



## **Abergavenny Art Group – Autumn 2017 - updated**

Of course we are still celebrating the Art Group's 80<sup>th</sup> year and we started our Autumn series of events with an illustrated talk by Malcolm Meadows entitled "*Born in '37 like the art group*" and centred on the work of David Hockney. However, on 25<sup>th</sup> September it is your turn to paint in the style Hockney in a workshop at the Community Centre at Park Street.

As always our events are detailed on our website [www.abergavennyartists.co.uk](http://www.abergavennyartists.co.uk) together with other news and pictures.

Having moved to the Abergavenny Community Centre there have been links established between our Facebook page and that of the Community Centre so that news of our planned events are brought to more people's attention.

### **Our President**

We regret to announce that our President Mrs Stinchcombe has died. She had been President of the Group for many years and she will be sadly missed. Our condolences have been expressed to her family.

### **Our new Chairman**

The Art Group committee have elected Sarah Hoddy as its Chairman. Relatively new to the Art Group she was keen to take on this role. She grew up in the Home Counties and became a nurse working in Intensive care. She made art her hobby and took some courses in drawing and painting. Later she had the opportunity to teach art to children of 16yrs and younger.

Sarah says, "This was a time, 8 years in all, that my skills in this field were honed and I was able to increase my background knowledge of the subject. I enjoyed every minute of it!"

When her and her husband retired they went to live in the south of France where she founded and lead a small art group for 14 years which she hopes will be useful experience for her as Chairman.

### **A New Life-Member**

Dr Alfred Bracchi was awarded life membership of the Art Group at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition where he was also the featured artist exhibiting many of his portraits and landscapes.

### **Welcome to the Committee**

We are pleased to announce that two new members join the Art Group Committee. Andrea Jackman will be ensuring that we get the most out of social media eg Facebook to promote the Group. Katherine Jordan becomes our Press Officer.

### **A change from Ceramic Art to Gelli Mono printing!**

On 9<sup>th</sup> October we would have had an evening of ceramic art with a difference – but Garry Jones has cancelled. We hope to be able to get him back at a later date. Sarah Hoddy has stepped in with plans to give a demonstration of mono printing - an addictive process.

### **Workshop on 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

In this un-tutored session you'll be able to come along and paint or draw whatever you wish. Put into practice the mono painting techniques or catch up on the Hockney inspired work from an earlier workshop.

### **Painting a Portrait**

Alex Brown has been invited along on 13<sup>th</sup> November to give a demonstration and hold a discussion on painting a portrait by a structured approach. For this evening there will be a £4 charge per person.

As usual, two weeks later, on 27<sup>th</sup> November you'll be able to put what you've learnt about portrait painting into practice at our workshop.

### **Christmas Social**

Our Christmas social evening will be on 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Abergavenny Community Centre.

### **Our Stall in Abergavenny Thursday Market**

The Art and Craft markets resume again on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. It is a chance to have your artwork on display and for sale to the public. It is also an opportunity to advertise the Art Group and its activities.

### **Abergavenny Artists website**

We are always looking to add new pictures to our galleries. Email them to [info@abergavennyartists.co.uk](mailto:info@abergavennyartists.co.uk) with their titles and media.