

Verve

The Newsletter for the Rowlands Castle Painting Society

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From The Principal

I shall be retiring from my post in March, after an enjoyable five years. I joined the R.C.P.S. in 1995, later I edited Verve for 10 years and then organised the outdoor summer painting trips for 5 years. It has been a pleasure to meet up with old friends and new artists, new demonstrators, and visit new venues around the area each summer.

We must maintain the energy and passion required to run such a successful Art Society for the next 50 years !

Good Luck to our new Principal (It could be you !)

and I hope you enjoy all the activities organised for us in the future .
Keep Painting !

Gill Dollery.



From The Chairman

To celebrate the Society's 50th Anniversary we are planning a Gala Evening on the 16th May to include a wine reception, a sit-down meal followed by entertainment. The event will be subsidised by the Society and tickets per person will be just £12.50. There is a limit on numbers so initially we shall be accepting members only for a period of about 3 weeks after which, presuming there are places still available, guests will be allowed on a first come basis. Therefore it is imperative that if you want to bring a guest to put your name down as soon as possible. The list will be open from the 10th March and will be found on the table by the Attendance Book.

I hope as many of you as possible will attend this very Special Occasion.

The Programme, as usual, has been diverse and interesting - hopefully giving us all new perspectives and ideas. Numbers attending evening demonstrations have been affected by members avoiding night driving and a reluctance to venture out in the dark Winter hours. To address these concerns some afternoon demonstrations have been arranged which have been well received and this will be kept in mind when organising next year's Programme. Many thanks to all those who have undertaken to do Workshops and to Andy Kerr who has done a sterling job in charge of the increasingly popular Life Group.

I wish to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to all the Committee for their support and dedication throughout the year with a special welcome to Ann Jepson co-opted as Society Secretary in November. The new Website which we all agree is attractive and well presented has already generated new membership and we are indebted to Martin Gebbett for keeping the website regularly updated. Martin has also offered to oversee this year's Silver Cup Awards.

At the AGM we are again electing Officers to Committee and Non-Committee posts. All are important for the smooth running of the Society. As mentioned in the previous Verve some key positions will become Vacant and open for new candidates in particular for: Principal; Chairman; Exhibition Co-ordinator; and Catering Officer(s). We need some new faces to fill these positions with maybe some innovative ideas! Nomination slips are available by the Attendance Book for

proposers and seconders to nominate a candidate for any committee or non-committee post. PLEASE consider if you can help - or if you need any further information speak to one of the Committee.

If there is anything a member wishes to raise at the AGM please inform our Secretary Ann Jepson, (with a seconder if necessary) by 13th March.

I am concluding with an extract taken from an item I found in the 2001 Verve - it seems that nothing changes!! (Please note the number of members)

DISSOLUTION OF THE ROWLANDS CASTLE PAINTING SOCIETY???

The Executive committee have been unable to obtain volunteers to take up vital posts necessary for the proper functioning of The Society.

The situation is so serious that the Treasurer has drawn up for approval alterations to the Society's rules should dissolution become necessary.

The vacant posts could all be operated on a shared basis . We have nearly 250 members so if you have not helped in the past. please show your concern by coming to the AGM to offer your services. If you cannot attend and would like to help contact any Committee Member.

And finally

Be an active Member

Are you an *active* member - the kind who would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings - and mingle with the flock?

Or do you only sit at home and criticise and knock?

Do you ever go and visit a member who is sick?

Or leave the work to just a few - and talk about 'The Clique'?

Come to meetings often - and help with hand and heart?

Don't just be a *member* - please take an *active* part

Think this over members - you do know right from wrong,

Are you an active member - or do you just *belong*?"

With Best Wishes

Barbara

Obituary for Ann Webber



Ann was always an active member of the Society serving as Membership Secretary for 9 years before becoming our very efficient Society Secretary in 2014. She was still taking the Committee Minutes up to last July. Ann also did workshops on a wide variety of subjects with some based on the art of the Australian aborigines and at the same time never failed to support the Silver Cup events and Exhibitions. During the Summer months Ann regularly enjoyed the outside painting days. We shall all miss her.

We send our sincere condolences to Ann's family and a donation to the Rosemary Foundation has been sent from the Society in Ann's memory.



Christmas Party

Our Christmas party was well attended and everybody enjoyed the art quiz matching famous art with the artists. We did a fun "guess what" with pictures and unusual objects dusted off from the attic. Next time we will be asking our members to each bring something unusual, since our stocks have all been seen.

Sally

Longest Serving Member



In our 50th year since forming in 1970 RCPS would like celebrate our longest serving member of The Society, David Collier.

David said “I joined the Society in 1978/79 season as an Artist wanting to have my work exhibited in more locations and RCPS gave me that opportunity.

My art started with pencil drawings in 1952 when I was 11 years old, then in 1963 I started painted in Oils. When I joined RCPS I started painting in watercolour as well. I love these two mediums, which I still use to paint my subjects of landscapes, tidal creeks, Cornish coasts, Italian lakes etc. which I have exhibited in galleries and locations throughout Hampshire, West Sussex and Cornwall.

David served on RCPS committee from 1986 until 2003 as Vice Principle. During this period he was also Acting Principle for one year and Chairman for three years . David found from the beginning that the society was very friendly and helpful, which is something RCPS have always strived to continue over the years.

David said “ I am still a member of the Society because of the friendly atmosphere and the fact that as an Artist you should never stop learning.” RCPS is very grateful for the commitment David has given over the years.

Rowlands Castle Painting Society

Accounts for year 1st Sept 2018 - 31st Aug 2019

Summary

			FINAL	
			This year	Comparison
			2018 - 19	2017-18
Income				
Subscriptions	102 members		3010.00	3270.00
Guests			97.00	104.00
Exhibition profit			134.30	179.71
Art Mart			140.70	107.40
Sat workshop surplus			21.30	73.00
Catering			198.00	80.98
Paddy Holmes - close hol a/c				113.39
Interest - Hampshire Trust Bank			64.64	
TOTAL			3665.94	3928.48
Transfer from JWT account				3064.13
TOTAL with transfer				6992.61
Outgoings				
Insurance			153.00	153.00
Hall hire (Tues -demos, w/s, life)			1079.00	1032.30
Demonstrators			1375.00	1435.00
Tuesday workshops payments			175.00	175.00
Life models			430.00	364.39
Christmas Party (inc. hall cost)			41.83	80.31
Silver Cup (inc. hall cost)			120.95	132.24
AGM			73.45	56.35
Verve mag.			0.00	0.00
Administration			58.34	196.52
Website			131.00	
Capital exp - exh boards, lights etc.			151.87	167.42
TOTAL			3789.44	3792.53
OPERATING loss			123.50	-135.95
TOTAL ASSETS				
At Start - 1st Sept 2018				
Nat West Bank (note 1 page 6)			2919.95	7801.87
Hampshire Trust Bank			5000.00	
Cash			32.59	14.72
TOTAL			7952.54	7816.59
At End - 31st Aug 2019				
Nat West Bank (note 2 page 6)			2764.40	2919.95
Hampshire Trust Bank			5064.64	5000.00
Cash			0	32.59
TOTAL			7829.04	7952.54
Difference - loss			123.50	-135.95
Signed				
Chairman	Barbara Wood	date		
Treasurer	Martin Gebbett	date		
Independent examiner	David Denny	date		

Rowlands Castle Painting Society
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Rowlands
Castle Parish Hall on 26 March 2019 at 2pm

Present –

Committee Members -

Barbara Wood (Chairman), Gill Dollery, Ann Webber, John Davis, Lorraine Boyes, Martin Gebbett, Terry Devaney, Roger Matthews, Jan Roblin
25 members were also present.

Apologies were received from Joan Pender, John and Heather Prime, Sally Williams, Robina Shaw, Pam Fisher, Charles Howard.

Minutes of last AGM

Approval proposed by Bob Payne and seconded by Gill Dollery.
All in favour. Carried.

Principal's Report by Gill Dollery

Gill welcomed all present and especially new members. Gill said that the last 12 months' programme had been well supported except for a falling-off in attendance at evening demonstrations. She expressed admiration for the new website.

Gill reminded members of the approaching Silver Cup Evening and also the Annual Exhibition, encouraging members to contribute paintings and practical help.

Finally, she thanked all who help with running the Society.

Treasurer's Report by Martin Gebbett

The summary of the accounts for 2017/18 has been published in Verve. Michael Coombe has examined and passed them. The detailed and signed accounts are available to view. Acceptance of these accounts was proposed by Peter Dixon and seconded by John Huffell. All in favour. Carried.

Michael Coombe has now retired and David Denny has agreed to be next year's Independent Examiner.

A projection of this year's accounts shows a possible deficit of £200. The committee had agreed to accept a small loss this year but warned members that fees might be increased next year. Most members present approved this. Peter Dixon has been co-opted to the committee as Assistant Treasurer and is to be voted in as Treasurer at this AGM. Martin has agreed to assist Peter until the end of our financial year when Peter will fully take over the post of Treasurer.

Barbara extended thanks to Martin for his very efficient work.

Exhibition Report

Our new Exhibition Co-ordinator, Roger Matthews, showed the meeting the colourful posters and hand-outs he had prepared and asked for support from members in three areas: to make the effort to submit paintings for the exhibition; to all take some handouts to spread publicity; and to volunteer to act as stewards or give other help as needed; all with the aim of making this event a success.

Barbara added to this her request for tombola prizes, to support this valuable fund-raising and enjoyable enterprise.

Media Correspondent's report

Jan thanked Terry for her help and advice.

She then reported inclusion of her articles in publications ranging from Hayling Island, Emsworth, Cosham to Petersfield and as far as Chichester. She asked members to give her details of any new publications they know of. Barbara thanked her for her work in publicising the Society.

Website

Martin drew the attention of members to the new website and asked them for their feedback. He said that more items will be included, such as the AGM Minutes and application forms.

Barbara expressed thanks to Martin and everyone who had contributed to the setting up of the new website which had proved to be quite a complex process.

Election of officers for 2019/20

Two members previously co-opted by the committee:

Treasurer - Peter Dixon

Exhibition Co-ordinator - Roger Matthews

were approved by a show of hands.

Election of the remaining committee officers en bloc was proposed by Gillian Merrett and seconded by Jean Webb. All in favour. Carried.

Principal - Gill Dollery

Chairman - Barbara Wood

Vice-chairman - Terry Devaney

Secretary – Ann Webber

Membership Secretary – John Davis

Programme Organiser – Lorraine Boyes

Media Correspondent - Jan Roblin

Assistant Treasurer until 31 August 2019 - Martin Gebbett

For the post of Vice-Principal, Cathy Hales was proposed by Gill Dollery, seconded by Terry Devaney. All in favour. Carried

Non-Committee Posts

Barbara emphasised the importance of the following posts which ensure the smooth running of the Society.

The following agreed to continue:

Audio - Barbara Wood and Pauline Davis

Verve Editor - Margaret Jennings

Catering Officers - Fiona Chaabane and Susanne McGowan

Life Group - Andy Kerr

Christmas Party Organiser - Sally Williams

Projector Team - John Seymour, John Davis and David Collier

Art Mart Team - Joyce Quinn and John Richards

Martin Gebbett has agreed to be our Website Co-ordinator

Following the resignation of Eileen Hathaway, Jennifer Quaintance and Diane Colwell have agreed to organise Summer Outings.

There remains a vacancy for an Archivist.

Any other Business

Membership - John reported 102 paid-up members, including 17 new members, plus 2 Honorary members.

Evening Demonstrations - Barbara told members that average attendance this winter had been only 26. With the professional demonstrators' fees now between £150-£200 and the additional cost of the hall, the committee are considering a change to the programme. As the reluctance of some members to travel in the evening was thought to be a factor, opinions were sought on the possibility of replacing two afternoon workshops with two demonstrations. A number of ideas were put forward, so the committee will give this more consideration.

Bob Payne was presented with a token for art materials in recognition of his great contribution to the Society over many years.

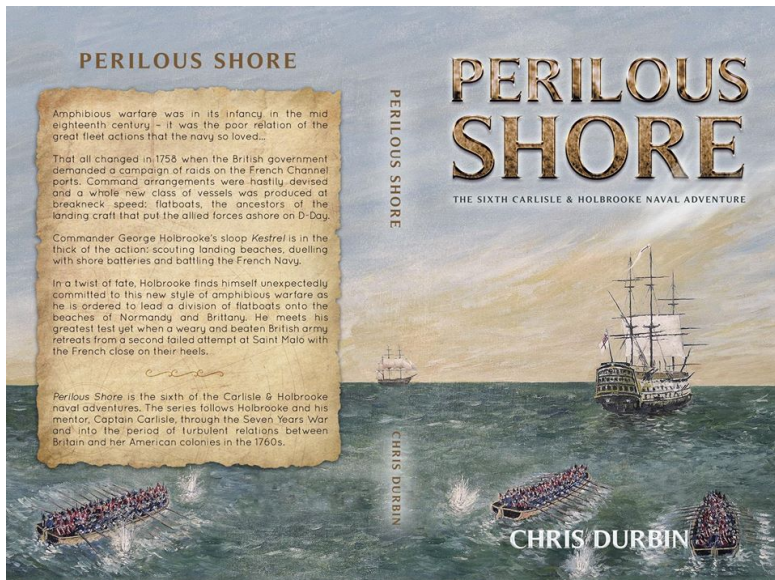
Silver Cup - In the absence of Anne Newsom, members could hand their entry forms to Joyce Quinn today. The time for entries has been extended until 30 March.

50th Anniversary - Barbara told members that the Society's 50th anniversary occurs next year. She asked members to offer their suggestions for a celebration.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.55pm. Tea and cakes followed.

News From Bob Payne

I met author Chris Durbin, who writes historic naval novels about the seven year war, at a book signing and we had a chat about the possibility of having a dust cover relating to the storyline for his next novel. Anyway, long story short, I did indeed design and make a cover which was accepted and is now in print, acknowledgments inside cover.



News from Verve Editor, Margaret Jennings

And here is my recently published book of poetry. Available from the publishers, Dempsey and Windle. Working with the illustrator, Katharine Bale, on the cover design was a delight.

<https://www.dempseyandwindle.com/margaret-jennings.html>



ROWLANDS CASTLE PAINTING SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the next **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
will be held on **Tuesday 24th March 2020** at **2.00 pm**
In **Rowlands Castle Parish Hall**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Approval of 26.3.2019 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. **50th Anniversary**
6. **Exhibition Report**
7. **Media Correspondent's Report**
8. **Election of Officers**
9. **A.O.B.**

Posts For Election

Committee Posts		Non Committee Posts	
Post and Post Holder	Available for re-election	Post and Post Holder	Available for re-election
Principal Gill Dollery	No	Audio B. Wood and Pauline Davis	Yes
Vice Principal Cathy Hales	Yes	Verve Editor Margaret Jennings	Yes
Chairman Barbara Wood	No	Catering Officer(s)	Vacancy
Vice Chairman Terry Devaney	Yes	Life Group Andy Kerr	Yes
Secretary Ann Jepson	Yes	Summer Outings Diane Colwell, Jennifer Quaintance	Yes
Treasurer Peter Dixon	Yes	Xmas Party Org. Sally Williams	Yes
Programme Organiser Lorraine Boyes	Yes	Archivist Cathy Hales	Yes
Media Correspondent Jan Roblin	Yes	Projector Team John Seymour, John Davis, David Collier	Yes
Membership Secretary John Davis	Yes	Art Mart Team John Richards, Joyce Quinn	Yes
Exhibitor Co-ordinator	Vacancy	Webmaster Martin Gebbett	Yes

