



Kidderminster Art Society AGM 18th February 2016

Chairman's Report by Shelley Waring

This year saw our 85th year as an art society and I feel privileged to have been your chairman in this special year. We followed a slightly different approach in our monthly subjects as we chose to try different mediums to work in.

We had a total of nine demonstrators sharing with us their expertise.

During the year we had a sale of art material, a sketch crawl, three figure drawing nights with models, an origami night and a trip to Bristol.

The club also participated in Bewdley's Art and Craft weekend with an exhibition in St. Anne's Church and also with the Bewdley's Duck House Challenge and The SAA Art Challenge.

There was a workshop ran by myself on Mixed media.

We held our Spring Trophy in April and the winner was Karen Hotchkiss, "2nd was Claire Spencer and 3rd was Dave Worn.

The Annual Trophy was decided by the public vote on the paintings entered and hung in Kidderminster Library. First prize was Lesley Connolly, 2nd was Gina Lee, and 3rd was Karen Hotchkiss.

Colin Hill did an excellent job of photographing all the paintings to go into the exhibition and they were presented on a revolving screen at the entrance of the library.

All members were presented with a new sketch book at The Annual BBQ in June, which was very well attended again this year due to the great weather.

It is always the nights that have someone to lead and is 'Hands on' that prove to be the most popular.

For our Christmas Celebration we had live music by the Journeyman at Trimpley Hall and we had a great night with members and friends coming along.

I would particularly like to thank those members who gave demonstrations this year:

- Claire Spencer who gave a demo on Pastels and ran a hands on work night on mark making.
- David Spurrier who carried us through a whole month on printing and plate making.
- Lucy Jolly who gave us a presentation on Symbolism in art , a well turned out night with several visitors

Thank you also to the members who came along and gave appraisals:

- Rod Edwards
- Shirley Bonas
- James McIntyre
- David Spurrier

I would also like to thank the current committee for all their hard work and their continuing support of KAS. Without them there would be no KAS

But also thank you to you the members who continue to come along and enjoy what Kidderminster Art Society has on offer.