

Rowlands Castle Painting Society Newsletter

Winter 2026



1. Rowlands Castle Art Exhibition 15th/16th November 2025



The exhibition this year was a great success, with 33 artworks sold. Of these 13 were folios and it seemed to be a successful strategy to display them on the tables and stage. Well done to Nicky and Grace for hanging all the pictures so they looked their best. There were a total of 437 visitors, many of whom had heard about the exhibition from the local press thanks to Pauline.

The exhibition raised a profit of £662 of which £240 was from the tombola organised by Barbara and Terry.

Thanks to Martin and all the stewards who volunteered it was a really well organised event with a friendly atmosphere. There were quite a few enquiries about the Society and we have picked up some new members as a result.

Best in show(public vote) was won by Gary Miller for his painting titled A quiet moment.



2. Christmas Party.

The Christmas Party was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Christine and Diane for helping with the food and drink .Big thanks also to Sally and Andy Williams for preparing and running the entertaining quiz. The competition for best Christmas card was won by Richard Day, and the photography competition for best sky was won by Terry Devaney. Best holiday painting was won by Bob Payne for his painting of St Michaels Mount.





3. Winter Programme.

The winter programme organised by Charles Howard has had some excellent workshops run by professionals and members.

Some memorable highlights have been the watercolour portrait demonstration by Roger Dellar, who painted Charles in his ecclesiastic robes.



Sue Cooper led us through painting a dog/pets in watercolour, and we all enjoyed a member workshop by John Davis on a still life in acrylic.

Still to come we have a rocks and water workshop by Bob Payne. We greatly appreciate members providing these workshops and they are always a great learning experience that encourages us to work in other mediums.

4. Silver Cup evening 2026- April 28th

Don't forget to start your paintings for the Silver Cup: this is a social event for members where we can celebrate and enjoy our member's art. Please don't feel worried about showing your art: we would love to have as many entries as possible, and there is bound to be a category that suits you. Categories include novice cup, oils, watercolour, field cup(summer painters) , acrylic cup, portrait cup, mixed media, miniature, flower, life study, wildlife, creative and still life. Entry forms will be available nearer the time.

5. Summer outdoor painting

We had some lovely sunny days last summer painting outdoors. We hope you can join us this summer, bring along whatever drawing or painting medium you wish.

Here is a message from the organiser Bob Payne:

Hello all members of RCPS. Were you aware that there is a Summer Painters Whatsapp group. This allows summer painters to have a say in between venues, and also to be updated on locations and any changes due to weather etc. To join contact Bob Payne on 07922816359.

We usually meet from around 10.00am with a picnic lunch break around 12.30. You can stay as long as you would like. We the members are a friendly lot so come and join us from 19th May to 22nd September.

