

# **Chairman's Letter**

As I write, planning is well underway for installation of the  $206^{th}$  Art Exhibition at the Forum Norwich (10 – 17 May), which promises to be a great looking show. Some 113 pieces of art will be on display with 47 artists being represented across a diverse range of mediums and styles.

Ally and I, along with Council Members, hope to see and chat to many of you at the Private View on Friday 10 May, which ties in nicely with the launch of the Norfolk & Norwich Festival the same evening. We are honoured to have the presence of the Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor James Wright, and Lady Mayoress, who have kindly agreed to open the exhibition.

Later in the year we have two exciting coach excursions – London and the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition on 24 July, and a 'Painting Day' at the Munnings Museum, Dedham on 8 August, for which we will have a small tableau inspired by Munnings' iconic painting *Tagg's Island*.

These are opportunities not to be missed and I would urge you to book your places early – details on information sheets available during the exhibition.

It looks like summer is just round the corner (although current temperatures seem not to have got the memo!) so maybe it's a good opportunity to get out and about and do some location painting or drawing (note to self: try getting out of the studio once in a while...)

See you at the Private View!

# NORFOLK AND NORWICH 207th EXHIBITION

Plans are being made for the next major NNAC exhibition which will be at The Handa Gallery, Wells Maltings, Wells Next-The-Sea from 6th to 26th November 2024.

Continuing our partnership with Munnings Museum and the popularity of the 'black and white' theme at the exhibition at Wells Maltings in 2022, we are inviting artists to submit work on the theme of '**literature'** as Sir Alfred was very inspired by what he read.

Artists are not required to enter themed pieces and can submit artworks for the main exhibition as usual.

In order for artists to have time to work on pieces we are announcing the date of selection well in advance.

# Selection day for 207th NNAC exhibition will be Saturday 28th September 2024 at The Willow Centre, Cringleford NR4 7JJ.

Details and the date when submission forms will be sent to members will be announced in due course.

Do visit the NNAC exhibition at The Forum where there will be a display, kindly lent by Munnings Museum, giving an insight into Sir Alfred's interest in literature, which we trust will inspire you.

# **ART CHAT**

#### The White Horse, The Street, Trowse Newton, Norwich, NR14 8ST. Next meeting Tuesday 14th May 2024 Theme 'Music' Theme for June 'Skies'

The Art Chat meetings are a chance to meet and discuss art related matters with other interested people. We have a theme, which concentrates the ideas into one particular area and helps to concentrate our thought processes. We meet in a room in a pub, which is separated from the bar area, so is quiet and warm. Some members will arrive early to have food in the bar before we start and obviously alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available. It is a great way to meet and learn from others.

Arrive from **6.30pm** for **7pm** start **The pub** will close at **10pm** £5 per person.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday May 10th –17th 2024	206th NNAC exhibition The Forum, Norwich 9.a.m to 5p.m
Tuesday 21st May 2024	NNAC Council meeting 2p.m.
Saturday 25th May 2024	Liz Balkwill demonstration Pastel portrait from Life 2.30-4.30p.m
Saturday 29th June 2024	Jackie Devereux Talk and demo of her art 12.30-5p.m.
Wednesday 24th July 2024	Coach trip to London Royal Academy Summer exhibition
Saturday 27th July 2024	Penny Overton Acrylic/pastel land or seascape 3.30-5.30 p.m.
Thursday 8th August 2024	Coach trip to Munnings Museum for painting day
Saturday 21st September 2024 Bryony Knights Expressionism inspired by van Gogh	
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# INVITATION TO EXHIBIT AT KINGS COURT NURSING HOME, HOLT

An invitation is extended to exhibit at a free exhibition at Kings Court Nursing Home, Hempstead Road, Holt NR25 6DQ. The exhibition will start on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 1pm with drinks on arrival. Any type of artwork is acceptable. Entry for art and the exhibition is free and the exhibition will run for a week. There is an opportunity to sell too.

Rebecca Hough from Kings Court says 'We are aiming to show the talent of the local community and host a great event for everyone!'

Please contact Rebecca Hough directly to arrange exhibiting your artwork: E-mail: kings.activities@kingsleyhealthcare.co.uk or tel: 01263 200084

#### LIFE DRAWING CLASSES IN AYLSHAM

Chris Blackman and Beth Reeks have launched a new life drawing class at Aylsham Friendship Hall, 38 Mill Road, Aylsham NR11 6DS. It started on Thursdays 11th April 2024 2.30-5p.m. For enquiries and booking: E-mail: learnlifedrawing@gmail.com

# LIFE DRAWING GROUP

United Reformed Church Hall 40-42 Ipswich Road, Norwich NR4 6QR

Model sessions from 10 am to 12.45. Set up from 9.30 am. Fees for NNAC members £10 and £15 for guests. Please bring your own materials.

8th May 2024

#### Future date

12th June 2024

To avoid disappointment it is essential that places are booked in advance by e-mail Contact Sara Edwards: sara@gullmeadow.co.uk or text 07518 352250

### **NNAC Life membership**

NNAC Council are able to grant life membership to members who have given exceptional service and at the AGM in April life memberships were awarded to

Jan Motley and Geoff Kitchen.

Both have given so much to the continued success of NNAC over many years and are still actively involved with their support.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2024/5**

Thank you to members who have paid their subscriptions and a reminder that subscriptions are due.

Membership gives you access to a great range of opportunities including submitting your artwork for selection for two major exhibitions each year.

Free demonstrations and talks throughout the year.

Member rates for activities arranged by NNAC.

Monthly newsletter.

Opportunities to take part in other activities arranged by other organisations.

Renewal forms are available via the website: www.nnartcircle.com and can be sent to

Sue Willmer E-mail: wyckdwych@goopiesplace.plus.com

Payment via bacs Sort code: 20-62-57 A/C no 13481778 reference your surnamesubs24

### **EXCURSIONS** Places are going fast!!

NNAC is offering two opportunities to enjoy art this summer

### The RA Summer exhibition, London Wednesday 24th July 2024.

Travel by luxury coach direct to London and enjoy the Summer exhibition or anything you would like to do in London.

Free parking is available courtesy of Notcutts Garden Centre, Daniels Road, Norwich. NR4 6QP.

Coach departs Norwich at 8.15 a.m and will depart from London at 4p.m.

Coach travel for members  $\pounds 22$  and for non-members  $\pounds 30$ .

Tickets for entry to Summer exhibition is not included to allow flexibility of entry.

### Munnings Museum, Dedham, Thursday 8th August 2024

An opportunity to enjoy a day of painting with members of Dedham Art Society at Munnings Museum.

There will be a small tableau provided by Jenny Hand, Director of Munnings Museum. Enjoy the grounds and house and anything you may like to do.

Free parking is available in Norwich courtesy of Notcutts Garden Centre and a pick up at Hedenham, parking courtesy of Hedenham Village Hall NR35 2LB.

Coach departs from Norwich 9a.m. and Hedenham 9.45 a.m. and departs Dedham at 4p.m. Coach travel for members £14.50 and non-members £22.50

To book please e-mail hazelpidsley@hotmail.com or write to 7, Wild Road, Norwich, NR3 3LW

### **EXHIBITIONS OF INTEREST**

Popen Studio weekends: 18 & 19 May, 25, 26 & 27 May Domestications

# POP UP EXHIBITION BUNGAY, SUFFOLK

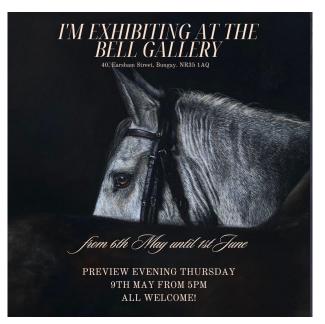
# Munnings: Colour & Light

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Bungay are hosting a pop-up exhibition of prints which re-create Munnings: Colour & Light, a special exhibition previously held at the Munnings Art Museum in 2023.

The exhibition opens on Saturday 27th April 2024 and runs until Monday 6th May.

There is an accompanying shop selling unique gifts, homeware and books from the Munnings Art Museum.



















Paintings Patchwork Sculpture Jewellery Collage Mixed Media