Centre so that news of our planned events are brought to more people's attention. But for those of you without such internet access, we hope to summarise what has happened since the last Newsletter and to set out plans for our 80<sup>th</sup> year.

### En Plein Air

There is an opportunity for outdoor painting on 24<sup>th</sup> April at Linda Vista Gardens. Bring a packed lunch and meet there at 11:30am. In the event of bad weather we will have to adjourn to the Abergavenny Community Centre.

### Open Studios event

Once again we intend to join the CRIC's Art Trail during the Spring Bank Holiday weekend 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May. We will have our members' art work on display at the Abergavenny Community Centre and we hope to include art and craft activities and demonstrations as well.

### 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition

This year our exhibition will be held at the Scouts' Hall in the Fairfield next to Bailey Park. It will open on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July and close on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> August. Members are invited to paint to the theme of "80 years" interpreted in whatever way you wish.

### Talks and Presentations

Our 2017 programme began in February with Malcolm Meadows giving an illustrated talk about the Art and Architecture of the Baroque Era - it was very well attended. At some time later in the year Malcolm will return to talk about the art of David Hockney who is also celebrating 80 years.

On 10<sup>th</sup> April we welcome artist Amanda Skipsey who will be talking to us about her art and her "Portrayal of Wales". This event should prove to be very interesting.

### A Pastel Demonstration

Just this week the Art Group welcomed Jon Davies the renowned artist from Pembrokeshire who delighted the audience with his Animal Study of a beautiful dog. Jon answered numerous questions and gave several useful tips in handling pastel.

### Workshops

The pattern of demonstration/presentation followed by a workshop where we can put into practice what we've learnt continues to be popular. One such workshop will be on 27<sup>th</sup> March when you can paint your favourite breed of dog! No? Well come along anyway and paint whatever to like.

### Life Drawing and Painting

We are proposing to run life drawing sessions at the Abergavenny Community Centre. The most likely day will be a Monday and we are contemplating arranging a series of 6 sessions initially, each lasting 3 hours. Cost would be about £15 per session. If you are interested please get in touch or email [lifedrawing@abergavennyartists.co.uk](mailto:lifedrawing@abergavennyartists.co.uk) For the sessions to be viable we need at least 12 people to attend.

### Annual General Meeting

Our membership year seems to go round very quickly because our AGM will be on 8<sup>th</sup> May combined as usual with a critique of the artwork you bring along.

The annual membership fee for 2017-18 will be £23.

### Our Stall in Abergavenny Thursday Market

The Art and Craft markets start again this year on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April. It is a chance to have your artwork on display and for sale to the public. It is also an opportunity to advertise the Art Group and its activities. If you wish to display any of your artwork or help out on our stall, contact Linda Wood.

### Abergavenny Artists website

We are always looking to add new pictures to our galleries. Email them to [info@abergavennyartists.co.uk](mailto:info@abergavennyartists.co.uk) with their titles and media.