



NEW BEGINNINGS



Snowdrops are one of the first flowers of spring and often symbolise new beginnings and rebirth. A fitting metaphor for HAS at the start of 2024, as we have established a new team. We aim to preserve the society's tradition and roots while offering a welcoming and inclusive programme of events.

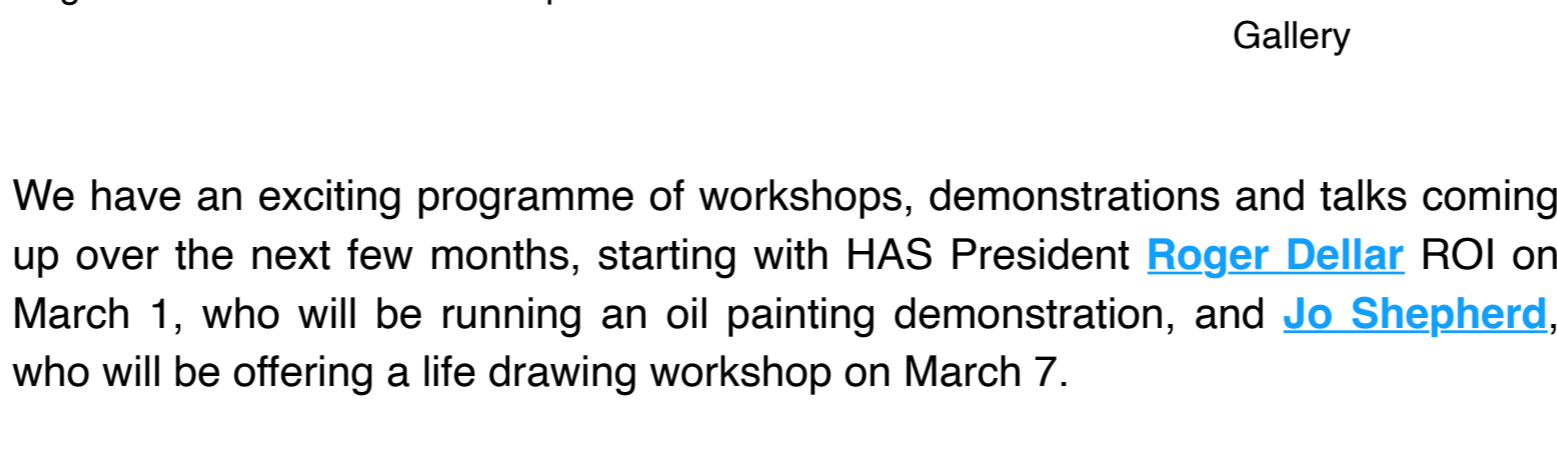
And so, to mark new beginnings, we felt a celebration was appropriate. An opportunity for members to meet our new committee and hear about what we have planned. We would like to welcome you to the **Coppa Club, Haslemere High Street GU27 2JY on February 29 at 7pm for Leaping Forward on a Leap Year.**

We would love to get to know you and to hear about your creative journeys and directions. Perhaps you are able to offer a workshop or demonstration. Maybe you are returning to your easel and feel unsure where to start. Whether you are an established or emerging artist, please join us for drinks and nibbles.

Numbers of guests are limited so please reserve your free ticket on this Eventbrite link as soon as you can.

[Leaping Forward on a Leap Year - Coppa Club 29 February](#)

HAS Creative Programme 2024



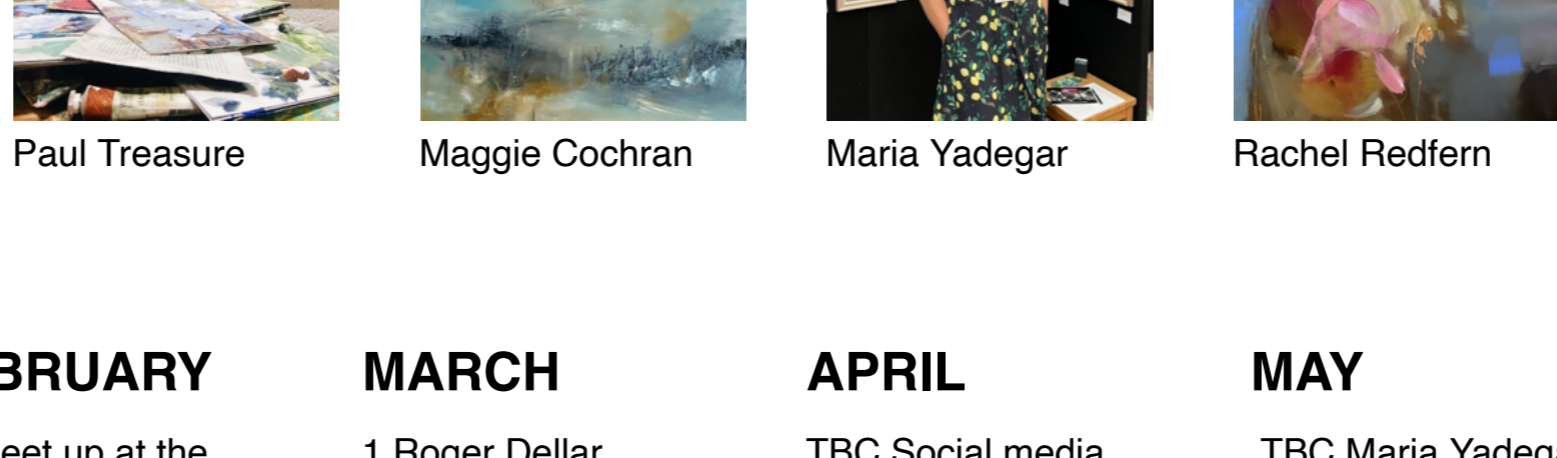
We have an exciting programme of workshops, demonstrations and talks coming up over the next few months, starting with HAS President [Roger Dellar](#) ROI on March 1, who will be running an oil painting demonstration, and [Jo Shepherd](#), who will be offering a life drawing workshop on March 7.

For those keen to learn more about how to promote their work online, marketing expert [Minnie McBride](#) will be running an artists' social media workshop in April, covering all things from Instagram post content to generating sales. And Felicity Morrogh, Gallery Manager of [Newlands House Gallery](#) in Petworth, has kindly offered HAS members a private tour of the Nick Brandt exhibition at a reduced rate of £12.50 (non-members, £14.50).

Later in the year, oil painter [Paul Treasure](#) will be giving a talk with our Chairperson Olga Houghton on how to instil a love of art and creativity in young people followed by a demonstration. Cornwall-based coastal artist [Maggie Cochran](#) will be hosting an online demonstration, with local plein air artist [Maria Yadegar](#) giving a demonstration face-to-face. Finally, our very own [Rachel Redfern](#) will be talking about exploring the healing benefits of coaching through creativity "It's more than paint" in September.

We will be finalising details and dates over the coming weeks. Demonstrations are free for members and £5 for non-members. Workshops are £50 for members and £70 for non-members, so please do feel free to bring your friends along.

We would like to thank these artists and professionals for their help. If you think you would like to take part in one of our events or offer a workshop or demonstration for our 2025 programme, please contact Rachel or Pippa at info@haslemereartsociety.co.uk



FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
29 Meet up at the Coppa Club Haslemere 7pm	1 Roger Dellar demonstration, Haslemere Educational Museum 10.30am-12.30pm 7 Life drawing with Jo Shepherd, Highfield School 7-9pm	TBC Social media demonstration with Minnie McBride TBC Private tour Newlands House Gallery - Nick Brandt exhibition	TBC Maria Yadegar demonstration
JUNE	JULY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
TBC Paul Treasure talk & demonstration	TBC Maggie Cochran online demonstration	TBC Art coaching with Rachel Redfern	2-12 HAS Exhibition
NOVEMBER	TBC HAS AGM & Christmas Social		

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The beginning of the New Year is also the time for membership renewals. For just £25, members become part of a 130-year-old tradition and have the opportunity to take part in our annual exhibition in October, with reduced cost access to our workshops and free demonstrations throughout the year, as well as invitations to social events including our AGM and Christmas social in November, and the chance to highlight their work through our Instagram and Facebook pages.

You can renew your membership via our website and pay your subscription using the online form on this page (preferred method).

[Click on the HAS logo to be taken to the renewal page on the website](#)



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Membership renewals for 2024 are now live. The deadline for renewals is March 1. Payment can be made using the online form on this page (preferred method), by BACs transfer or by cheque (postal). If paying by BACs or by cheque please email or post the completed form attached to the newsletter.

For payments via BACs transfer, details are as follows:

Account Name : Haslemere Art Society
Sort Code : 60 10 14
Account Number : 87064405

Otherwise, please send cheques payable to Haslemere Art Society:
C/o David Pattenden (Treasurer)
41 Sunbrow
Haslemere
Surrey GU27 2QL

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AN ODYSSEY AT PALLANT HOUSE GALLERY

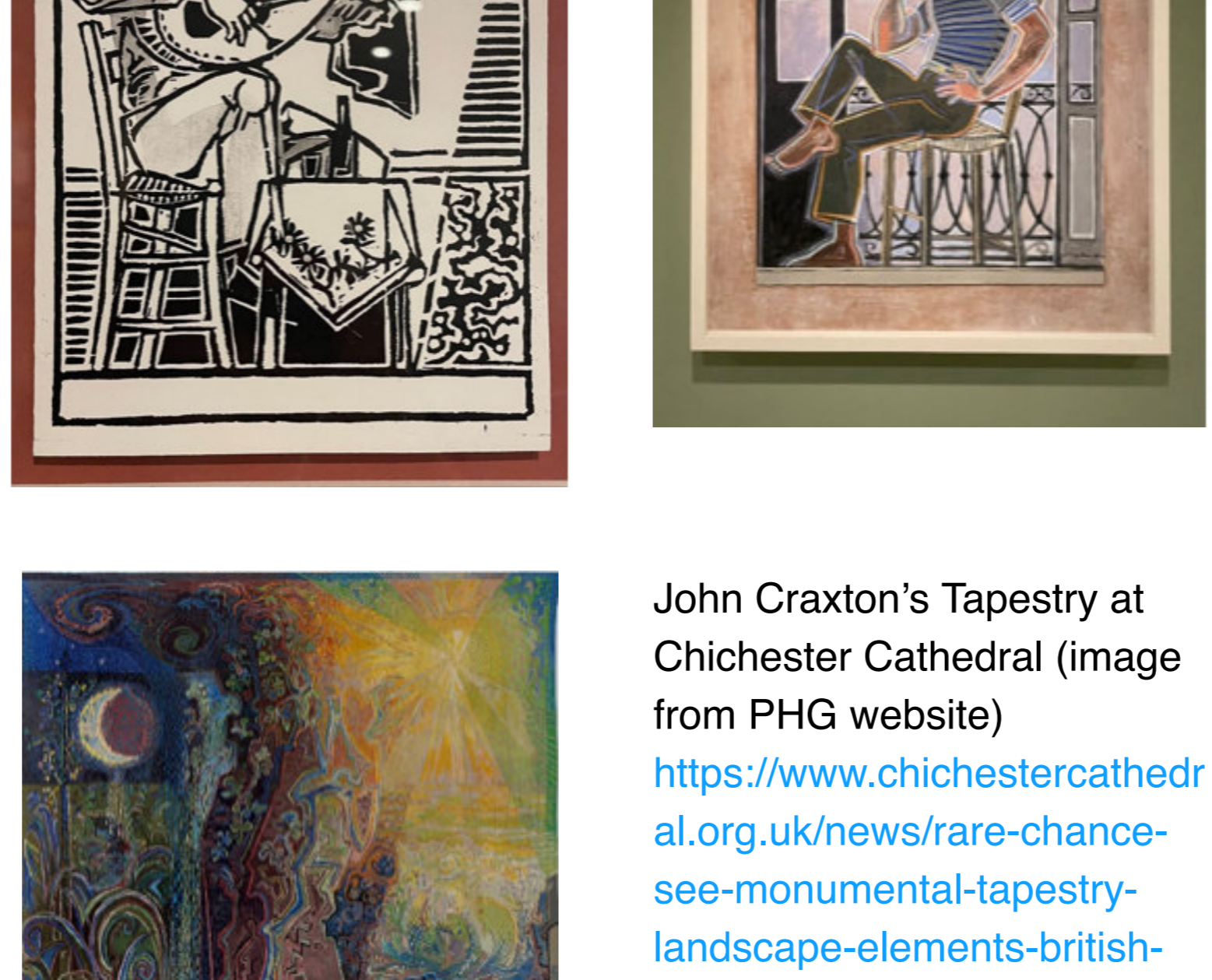


We are extremely lucky to live where we do and to have so much on our doorstep, including the wonderful Pallant House Gallery in Chichester. I recently visited the John Craxton exhibition and was transported to Greece with its sun-drenched colours, bouzouki players and traditional dancers.

This retrospective follows the works of British Romantic artist John Craxton RA (1922–2009); from his melancholic images of poets within brooding landscapes created in Britain in the early 1940s, to the radiant paintings and drawings inspired by his adopted homeland in the Mediterranean.

The development of his work reveals Craxton's experiences of confinement and exile, his personal liberation as a gay man and his celebration of travel and colour, all set within the historical context of mid-century Britain and Greece. Inspiration taken from Greek archaeology, mythology and Byzantine mosaics shines through his art, as do affinities with acquaintance Pablo Picasso and friend Lucian Freud.

On until April 21, 2024
<https://pallant.org.uk/whats-on/john-craxton-a-modern-odyssey/>



John Craxton's Tapestry at Chichester Cathedral (image from PHG website)
<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/news/rare-chance-see-monumental-tapestry-landscape-elements-british-romantic-artist-john-craxton>

PETERSFIELD ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

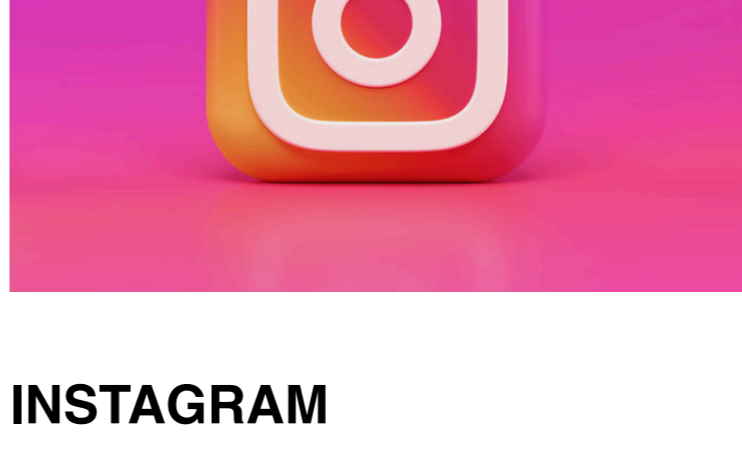
Alison Hunt, our Social Media Officer, and I recently had the pleasure of meeting with the Petersfield Arts and Crafts Society team. They are a dynamic and jolly bunch who were only too happy to pass on helpful tips and information to our newly formed committee. We are very grateful to Vivien de Beer and her wonderful team for their time.

SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATION



FACEBOOK
Please note our old Facebook page is being phased out and is replaced by our new site. Please follow, comment and share as we are keen to grow this new Facebook page.

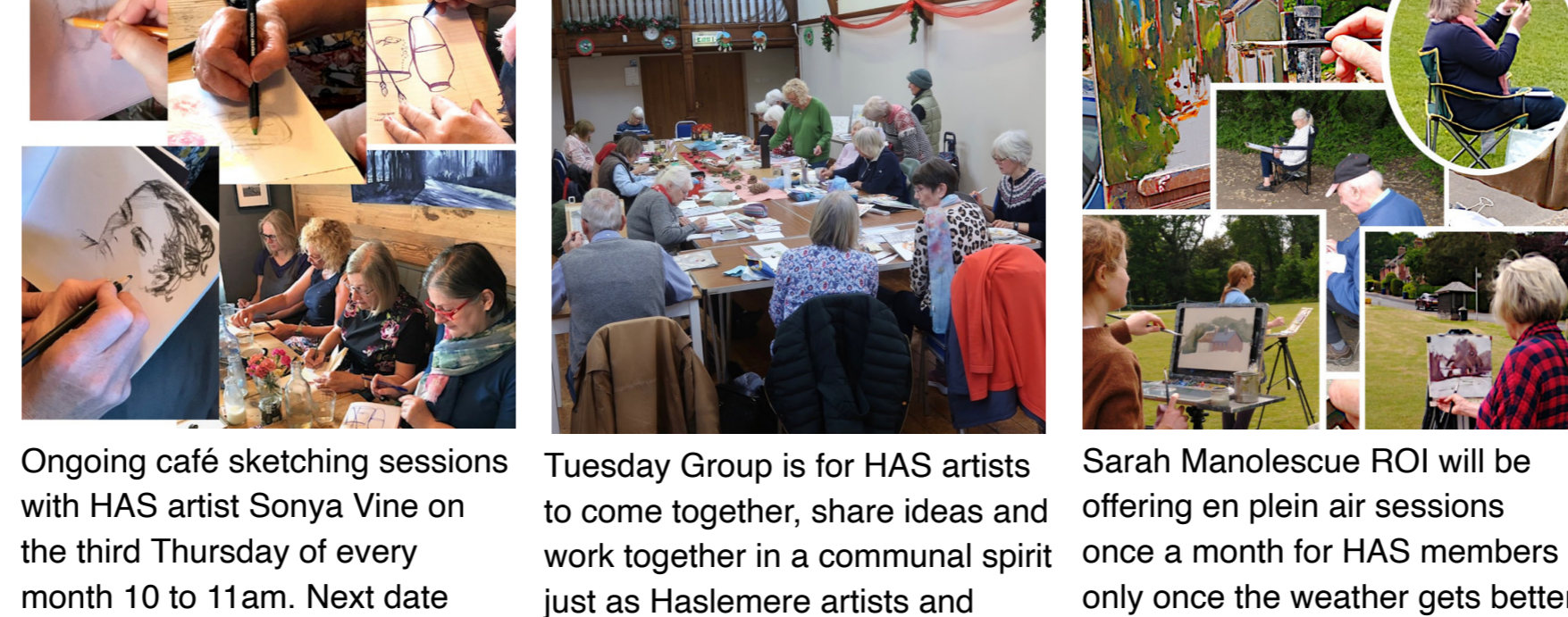
[Facebook](#)



INSTAGRAM
Our Instagram page has now reached over 300 followers. If you don't already follow, please do! We would appreciate all our artists to kindly give us a follow back. You can find us on Instagram here:

[Instagram](#)

ONGOING EVENTS



Ongoing café sketching sessions with HAS artist Sonya Vine on the third Thursday of every month 10 to 11am. Next date February 15. The Lion's Den Cafe, 310 Way Hill, Haslemere GU27 1HS
Future dates: March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20.

Tuesday Group is for HAS artists to come together, share ideas and work together in a communal spirit just as Haslemere artists and artisans always have done. Do come and join for the spring term from 2-4pm every Tuesday until April 2.
info@haslemereartsociety.co.uk for more details.

Sarah Manolescuc ROI will be offering en plein air sessions once a month for HAS members only once the weather gets better between April and September.

Enjoy our first signs of Spring and we look forward to seeing you on February 29!

With best wishes
Olga Houghton
Chairperson Haslemere Art Society

The HAS Committee Team can be contacted through our email info@haslemereartsociety.co.uk

- Olga Houghton, Chairperson
- Catherine Cornelius, Secretary and Publicity
- Rachel Redfern and Pippa Blacker, Events Team
- Alison Hunt, Social Media Officer
- Sophie Davies, Membership Coordinator
- David Pattenden, Treasurer

*Catherine takes over from Sarah van den Broeck as our new Secretary. A huge thank you to Sarah for all her hard work and commitment.

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Check out our site

