



Newsletter

Welcome to March 2025

We are now well into 2025 and our annual programme is underway, which I hope you are all enjoying. There are several approaching events, the most critical of which is our calendar for 2026. We urgently need some more entries so that there is a realistic choice for selection for the Rye Harbour Discovery area calendar - please give this your urgent attention and email your photos to Sheila as soon as possible sheilmrtn@icloud.com Next is our annual exhibition and I am preparing the documents at the moment and will send them out soon. There will be no change from last year in terms of fees, picture numbers and sizes, etc., but the Stewarding process will be very much simplified, making the selling and accounting of our art, cards and merchandise very much easier! Presentation of our art too, will be improved, with new greeting card displays, proper display of our 6"x6" mini-pics, extra lighting and other alterations to improve the whole exhibition experience.

Our regular features are on track, with Outside Painting benefitting from an interesting selection of painting venues sorted by Ruth Short, thank you Ruth for all your hard work putting this together. The monthly Painting Challenge is proving popular and details of each month subject, together with all other BDAG information, including Workshop offers, can be found on our website.

The monthly Saturday programme is filled with quality presenters, with our February presenter Roz Nathan leading the way with a fascinating watercolour/pastel demo, so very stimulating and recently a visit by Carne Griffiths showing his tea/coffee/ink/almost anything! way of creating exceptional portraits.

H E L P!! Finally, on the housekeeping front, we desperately need a Committee Secretary to manage the Agenda's, keep track of the meeting calendar and take brief meeting notes. Nothing complicated or exacerbating, but I am trying to do it myself and finding it too much with everything else going on. Please call/text me and offer help - 07950 914409

CHAIRMAN

PETER SHERWOOD

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See our President's Report by using the link on the Newsletter webpage. The latest Workshop information and how to book is on the Workshops page. and our 2025 Programme of Outside painting days is now available

OUTDOOR PAINTING PROGRAMME

Please find attached details of this year's Outdoor Painting Programme. This has been put together for us by Ruth Short who, once again, has done a sterling job organising all the venues. Many thanks to Ruth.

As before, the sessions start with members meeting at 10am and painting until 3pm. Details of meeting points are on the attached. Where we have named members as 'leaders' they are there to meet and greet. Where locations are 'unmanned', it is suggested members still meet at the suggested spots before wandering off to find your spots.

Any questions regarding this programme should be directed to Ruth on 01424 254566 or 07552616010.

We also have an 'outside painting' whatsapp group and if you'd like to join this, please contact Sheila Martin on 07377400083