



# Abergavenny Art Group – Spring 2020

## Covid-19

The pandemic of this coronavirus has hit us all hard and has caused many unfortunate changes to The Art Group's activities. All of the events and meetings planned for 2020 have been cancelled and our Programme (normally detailed on our website [www.abergavennyartists.co.uk](http://www.abergavennyartists.co.uk)) is blank. The website remains in existence and is being updated to reflect some on-line activities which you are encouraged to join in with.

## The Monthly Painting Challenge

Perhaps you will be tempted to do more painting during the "lockdown" and therefore a monthly challenge has been launched. To give you some incentive there is a prize (donated by Ralph Herron) for the winner of each month's Challenge which will be judged by local artist Louise Collis who will also set the title or topic for the month. The one for April is "Spring at Home" and should you rise to the challenge please send an image of your painting to Sarah Hoddy at [shoddy@gmail.com](mailto:shoddy@gmail.com) before the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Please let Sarah know that you are participating. The images will be presented on our website and Facebook pages.

## The Annual Exhibition is postponed

Another casualty of the pandemic is our annual exhibition. We haven't said that it is cancelled because we are hoping that circumstances will change sufficiently to allow a reduced exhibition nearer Christmas. But for the moment, one thing is certain it will not be happening in July.

## AGM is also postponed.

Until the AGM meeting can be re-scheduled, all committee members, helpers and officials have agreed to remain in post. The accounts are being audited at the normal time.

## Abergavenny's Artisan Thursday Market

The Artisan Market has closed indefinitely. Our thanks go to Linda Wood and Olwyn Pegington without whose perseverance we would have no presence at our stall in the market.

## Weekly Critique

Following a suggestion from Ralph Herron, we invite members to put forward a painting or drawing to be a basis for a friendly but constructive critique from your colleagues. Bravely, Ralph started us off with his acrylic painting entitled "The Penguin Diving School" which he did for one of his grandchildren.






Should you have a comment, email it to [ralphherron@btinternet.com](mailto:ralphherron@btinternet.com) More importantly, if you have a picture for the critique email it to Ralph or [info@abergavennyartists.co.uk](mailto:info@abergavennyartists.co.uk) The pictures will also appear on our Facebook and website: [www.abergavennyartists.co.uk](http://www.abergavennyartists.co.uk)

## What can I do?

For instance why not take a virtual tour of one of the galleries, for example the Courtauld Gallery, and move around from one room to the next, zooming in (and out). Go explore !

How about an online course? The Welsh Academy of Art has several to offer. Visit [www.welshacademyofart.com/courses](http://www.welshacademyofart.com/courses)

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