

# LAS NEWSLETTER August 2017

Dear Members

I hope you are all enjoying the Summer weather with all its unpredictabilities – but then that's British weather for you and I suppose that's why it's a popular topic of conversation!

For those of you still due to pay your annual subscriptions and eGallery renewals (which were due for payment on July 1<sup>st</sup>): in order to make our database as accurate and up-to-date as possible, we are asking that everyone fills out one of our posh new membership forms. You will notice that each form has two pages. The top white one and a yellow one. We need both copies so when you complete the form, make sure that you press hard enough on the top copy for the information to also be visible on the yellow copy (no carbon required). Please then send both copies to Val Mackenzie with either your cheque or a separate Standing Order mandate form which will be given to you with the membership form. Your Membership card will then be sent out to you in due course.

We will soon be booking demonstrators for 2018 and if any of you have suggestions for likely people, please contact either me or Brian with the details. We intend to revert back to afternoon bookings in the Winter and evening bookings in the Summer months so that more members are available to attend. We will also retain the tea break at these events but feel that they would be better to be held at the beginning when members arrive.

Our **Summer Exhibition** will be held at the Pavilion and starts on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August with our Preview evening. There will be wine and nibbles for all and the show will be formally opened by our Patron Lord Faringdon. I understand that the Mayor will also attend and various other public figures who have generously contributed to our fund-raising.

I am sure all exhibiting members will be pleased to know that for the foreseeable future we will revert back to our hanging fee of £2 per artwork and those artists wishing to sell cards will now be invited to do so.

Please contact Brian if you would like the Exhibition details and forms to be sent to you again –either by email or post. If you have access to Twitter it would be much appreciated if you could publicise the event. We are also compiling a list of poster sites around villages and towns in the area and if you know of suitable places eg shop windows near you where our poster could be displayed free of charge, please let Ann March know at [aemarch@btinternet.com](mailto:aemarch@btinternet.com) and she will add it to the list. This year there will be A4 and A5 size posters. The smaller size will obviously fit onto smaller sites and can also be put in car windows. A supply of these posters will be available at the Monday and Thursday Group meetings.

**Christmas Lunch** – Please note the revised date of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and the new venue is the Carp Lake in Lechlade. There will be more information eg Menu Options and cost at a later date when we have estimates from the caterers.

Finally, Brian will be holding a One-Day Course offered to LAS members and friends on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the Pavilion. The details are as follows: (see overleaf)

## **CUBISM? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

Have you ever wondered what the art movement of Cubism, often described as the start of Modern Art, is all about?

Well now is your chance not only to learn a little about this Movement in Art but try it for yourself. A One-Day course is offered to LAS Members and Friends on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the Pavilion. The day will start with a PowerPoint presentation outlining crucial stages in the development of the Movement and its effects on a wide range of artists. The focus will be on the sculpture that has evolved from the underlying principles of Cubism and the day's workshop will be devoted to each Member creating a Cubist-like sculpture made from cardboard and collage.

The aim of the day is for members and friends to experience something different and to have fun. You do not need previous experience to take part, just an open mind and the willingness to try something new. All materials and equipment will be provided but some members may wish to bring some additional resources. A full list will be sent to all attending the day.

Interested? For further details please contact Brian Britton [b.britton89@btinternet.com](mailto:b.britton89@btinternet.com).

Places are limited to 15 members and friends. Cost £20 pp

I will certainly be coming to that!

I advise those members who are interested to act quickly and book their place.

Hope to see you at our next event!

**Sharon Ellis**  
**LAS Chairman**