



HASLEMERE ART SOCIETY

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Newsletter, No 102, December 2021

Dear Members,

Welcome to the December Newsletter. I hope that, in spite of all the news, you have been able to enjoy the Autumn colours of the trees against the blue sky in recent weeks (on a nice day!).

Another year has flown by without demonstrations or workshops in the museum. At least we had a scaled down Exhibition and what would we have done without the invention of "Zoom". Many thanks to Sheila for finding various artists for these remote demonstrations to give us inspiration.

Urgent appeal for new Committee members

We have come to a point where we have to give serious consideration to the continuity of the HAS if we cannot find any members willing to take on a position on the "Committee". It really is not as daunting as it sounds.

After 10 years of supporting the HAS in various ways Rachel and I feel we need to hand over our position. In Rachel's case that means a new pair of hands to deal with the Exhibition. Maggie has over the years looked after publicity and kept contact with the local paper and magazines. She would also like to hand over all the details to someone else. We have to realise that without input from members it will be hard to keep the HAS going and there will be no more Exhibitions.

The doors to the HAS have always been wide open for everyone interested in art, from beginners to professionals, particularly after the HSA (Haslemere Society of Artists) changed into the HAS (Haslemere Art Society) in 1930.

Already in 1897, in the first minutes book, it was stated that the aim of the Society was to encourage local art.

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The HAS has been part of Haslemere since 1894 and has weathered several storms, two wars and now two pandemics. Now is the opportunity to look to the future and consider how we continue our activities. It can only be done with Your input!

Please consider how you could help the HAS in a supporting role!

Programme for 2022

In view of the ever changing COVID situation we are not sending out a printed programme, but we will keep you updated by email on a monthly basis with information about events and the regular Zoom demonstrations.

Subscription

We did not ask for a subscription for 2021, but hope you will support the HAS again with a contribution of £15 for 2022. On-line transfers can be made to NatWest Bank, account Haslemere Art Society, sortcode 60-10-14, account 87064405. Cheques can be sent to our Treasurer David Pattenden, 41, Sunbrow, Haslemere GU27 2QL.

News from our members

Many congratulations to several members for their achievements and contributions to art:

Robbie Murdoch had an exciting time taking part in "Sky Portrait Artist of the Year". He was invited based on his self portrait and painted live on air a wonderful portrait of Karen Gibson but missed by a whisker to get into the semi final.



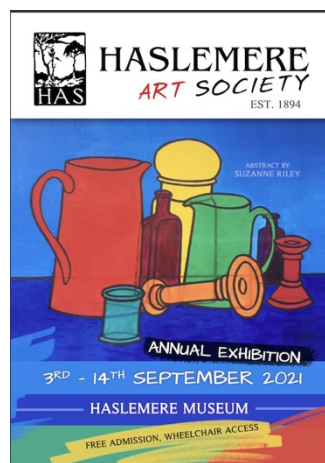
Sue Fisher was invited to make a series of drawings of iconic landmarks in Haslemere. They are lovely illustrations and are now part of a permanent display “ Haslemere as Gateway to the Southdowns” in the large bus shelter close to the station.



Yeside Linney was chosen as Runner Up “Surrey Artist of the Year.” The festivities took place in the Farnham New Ashgate Gallery. The Guildford Institute asked Yeside to use an image of one of her paintings for their Spring brochure and the Watts Gallery is planning an exhibition of her paintings in January. Very busy Yeside!



Alison Marston and Suzanne Riley held a very successful exhibition “Emerging Colours” in the Haslemere Museum. It was very colourful indeed as one can imagine looking back to the flyer for the HAS exhibition which featured one of Suzanne’s abstract works.



David Culpin spotted in the Daily Telegraph, on the “letters to the editor” page a photograph of a Leonard Campbell Taylor painting of a train carriage interior. The photo was used to accompany a series of letters regarding the state of the railways. Campbell Taylor was the first President of the HAS in its new form from 1932 – 1943.

David and Lynn Paynter staged another exhibition in the grounds of their house in September and are already making preparations for a new exhibition next year in June.

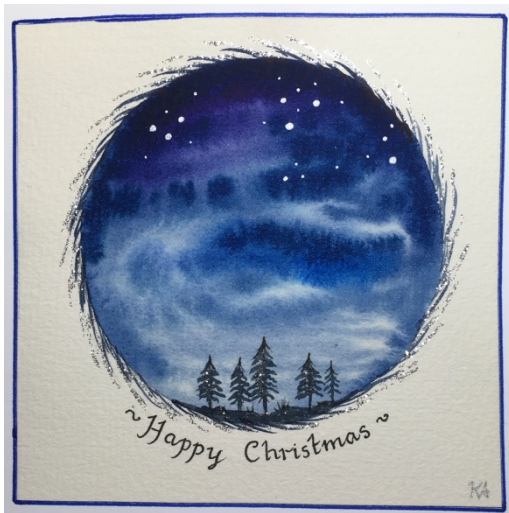
This shows what talented members we have, past and present, and this is only small handful! The Society has so many members who have something to offer to keep the HAS alive.

Let us all work to keep the Haslemere Art Society part of Haslemere and it’s community!

With best wishes to all from the HAS committee for a Happy Christmas and a New Year in good health,

Kaja van Walt
Chairman

Happy Christmas from the active and very friendly Tuesday group!



Katy Ayers



Chris Vardy

