

Winter Newsletter 2018-19

Round-up

November saw members having a go at scraper board art. Thanks to David Spurrier and Lesley Connolly for sourcing the boards and bringing in some fantastic examples of the possibilities of the medium. Our annual exhibition also went up in the library at the beginning of November and was extended until January. A special feature of the exhibition was the poppy boards. Members painted mini canvasses of poppies to sell to the public for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. This was really well received and proved very popular. We made £230 for the appeal. The society also show-cased art books they had been working on throughout 2018. Some really wonderful and original examples of work!

In December we held our Christmas celebration at Trimpley Hall, where we played skittles and had a buffet. A very enjoyable evening! Big thanks to everyone who helped organise the event and to James McIntyre who compared for us.

We kicked off the year with two life-drawing sessions at Trimpley Village Hall. The first on Jan 17th being a session on drawing the female form and the second on 24th Jan drawing the male form. Thanks to Rod for organising the models for us.

7th February we had a brilliant demonstration by Rod Willis on the theme of rivers. He painted a very atmospheric view of Worcester Cathedral in watercolours. We all learnt a few things and picked up some great tips.

The AGM was held on 21st February and a number of new committee members were elected to help run the society. Although no one stepped up for Chairman, it was decided that everyone on the committee would help with all the tasks and admin.

28th February -Members Appraisal. A lovely social evening sharing our art from the last couple of months. The presentation of the annual trophy for the library exhibition was made for the painting receiving the most votes from the public. This year there were two artists sharing joint first; Shelley Waring and Gill Parker. 3rd place went to Christine Sedman-Smith. A presentation was also made to our retiring chairperson Shelley Waring over the last few years. Shelley will continue to support the committee and be involved with the society.