

CAS Newsletter – 3 December 2021

Please see below the latest CAS Newsletter from Maggie Lawrence our Programme & Social Secretary maggiemaylawrence@hotmail.com:

Dear Members,

What a fantastic turnout for **Roger Dellar's** demonstration of 'Painting a Garden' in oils on Thursday. Roger, who is a very talented artist, treated his audience to a masterclass as usual.

A Message from Librarians Dennis and Sally

A big thank you to everyone who supported the book sale on Thursday, it was lovely to see you all again. We're delighted to let you know that we raised just over £60 for the library fund which will go towards a few new and interesting books as well as some improvements to the library itself.

We hope to be able to start the library running as soon as possible in the New Year but in the meantime send you all our best wishes for the Christmas season.

Christmas Party

Unfortunately, we didn't have enough interest in this event, so sadly we have had to cancel it. I know that uncertainty about Covid and the new variant has put a lot of members off attending, and I understand and respect your decision. Those members who have already bought tickets will receive a full refund.

Painting with Friends

The last session for PwF this year is Tuesday 7th December. We start back again after the Christmas holiday on Tuesday 4th January.

For those of you who have not attended before or are new members, this is a drop-in session running from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and costs £4. You can paint in any medium you like, but please be mindful that if you paint in oils that some members may be allergic to volatile solvents.

It is a very friendly and supportive group and provides an opportunity to meet with likeminded people, and in my case, to actually get my paints out and do some painting. You do not have to be a member of CAS, so please feel free to bring along a friend.

Next Year's Programme

We have an exciting start to our programme in 2022, On the morning of January 6th

Florence, from **Fab Falconry**, will be bringing 4 birds of prey for a sketching / talk session.

While you are sketching the birds Florence will tell you all about them, and during the break you will have an opportunity to handle the birds if you wish.

Definitely something to look forward to in the New Year.

2021 has been quite an eventful year, and I am amazed how quickly it has passed and that Christmas is upon us once again. We started up meeting tentatively back in May once we were allowed to mingle again, our Annual Exhibition was the best ever in terms of sales and Painting with Friends has seen its biggest turn out since it began. So, all in all, a good year for CAS under the circumstances. A big thank-you to you all for helping it happen.

I would like to finish the final Newsletter of the year by wishing you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year from myself and all the Committee. We look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Regards,
Maggie