

## CAS Newsletter – March 2022

Dear Members

Our first Award of the year, the **Natural Life Award**, went very well, and Ronnie Ireland did a sterling job of adjudicating it as usual. **Dennis Mossman** won first prize with his painting entitled 'The Coming Storm', and **Karen Swann** came a very worthy second with her painting entitled 'Global Melting'. The standard of the competition was very high.

### Thursday March 3rd Rick Holmes - demo of boats in acrylic ink and pastel

This is a morning meeting: doors open 9.30am, notices at 10.00am and demo starts 10.15 am to 12.15pm.

Rick's demos are always fun to watch and he is good at explaining what he is doing and why.

You can see some of Rick's work on his new website: [rickholmesartist.com](http://rickholmesartist.com)

He has a follow up workshop on **Thursday March 24th**. If you are interested, please sign up on the booking sheet on the notice board, contact Julie on 01243 779091 or email her at [yankyduely@talktalk.net](mailto:yankyduely@talktalk.net)

### Our AGM is on the evening of Thursday 17th March.

We hope you will all come along for the meeting and join us afterwards in a glass of wine or a soft drink.

There will be a Bring and Buy Sale after the meeting, the proceeds of which will go to **The Snowdrop Trust** which is the charity CAS supports.

If you wish to donate any new or used art items to the sale it would be really helpful if you could bring them along beforehand, either at Rick's demo or Painting with Friends. This will help us with organisation.

NB The library will not be open on the evening of the AGM as there will not be room to set it up.

### Summer Exhibition – Tuesday 7th to Sunday 19th June

You should all have received Jane Davies' email about this.

Please don't forget to email Jane at ([janedavies31@gmail.com](mailto:janedavies31@gmail.com)) by the end of March if you wish to exhibit. Only your name is required at this stage, no details of works.

### **REFRESH: Upgrading and modernising of the Oxmarket.**

Things are changing at the Oxmarket as part of their modernising project "Refresh". It will now be known as Oxmarket Contemporary, here is the website link for more information <https://www.oxmarket.org/>

There is a new team in place Andrew Churchill - Gallery Director, Holly Fox-Lee - Gallery Administrator, Hollie Chamberlain - Weekend Assistant also changes to the building and display areas. Their aim is to curate exhibitions and run events designed to encourage emerging artists to develop their practice.

There are some display changes with the intention of creating a better display space. The John Rank central display boards will no longer be in use, there will be additional space made available from the previous print area, new better display cabinets for jewellery and plinths for sculptures. There is a new shop selling art and craft works in the lobby area.

We have reserved both the John Rank and Wilson Galleries and are having regular meetings with Andrew Churchill to discuss our exhibition and look forward to displaying it in this lovely space.

Christine Wheeler  
Publicity Secretary

### **Parking**

Just a quick reminder that parking is not allowed in the residents only bays during the day even with a blue badge, but you can park on the yellow lines outside BS if you have a blue badge. Parking is allowed in the residents bays in the evening.

We can now park in front of the Church Hall in the BS car park as they are no longer letting the hall. It is used as a breakfast club for the homeless during the morning but we can still park there. We have been asked not to park front of the Newell Centre on Thursday mornings as they run a Stroke Club then, and their members need to be able to access the back doors as they cannot walk far.

Looking forward to seeing you at Rick's demo.

Regards,  
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