



Verve

The Newsletter for the Rowlands Castle Painting Society

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From The Principal

Once again, I believe we had a very successful year. Our thanks go to all members of the Committee and other volunteers for their commitment and hard work in helping to run the Society. Without you our club would cease to exist !

At the AGM on 26th March at 2pm. we will be looking for a new vice Principal.

A warm welcome to all new members, please do introduce yourselves ! Our evening demonstrations have been very entertaining, also the Life Group afternoons and the Workshops too.

The Summer picnic /sketching outings look very interesting ,do try and join us .

See you at the A.G.M.,come and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cake afterwards ,thanks to Fiona and Susanne !

Keep Painting !

Gill Dollery.



Rowlands Castle Painting Society

Accounts for year 1st Sept 2017 - 31st Aug 2018 Summary

As Independently Examined

This year *Comparison*
2017 - 18 *2016-17*

Income			
Subscriptions - members -	110	3270.00	<i>3135.00 (110 mbs)</i>
Guests		104.00	<i>135.00</i>
Exhibition profit		179.71	<i>110.47</i>
Art Mart		107.40	<i>112.65</i>
Saturday workshops surplus		73.00	<i>0.00</i>
Catering		80.98	<i>35.10</i>
Donation - Paddy Holmes - closed holiday a/c		113.39	<i>0.00</i>
TOTAL		3928.48	<i>3528.22</i>
Transfer from JWT account			<i>3064.13</i>
TOTAL with transfer			<i>6592.35</i>
Outgoings			
Insurance (extended cover 2015-16)		153.00	<i>0.00</i>
Hall hire (Tues -demos, w/s, life)		1032.30	<i>1128.00</i>
Demonstrators		1435.00	<i>1630.00</i>
Tuesday workshops payments		175.00	<i>225.00</i>
Life models		364.39	<i>485.00</i>
Christmas Party (inc. hall cost)		80.31	<i>140.68</i>
Silver Cup (inc. hall cost)		132.24	<i>171.72</i>
AGM		56.35	<i>20.85</i>
Verve mag.		0.00	<i>0.00</i>
Administration		196.52	<i>151.12</i>
Capital exp - tombola & signage		167.42	<i>115.97</i>
TOTAL		3792.53	<i>4068.34</i>
OPERATING excess		135.95	<i>-540.12</i>
EXCESS with JWT funds transfer			<i>2524.01</i>
TOTAL ASSETS			
At Start - 1st Sept 2017 (note 1 page 6)			
Nat West Bank		7801.87	<i>5228.04</i>
Cash		14.72	<i>64.54</i>
TOTAL		7816.59	<i>5292.58</i>
At End - 31st Aug 2018 (note 2 page 6)			
Nat West Bank from p6		2919.95	<i>7801.87</i>
Hampshire Trust Bank		5000.00	<i>0.00</i>
Cash		32.59	<i>14.72</i>
TOTAL		7952.54	<i>7816.59</i>
Difference - excess		135.95	<i>2524.01</i> <i>(excess with JWT transfer)</i>

Note The Jennings Wood Trust was closed and funds transferred to RCPS last year (2016-17)

Signed	Chairman	Barbara Wood	8.01.2019
	Treasurer	Martin Gebbett	8.01.2019
	Independent examiner	Michael Coombe	29.01.2019

From The Chairman

There has been excellent support at the afternoon Life Group & Workshop meetings but attendance at evening demonstrations has sometimes been disappointing considering that the demonstrators are professional artists and therefore expect appropriate remuneration for their services. I realise that night driving can be an issue and therefore we are considering that, if possible, one or two demonstrations could be held in the afternoon in next year's programme. If you think this is a good idea please let the Committee know.

On the same theme the AGM has this year been scheduled for the afternoon so more members will be able to attend and give support to the hard working Committee. As usual, the election of Officers will take place and we are fortunate that this year there are only 2 vacancies to be filled. Nomination slips will be placed by the Attendance Book for Proposers & Seconders to nominate a member of their choice. Of course, any post is open for election if a members wishes to apply for a Committee or Non-Committee position. If there is any particular issue a member wants included at the AGM please inform the Secretary. with a seconder if necessary, by 19th March

You will notice that a "Website Co-ordinator" has been included in the Non-Committee posts. We are at the moment in the complex process of setting up a new Website after our previous website was "Handbagged"!! Hopefully it will not be long before it is operative and then the new website address will be circulated to all members.

The Silver Cup Awards evening will soon be upon us and with 15 categories to choose from I'm sure everyone can find at least one to participate in. Don't forget paintings can then go on to be entered in the Annual Exhibition in May. Anne Newsom has kindly agreed to again be in charge of the Silver Cup Submission forms.

We welcome Roger Matthews as Exhibition Co-ordinator who will be organising the Annual Exhibition. I ask all members to give Roger as much support as possible by helping with advertising, stewarding, donating cakes and tombola prizes, and of course entering your

paintings! The Exhibition is the Society's only opportunity to exhibit their work to the general public so let's make it a great show!

Finally I would like to express my appreciation to all the Committee for their hard work throughout the year and for all the help members willingly give arranging tables, chairs etc. and clearing up afterwards. A special thank you to Fiona & Susanne who serve refreshments at all our meetings -it all contributes to a happy, well run Society.

With Best Wishes

Barbara

Christmas Competition Winners; Martin Gebbett - Sunset Photo, Pat Hoper - Holiday Painting, Maureen Aldous - Christmas Card, Leonard Wood presenting a thank you gift to Paddy.



Christmas Party

On Tuesday 11th December we had the Society's Christmas party in the evening.

It was a fine night, so more members were present than usual. Lots of members entered the Christmas card, the holiday painting and the photography competition which was "Sunrise or Sunset".

I prepared pictures by famous artists that needed to be matched with the painter and a table of "guess what" objects such as blue teal feathers and a percussion egg opener.

We also had a General Knowledge quiz, with obscure pictures of familiar things (such as a field of pumpkins being cut for Halloween) where we had to choose between three (sometimes amusing) answers.

We all took a plate of finger food to share and enjoyed a glass of wine compliments of the Society.

Barbara and Leonard Wood ran the raffle which raised approximately £100.

We were pleased that Paddy Holmes, our Patron, was able to join us and present the trophies to the Competition winners .

Yours
Sally



ROWLANDS CASTLE PAINTING SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the next ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 2.00 pm
In Rowlands Castle Parish Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of 20.3.2018 A.G.M. 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. Exhibition Report
6. Media Correspondent's Report
7. Election of Officers
8. 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	No	Verve Editor - Margaret Jennings	Yes
Chairman - Barbara Wood	Yes	Catering Officers - Fiona Chaabane & Susanne McGowan	Yes
Vice Chairman – Terry Devaney	Yes	Life Group - Andy Kerr	Yes
Secretary – Ann Webber	Yes	Summer Outings - Eileen Hathaway	Yes
Treasurer - Peter Dixon (Assistant Treasurer - Martin Gebbett until 31 st Aug 2019)	Yes	Xmas Party Org. - Sally Williams	Yes
Programme Org.- Lorraine Boyes	Yes	Archivist -	Vacancy
Media Correspondent - Janice Roblin	Yes	Projector Team – John Seymour, John Davis & David Collier	Yes
Membership Secretary - John Davis	Yes	Art Mart Team - John Richards & Joyce Quinn	Yes
Exhibition Co-ordinator - Roger Matthews	Yes	Website Co-ordinator - Martin Gebbett	Yes

Rowlands Castle Painting Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Rowlands Castle Parish Hall on 20 March 2018 at 7pm

Present – Committee Members -

Barbara Wood (Chairman), Gill Dollery, Ann Webber, John Davis, Lorraine Boyes, Martin Gebbett, Sally Williams, Terry Devaney
24 members were also present.

Apologies were received from Gilliam Merrett, Eileen Hathaway, Kay Harlow, Maureen Aldous, Joan Pender, Anne Newsom, Maurice Webb, John and Heather Prime.

Minutes of last AGM

Approval proposed by John Davis and seconded by John Huffell.
All in favour. Carried.

Principal's Report by Gill Dollery

Gill thanked Sally Williams for agreeing to take on the post of Vice-Principal. She also mentioned our continuing need for an Exhibition Co-ordinator and Deputy Treasurer. She then thanked everyone who helps with running the Society and looked forward to a summer of outdoor painting.

Treasurer's Report by Martin Gebbett

The accounts for 2016/17 have been published in Verve. Michael Coombe has examined and passed them. Acceptance of these accounts was proposed by Bob Payne and seconded by Pat Hoper.

All in favour. Carried.

Now that the Jennings Wood Trust has closed the committee has invested £5000 in an interest-paying account with Hampshire Trust Bank.

A projection of this year's accounts shows a possible excess of £200-300 which compares favourably with last year's loss of £540.

We need to find a new independent examiner and members were asked to assist in finding one.

Vote on Resolution to Change Paragraph 6 of the Society's Rules

The Committee put forward the following Resolution -

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 the 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 reestablish 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."

Chairman Barbara explained the need for this change because the Jennings Wood Trust is now closed. The Committee felt it appropriate that the Red Cross should continue to be a beneficiary because it had been chosen by the founder of the Society.

John Huffell proposed adoption of the Resolution. Peter Dixon seconded it.

All in favour. Carried.

Exhibition Committee Report

Barbara gave a report the on 2017 Exhibition followed by plans for this year.

In 2017 there were about 200 visitors. Gary Miller won Best in Show with "Wine Glass and Apples". The tombola sold out and the attractive tearoom was a success. Barbara thanked those who helped in every way. Sales were few but it is felt that the main object of the Exhibition is publicity.

The Committee has reviewed the possible advantages of continuing to take part in Havant Art Trail and decided that the benefit probably did not

justify the extra expense. So we have decided not to take part this year and will rely on our own local publicity.

Finally, Barbara emphasised that the success of the Exhibition depends on all the members making a contribution in every way that they can. John Huffell, supported by Julie Anderson, made a request that watercolours should not be hung next to stronger-coloured acrylics. This comment will be passed on.

Media Correspondent's report

Tom Ray has had to resign due to illness. The Society wishes him well and a card has been sent. Terry Devaney is acting as temporary Media Correspondent with the support of Pam Fisher. Terry is organising coverage of the Exhibition and will contact Angel Radio. 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

Vice-Principal - Sally Williams (co-opted by the committee)

Chairman - Barbara Wood

Vice-chairman - Terry Devaney (co-opted by the committee)

Treasurer - Martin Gebbett

Secretary – Ann Webber

Membership Secretary – John Davis Programme Organiser – Lorraine Boyes

Proposed by Joan Adams and seconded by Peter Dixon. Carried.

The following Committee Officer was elected.

Media Correspondent - Jan Roblin, proposed by Barbara Wood and seconded by Terry Devaney. Carried.

There were no nominations for the post of Exhibition Co-ordinator which remains empty. This is an important post which needs filling. Also the Treasurer is looking for an understudy and eventual replacement.

Margaret Theobald thanked the Committee for all their work.

Non-Committee Posts

Verve Editor - Margaret Jennings to continue

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

Archivist – James Ward to continue

Catering Officers - Fiona Chaabane and Susanne Mcgowan, proposed by Pat Hoper and seconded by Terry Devaney. Carried.

Summer Outings Organisers - Eileen Hathaway and Kay Ward, proposed by Barbara Wood and seconded by Gillian Merritt

A presentation was made to Pat Hoper in recognition of her ten years as a very capable Catering Officer.

Any other Business

Members discussed the change to an evening meeting this time. The aim was to attract more young members but this had little success. It was felt that 7pm was too early a start and 7.30 pm would be better.

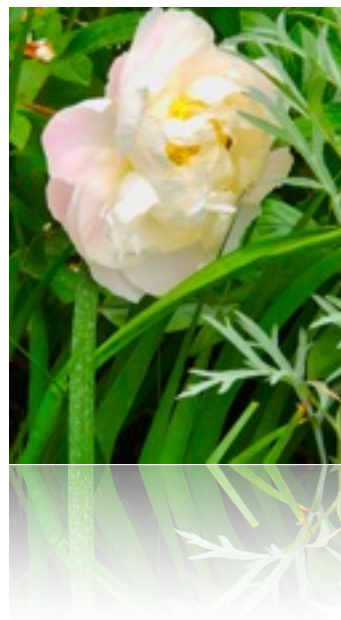
Barbara explained the new Data Restrictions which come into force in May. All members need to sign their agreement to the Society holding their details. If not, the Society will not be able to contact them.

John reported 109 paid-up members, including 15 new members. Ways of making new members welcome were discussed. Favourite was to have a welcoming officer at meetings.

Andy Kerr suggested we should buy some LED lights for the Lfe Group. Barbara asked him to investigate.

Finally, members were reminded about the Silver Cup evening next week.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm. Wine and savouries followed.



SUMMER OUTINGS

In this, my first year as Summer Outings' organiser, I considered variety and financial economy in the venue, as well as the distance to be travelled from our home base of Rowlands Castle.

Stewarts Abbey Gardens in Titchfield has an aquarium and is also close to Titchfield Abbey thereby offering a choice of subjects. Butser Ancient Farm was added for the same reason, and I should be able to negotiate a reduced entry fee for the group. As the date is just before the start of the children's summer holiday, school coach trips should have ceased. A fee will also be payable at the Lavender and wild flower fields at Selborne. Fingers crossed that the lavender will also put in an appearance!

Lovers of boats and coastal scenes are catered for at Itchenor, Chichester Marina and Pagham, and military subjects at Fort Brockhurst.

After studying the list of venues used in previous years, I included Petersfield Physic Garden, Wickham Water Meadows and Bishops Waltham Palace.

If anyone has venue suggestions for the summer of 2020, please let me know. I am considering Little Woodham Village and Alver Valley County Park, both in the Gosport area.

Eileen Hathaway

Membership

As Membership Secretary, I would like to report that we now have 100 Paid up members and 2 honorary Members. (!0 members do not have an e-mail). Membership is STILL only £30 a year and this year we welcome 15 NEW members. Membership forms are available at all our meetings.

Regards

John Davis