

# Kidderminster Art Society – Summer Newsletter 2023

At long last the warmer weather seems to have arrived! Let's hope it continues.

## SPRING TROPHY 2023

April's Spring trophy was won by Clive Betts this year, the first time in his many years of membership, so he was really delighted! Well done Clive for a really interesting seascape submission in watercolour and pastel. Worthy runners up were Dawn with her abstracted landscape and Lesley's puffins in mixed media.

Many thanks go to Jennie for providing the refreshments and everyone who helped set the room up, make teas and coffees and packed away afterward of course.

## MAY

The theme of the month was Coronation.

On 11<sup>th</sup> May Clive did a wonderful demonstration followed by a short workshop using ink and wash. Clive kindly brought along a fine fibre-tip pen for everyone and some objects to do a still-life sketch. We set about trying the techniques, using a pencil to sketch in a rough outline, then selecting some lines and using a waterbrush to pull the ink out to make shadows and reflections. The pencil sketches were then erased. It was an interesting and very enjoyable evening.

## JUNE

NOTE: The first meeting in June is early this month as the **second week falls on the 8<sup>th</sup> June** with the following meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Theme of the month is "Colour Me Happy".

Paint your favourite subjects in bright colours or bring in old magazines to cut up and make collages. **The Thursday sketching group** has more outings organised; programme attached. Just turn up, pay any entry and car parking fees, and enjoy the day sketching. No need to book. They often pick places with a café and toilets.

## JULY

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 we have been invited to exhibit at St Georges Hall. There is limited space at this venue so we will only be able to submit one painting each. Exhibition entry form and details are being emailed out but will also be available to download from the web site [www.kidderminsterartsociety.co.uk](http://www.kidderminsterartsociety.co.uk). Please note that the hanging instructions must be adhered to, or they will be unable to put your paintings up. Labels on string should be attached to the reverse of the painting to hang over the front of the work and "D" rings should not be too small and are screwed on tight. Take-down is on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

**The meeting dates for July are 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Happy painting !