



Verve

The Newsletter for the Rowlands Castle Painting Society

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From The Principal

After a cold, grey and soggy Winter, we look forward to our Art Activities in 2018, hoping that they will inspire us to paint more and enjoy the company of fellow members.

The A.G.M. is on March 20th, at 7 p.m. this time, so do come along and encourage us to consider new ideas to make our Club activities even more interesting and have a glass of wine and some nibbles and cheese and wine as well!

The Summer Painting and Picnic outings arranged by Keith Roots start in May and take us all over our lovely country and seaside. They are great fun - do join us.

I hope you are busy painting for our Silver Cup evening on March 27th. and our Annual Exhibition from 13th to 17th. April.

Many thanks to our Committee and Members who volunteer to help with tasks that keep this friendly society running!

Happy Painting!

Gill Dollery

From the Chairman

For a change, the A.G.M. in March will be an evening meeting with cheese & wine to follow. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend as it is an opportunity for members to give their views, or suggestions, on the running of the Society's various activities. As usual elections will take place for the Committee and Non-Committee posts. The majority of the members who hold these positions are willing to continue for another year but there are some important vacancies which need to be filled. In particular someone is required to help with the Exhibitions and to be in charge of the submission forms. An established format is in place and also a small 'exhibition sub-committee' is needed to assist with the setting up of display stands, local publicity, receiving of pictures etc. Martin is still asking for a volunteer to consider taking over as Treasurer in due course - according to Martin it is not necessary to have financial experience to do this job - just a logical mind! Martin is very happy to explain to anyone interested what is involved. Of course members can stand for any position if they so wish! Nomination slips will be available by the Attendance Book at all meetings before the A.G.M.

I encourage everyone to take part in the Silver Cup Award which is a very interesting and sociable evening. With 14 different categories to choose from, I am sure everyone can find something that suits their style! Don't forget all entries must be framed with hanging facilities and that any picture entered in the Silver Cup Competition can afterwards be submitted into the Annual Exhibition. If every member entered just one picture we would have 100 pictures to display - so get painting!!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Bob Payne on setting up the new website. This took many hours of research to find the best option for the Society. Bob has looked after the website for us over many years - so thank you Bob!

I conclude by saying a very big Thank You for all the sterling work done by the Committee and Non-Committee members which

ensures the Society continues to operate on a day-to-day basis - and not forgetting the valuable help of members setting up the chairs & tables at all the meetings - it all contributes to an efficient and friendly Society.

With Best Wishes

Barbara Wood

PLASTIC CUPS

If you feel concerned about using our throw-away plastic coffee/tea cups at our refreshment breaks, it is quite acceptable to bring your own cup or mug. Besides benefiting the environment, it would also save some money for the Society. Our catering ladies, however, cannot be responsible for washing up personal crockery.

SUMMER PAINTING/PICNIC OUTINGS

Please Note Our organiser for this Summer's Painting Days, Keith Roots , has changed his address and has a new Telephone Number **02392 387017**

Keith will not be planning the outings for next year so we require a volunteer (or two!) to organise the venues for the Summer of 2019. Those who participate in this very enjoyable pastime of the Society will want this activity to continue so please consider helping. There are plenty of ideas available from lists of past visited sites and perhaps there are some of your own favourite locations you can suggest! We need to know these venues & dates by July so they can be included in the 2018/19 Programme Card. Anyone interested please contact one of the Committee Members.

ROWLANDS CASTLE PAINTING SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the next ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.00 pm
In Rowlands Castle Parish Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of 21.3.2017 AGM Minutes (Copy attached)
3. Principal's Address
4. Treasurer's Report Summary of Accounts attached
Detailed accounts of RCPS available at AGM or on request
5. Vote on Resolution to change Paragraph 6 of Society's Rules
6. Exhibition Committee Report
7. Media Correspondent's Report
8. Election of Officers
9. A.O.B.

Posts For Election

COMMITTEE POSTS

NON COMMITTEE POSTS

<u>Post & Post Holder</u>	<u>Available for Re-Election</u>	<u>Post & Post Holder</u>	<u>Available for Re-Election</u>
Principal - Gill Dollery	Yes	Audio - B.Wood & Pauline Davis	Yes
Vice Principal - Sally Williams	Yes	Verve Editor - Margaret Jennings	Yes
Chairman - Barbara Wood	Yes	Catering Officer - Pat Hoper	No
Vice Chairman - Terry Devaney	Yes	Life Group - J Ward	No
Secretary - Ann Webber	Yes	Summer Outings Org. K Roots	No
Treasurer - Martin Gebbett	Yes	Xmas Party Org. - Sally Williams	Yes
Programme Org.- Lorraine Boyes	Yes	Archivist - James Ward	Yes
Media Correspondent Tom Ray	No	Projector Team - John Seymour/ John Davis / David Collier	Yes
Media "What's On" Pam Fisher	Yes		
Membership Secretary - John Davis	Yes	Art Mart Team - John Richards & Joyce Quinn	Yes
Exhibition Co-ordinator	Vacancy	Treasurer 'understudy'	Vacancy

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Rowlands Castle Parish Hall on 21 March 2017 at 2pm

Present –

Committee Members -

Barbara Wood (Chairman), Gill Dollery, Nicky Verrecchia, Ann Webber, John Davis, Lorraine Boyes, James Ward

20 members were also present.

Apologies were received from Tom Ray, Martin Gebbett, David Hughes, Joyce Quinn, Keith Roots, Sheila Buckle and Kathleen Dixon

Minutes of last AGM

Approval proposed by Bob Payne and seconded by John Davis.

All in favour. Carried.

Principal's Report by Gill Dollery

Gill welcomed everyone, especially our 24 new members. She thanked all the members who help in so many ways with the running of the Society and would welcome any new ideas.

She said that planning of the May Exhibition is well underway and invited members to bring their friends to the Private View evening. Gill reminded members that entering work in the exhibition carries a responsibility to assist with stewarding or refreshments, or to appoint a substitute to do this.

She thanked Nicky Verrecchia for her support as Vice-Principal and welcomed Jan Roblin as a prospective replacement in the role.

Treasurer's report by Martin Gebbett

Ann Webber read the report in which Martin apologised for his absence, needing to attend a funeral. Copies of the accounts summary for 2015-16 have been included in Verve and the full accounts are available. The annual loss was £897 last year but the increase in membership fees should give us an extra £500 this year. The Society's assets were £5192, considered by the Committee to be far in excess of the sum required for running the Society, enabling subscriptions to be kept low. Chairman Barbara gave the meeting a potted history of the Jennings Wood Trust, founded in 1975 and renewed in 1996. She then read a letter from the remaining trustees, Isabelle O'Connell and David Collier, agreeing not to renew the Trust. The Maturing of the Jennings Wood Trust in May will release over £3000, so this additional sum will also be available to the Society. Research into possible investment of funds is continuing. The proposal to adopt the accounts of the Society and the Trust was made by James Ward and seconded by Joan Adams. All in favour. Carried. Martin announced his intention to continue as Treasurer for this year only, thus seeking a replacement for next year.

Exhibition Committee report

David Hughes' report was read in his absence by Barbara. He thanked all who had helped make the 2016 Exhibition a success, quoting statistics of entries (87 paintings hung, 57 folios, 362 cards, total sales of £703). David is resigning as Exhibition Organiser.

Barbara then told the meeting that the organisation of the Silver Cup Evening and the Annual Exhibition is being undertaken by a Sub-committee comprising Martin Gebbett,

Lorraine Boyes, Nicky Verrecchia, David Hughes and Barbara Wood. David is still in charge of Submission Forms, but this is his last year. We need a volunteer to take on this job and join the Exhibition Sub-committee. Barbara asked for members' support, both by submitting paintings and also helping with all the tasks that are needed to run the Exhibition

Media Correspondent's report

By Terry Devaney In the absence of Tom Ray due to illness , Terry is acting as Media Correspondent with the support of Pam Fisher. Terry is organising coverage of the Exhibition in as many publications as possible. She asked members to save any newspaper articles about the Society that they see.

Election of officers for 2017/18

The following Committee Officers willing to serve for a further term were re-elected en-bloc.

Principal - Gill Dollery

Chairman - Barbara Wood

Vice-chairman - James Ward

Treasurer - Martin Gebbett

Secretary – Ann Webber

Membership Secretary – John Davis Programme Organiser – Lorraine Boyes Media Correspondent - Tom Ray

Proposed by Gillian Merrett and seconded by John Richards. Carried.

The following Committee Officer was elected.

Vice-Principal - Jan Roblin, proposed by Gill Dollery and seconded by Gillian Merrett. Carried.

There were no nominations for the post of Exhibition Co-ordinator which remains empty.

Non-Committee Posts

Catering Officer - Pat Hoper to continue

Verve Editor - Margaret Jennings to continue

Art Mart/Library - Joyce Quinn and John Richards to continue..

Archivist – James Ward to continue

Life Group Organiser - James Ward to continue

Summer Outings Organiser – Shared between Keith Roots proposed by Pat Hoper, seconded by Joan Adams, and James Ward proposed by Barbara Wood, seconded by Martin Gebbett. Carried

Any other Business

Summer outings - Joan Adams announced that there will be no meeting on 25 April because the Marines Museum has closed. The season will start on 9 May at Stansted. Members were reminded to take their membership cards to outings in case of group entry fees.

Charge for visitors - Gill Merrett had been asked to raise a complaint at the sharp increase to £5 for evening visitors. It was explained that, considering that Professional Artists now charge between £150-£200 per demonstration, a £5 admission fee was not considered unreasonable. Also it was hoped that if visitors came on a regular basis this would encourage them to become full members able to take advantage of all the Society's activities.

Saturday workshops - Bob reported difficulty in getting advance payments for workshops, necessary to confirm members' commitments. He is reluctant to plan further workshops until he is sure of the viability of the first.

Members contact details - John Davis asked members to check their details on his list and always inform him of any change.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.45pm. Tea and cakes followed.



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Accounts for year 1st Sept 2016 - 31st Aug 2017

Summary			This year	comparison	
			2016-17	2015-16	
Income					
	Subscriptions - members -	110	3135.00	2815.00	(115 mbs)
	Guests		135.00	178.00	
	Donations		0.00	0.00	
	Exhibition profit		110.47	49.87	
	Art Mart		112.65	142.12	
	Saturday workshops surplus		0.00	74.00	
	Catering		35.10	38.41	
	TOTAL		3528.22	3297.40	
	Transfer from JWT account		3064.13		
	TOTAL with transfer		6592.35		
Outgoings					
	Insurance (extended cover 2015-16)		0.00	318.89	
	Hall hire (Tues -demos, w/s, life)		1128.00	1185.00	
	Demonstrators		1630.00	1508.00	
	Tuesday workshops payments		225.00	175.00	
	Life models		485.00	449.00	
	Christmas Party (inc. hall cost)		140.68	118.02	
	Silver Cup (inc. hall cost)		171.72	103.47	
	AGM		20.85	20.34	
	Verve mag.		0.00	0.00	
	Administration		151.12	215.10	
	Capital exp - tombola & signage		115.97	102.12	
	TOTAL		4068.34	4194.94	
	OPERATING Loss		540.12	897.54	
	EXCESS with JWT funds transfer		2524.01		
TOTAL ASSETS					
	At Start - 1st Sept 2016 (note 1 page 6)				
	Lloyds Bank a/c		0.00	50.84	
	Nat West Bank		5228.04	6122.82	
	Cash		64.54	16.46	
	TOTAL		5292.58	6190.12	
	At End - 31st Aug 2017 (note 2 page 6)				
	Nat West Bank from p6		7801.87	5228.04	
	Cash		14.72	64.54	
	TOTAL		7816.59	5292.58	
	Difference - excess		2524.01	897.54	loss
Note	The accounts of The Jennings Wood Trust are shown in separate accounts.				
Signed	Chairman				date
	Treasurer				date
	Independent examiner				date

R.C.P.S. Membership Subscription 2017/2018

Post To: **Mr. John Davis, 71 Brook Gardens, Emsworth, PO10 7JZ**

New Member [] **Existing Member** [] (tick as applicable)

I enclose a cheque for **£30** for my yearly subscription []

My yearly subscription for **£30** has been paid by Standing Order []

(For those who wish to set up an SO. Bank Details are:-)

(Sort Code... 52-41-20 Account No. ... 43615414)

(YOU **STILL** NEED TO FILL OUT THIS FORM SO YOU CAN RECEIVE THE MEMBERSHIP and PROGRAMME CARD.)

Please make your cheque payable to **RCPS** and print your name on the back.

***Remember to enclose an SAE large enough to contain a membership card* (15 cm x 8 cm)**

Full name (Caps please).....

*Address

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.....Post

Code.....

*Telephone/Mobile No.

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*E-mail address.....

(For you to receive Verve by E-mail and the latest RCPS updates.)

Please Note: -

Our society is based on self-help so that we can keep expenses down to a minimum. Members can help with moving chairs before and after sessions, with exhibitions, publicity, committees, catering, and stewarding at exhibitions. Some members can give a great deal of time, others only a little, but we hope that all active members will assist in some way.

I (do / do not) object to any of the above information being kept on the society's computer database provided it is used only for administration and communication purposes.

Note : The charge for VISITORS to an afternoon Workshop is £3; An afternoon Life Class or Evening Professional Demonstration will be £5.

(For New Members... How did you hear about our Painting Society?)

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Signed.....Date.....

Addendum

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE SOCIETY RULES

Paragraph 6 "A special fund known as the 'Jennings Wood Trust Fund' remains invested in whole and is under the direct administration of the appointed Trustees, as covered by a Deed to this effect. Annual interest may be withdrawn to the benefit of the Society. In event of the Society becoming inactive, control shall be invested in the Trustees of the Jennings Wood Trust Fund who shall preserve the assets and seek to re-activate it by their best endeavours. If unsuccessful after two years in re-activating the Society the Trust shall realise all assets and donate all proceeds to the charity of the Red Cross as is written in the Trust Deed."

TO BE REPLACED BY: "In the event of the Society closing control shall be vested in the Committee Members last in Office who shall preserve the assets and endeavour to re-establish the Society. If unsuccessful after two years the said Committee shall realise all assets and donate all proceeds to local charities and the Red Cross.