



Newsletter January 2021

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, and let's hope we get back to something like normality soon.

2020 VISION PROJECT

Some of you may have completed the 2020 Vision Project last year, but don't worry if not; it was a pretty tall order. Hopefully it did give you some inspiration for subject matter through the long lock-down months. Perhaps when we meet again, it would be nice for our first meeting to just have a sociable catch-up and bring your artwork for members to browse through and enjoy.

2021 – WHAT NEXT?

As it seems that we probably will not be able to meet for a few months yet, I thought that we could perhaps do another themed or prompt-driven project. If you have any ideas, please do email them to me. We could start off January with a monthly theme of 'Through the Window'.

For those members that wish to do more than one painting per month, we could sub-divide into 4 weekly prompts, based loosely around the monthly theme.

January Theme – Through the Window

Week 1 – Winter Garden

Week 2 – Counting Birds

Week 3 – Hard Surfaces

Week 4 – Dog Walkers

February Theme – My Cosy Place

Week 1 – Favourite Chair

Week 2 – My Studio

Week 3 – TV Dinner

Week 4 - Snuggled Up

March – Travel Poster

Week 1 - Favourite City

Week 2 – Cruising

Week 3 – Lakes and Mountains

Week 4 – Beach Life

If you do any crafts, why not share your creations on our social media platforms? (See links below), Kevin H has had a go at whittling, Jennie M is knitting Christmas card motifs for 2021. What are you up to?

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If any members or anyone on the Committee has any further ideas please email or text me. Thanks
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AGM

Having spoken with our Treasurer Jennie, the AGM will be postponed until we can meet face to face. Obviously this will have to wait for some time . In the meantime, if anyone has any ideas for online activities or should wish to get more involved with organising events, do let me know.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Although we are not paying for the hall at the moment, we do still have some expenses to cover, namely the web site and insurance. The society will continue to pay these costs from existing funds for the time being. Once we commence meeting and using the hall, we will ask for a reduced amount of subs to help cover the extra costs. Depending on when we resume meetings, this may be around £10 or £12 per member.

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

Our Virtual Exhibition did not hit as wide an audience as I had hoped, but it was a new experience. If we do any more, hopefully they should do better. If nothing else, I think our members enjoyed seeing each others' work!

EXHIBITIONS 2021

The exhibition scheduled for St George's Hall has been postponed again. As soon as we have new dates, I will let you know. I would hope that we will be able to resume our annual exhibition at the library in November, and maybe the Tea Rooms at Witley will host us again. The exhibition at Hartlebury Castle may also be on the cards in September.

SOCIAL MEDIA

I have been updating the website www.kidderminsterartsociety.co.uk with some of the things we have managed to do in 2020. You will also find all previous Newsletters available there for download. Many members have uploaded images of their work and also some useful and fun videos on our FaceBook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/228089888863998> and more recently to our WhatsApp Group. Please email me for the WhatsApp link if you wish to join.

OUTDOOR SESSIONS

The outdoor sessions we did last year proved quite popular so I think as soon as the weather is warm enough and we are once again allowed to meet up outside, we should put together a programme of outdoor events. Once again, I am requesting that if anyone has any suggestions about where we could go, to let me know.

That's all for now folks! Hope you all have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021.

Karen H