

Taunton Art Group Newsletter April 2021



Dear TAG member,

A lot has happened since we last wrote to you in October and no mistake! The surge in the pandemic has kept us all at home again for many months, whilst the rollout of the vaccine programme has given us all hope of a return to better times. We hope that you are keeping well and offer our condolences if you have lost loved ones in recent months.

As you may be aware, we lost long time TAG members Clive Sweet and Pat Hibberd since Christmas. Both were long term loyal members and friends of TAG and we mourn their loss with their families, and hope that our memories of happier times spent painting and their artwork are a lasting legacy to remember them by.

TAG Programme 2021

Thank you to everyone who completed our TAG members' survey last year. Your feedback was very helpful in confirming that many members are keen to return to Comeytrove Hall to enjoy evenings of art demonstrations and workshops with others. The good news is that your TAG committee: Kate Turner and Sharon Larkman (co-chairs), Ilse Hagley (membership, website, exhibition), Barbara Kingswood (monthly challenge), Ken Norris and Mavis Holdsworth (workshops), Sandra Matthews (treasurer), Ken Poustie (demonstrations), Rosie Sheppy (secretary) and Claire Western (patron) have 'digested' the Government Roadmap out of lockdown and have agreed an indicative programme for 2021, see below.

Of course, everything we do is subject to the national Roadmap government restrictions and we will change our plans as these change. At present we anticipate that workshops and evening meetings will all be held at Comeytrove Hall, in line with Covid restrictions applied by the Hall. We hope that we will not be required to limit numbers to 30 people, however **IF** this is necessary, we will advise members of the process to book a place before the first evening meeting, which is planned for 23rd June.

Demonstrations from 19.30 – 21.30:

Wednesday 23/06/21	Paul Weaver, 'Seasonal landscapes' in watercolours
Wednesday 14/07/21	AGM with talk by Ray Balkwill 'Every Picture Tells a Story'
Wednesday 22/09/21	Christine Russell, 'Tuscan Poppy Field' in pastels/acrylics
Wednesday 27/10/21	Hester Berry, 'Landscape in Oils'
Wednesday 24/11/21	Colin Brown, 'London Townscape in Acrylics'

Workshops from 10.00 – 14.00:

Saturday 24/04/21	Paint out afternoon 14:00	Vivary Park (Covid rule of 6)
Saturday 22/05/21	Paint out afternoon 14:00	Castle area opposite Goodlands Garden
Saturday 03/07/21	Claire Western: Brilliant colour resist of local scenes – mixed media	
Saturday 11/09/21	Paul Weaver: Seasonal landscapes – watercolours	
Saturday 09/10/21	Rebecca Mendonca: The drama of Dartmoor – pastels	
Saturday 30/10/21	Margaret Micklewright: Think about inks – inks	
Saturday 20/11/21	Claire Western: Texture & transparency – mixed media	

TAG membership from 2020 rolled over to 2021

If you paid to join TAG from January 2020 onwards, your membership fee is rolled forward and you do not need to pay an additional fee for the 2021 programme.

Attendance at the paint out afternoons, evening demonstration meetings and the AGM is included in your membership.

Reserving a place on a workshop

There is a £20 fee per workshop, five workshops are planned for Autumn 2021. To help keep cash handling to a minimum, we would be grateful if you could pay by BACS (online banking).

To book a place:

1. Contact Ken Norris to book a place – phone/email/in person at an indoor meeting – your name will be added to the attendance list.
2. Ken will write a receipt stating type of payment BACS (online banking)/cheque or cash.
3. The receipt is given to the member at the time of booking or at the next monthly meeting.
4. **If you pay by the BACS online banking process you must pay the £20 fee no later than 10 days before the workshop.** Please include your name and the name/date of the workshop as your reference for the payment.
5. If more than 1 workshop is booked, a BACS payment must be made for each workshop i.e. 2 workshops = 2 payments, each with your name and workshop reference.
6. Ken passes a copy of the receipt to Sandra (treasurer) and 1 week prior to the workshop Sandra confirms payment.
7. If payment is not made, Sandra will contact Ken and the members name will be removed from the workshop list and the first name on the reserve list is contacted.

Account name: Taunton Art Group

Bank name: NatWest

Sorting code: 60-80-06

Account number: 29545455

Ken Norris details are as follows:

Email: kennorris12@gmail.com

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If you are unable to use online banking, TAG can accept payment in person by cash or cheque during a TAG demonstration..

Refreshments Co-ordinator



All the committee roles will be up for re-election at our AGM in July. We are particularly looking for a refreshments co-ordinator. The Covid secure arrangements at Comeytrowe Hall did not include previously include access to the kitchen, however we hope that this will have changed by 23rd June and we may be able to offer tea and coffee again. If you are happy to lead on this, please get in touch with Kate 01823 278232 or Sharon 01823 322699. All members are encouraged to bring a reusable cup for hot drinks to our events.

The TAG Monthly Challenge!

We welcome art on the theme of any of our monthly challenges. As usual, we intend to award a small prize for the member who submits the most entries. Please send a photo to enquiries@tauntonartgroup.com.

March 2021	Music & movement
April 2021	Awakening
May 2021	Blossom
June 2021	Picnic time
July 2021	Sunny sunflower
September 2021	Misty woodland scene
October 2021	A view towards the hills
November 2021	Through the window

Queries?

Please email any queries to enquiries@tauntonartgroup.com or ring 01823 278232 to speak to joint chairperson Kate to chat about TAG. (Kate is working from home so may not be able to answer straight away, please leave a message after the beep).

All best wishes from Kate and the Taunton Art Group Committee