

Isle of Man Art Society
THE ELLYN, OFF WITHINGTON ROAD, DOUGLAS
NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

Dear Members,

First of all we have a few words from our Chairman Dave Sayle

A large pot of Alizarin Crimson stood on the desk, a recent Christmas present, taunting me to create some work of art for entry into the Easter Exhibition but every time my brush touched the canvas the paint would fade and disappear. Start again, same result. Not to worry the Exhibition was three months away. Two months! One month! I woke with a start.

This time it was mid-February and I was standing in a cold large empty space defined by three yellow walls and one of glass. Could it be transformed into the venue for our Easter Exhibition within five weeks? Wake up, no, this was reality!

Following an inspired suggestion and invitation by the host of our Autumn Exhibition, Andrew Thomas, CEO, Shoprite Group, Diane (your Secretary) and I visited the site of the old Shoprite in Village Walk, Onchan. Although the premises had lain empty for some considerable time there was no doubting its potential as a new venue for an Easter Exhibition. The question was, for 2016?

Four days later our Committee obviously thought so, as full of an infectious enthusiasm, they boldly decided that all obstacles were surmountable and voted to proceed with the new venue. On that wave of infectious optimism, and Diane's planning, pushing and red hot mobile 'phone, the committee, members and volunteers, painted (display boards), cleaned, erected, hired and moved equipment. With Douglas Corporation Parks & Gardens providing floral highlights the "space" was dressed and ready on time.

The number of member's entries matched those of the previous year and there was clearly a higher footfall, attributed to the much more convenient parking facilities and, dare I say, free entry. In turn, this resulted in slightly improved sales, good support for the raffle of Peter Leadley's marine painting and generous public donations, in lieu of charging for exhibition programmes, which enabled us to present a cheque for £1,000 to the Princess Diana Hospice at Home charity.

What an effort, what a result! A brilliant job and thanks to all who gave so generously of their time and effort, also to those members and visitors who expressed their kind comments. It made all the effort worthwhile.

p.s. I did wake up in time, the paint stuck to the canvas, didn't fade and I got the entry in on time. Phew!

David Sayle

Thank you Dave Now how do I follow that! Here goes.

*Our **Easter Exhibition** this year was once again kindly opened by His Excellency, Mr. Adam Wood, Moore Stephens's (Andrew Dixon) and our Chairman Dave Sayle. This year's preview evening was very well attended with over 100 guests and enjoyed by everyone that attended our new venue in Onchan Village Walk.*

I would like to thank Peter Leadley for kindly donating his painting of Point of Ayre Light House this year, which raised £1,089.60.

I would also like to thank Moore Stephens for their generous sponsorship of £500 which helps towards the overall cost of the Exhibition

The Easter Exhibition would not be able to run year after year without those people who volunteer their spare time with a whole range of tasks from transporting boards, setting up the exhibition, inputting data into the computer, and manning the exhibition on a daily basis and without these people we would not be able to run a successful and professional exhibition.

Not all these helpers are members: some are relatives, husbands, wives and friends of members, so a big thank to you all on behalf of the committee.

We will not be hosting an Autumn Exhibition this year, as we would like to concentrate purely on preparing for next year's Easter Exhibition, hopefully in the same venue at Onchan Village Walk. We propose to increase the number of exhibits to 6 per member and this action would give you as a member more time to prepare and the opportunity to exhibit more of you wonderful art work if you wish.

So let get busy now and don't leave it till last minute you have 10 months to get you Exhibits ready.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday evening 7-9pm we will be close over the TT fortnight 31st may and 7th June

Wednesday 8th June day time closed TT week - but will be open Practice week.

Evening Paint /sketching Thursday evenings throughout the summer months

Time 6.30pm -9pm

June	Time 6.30pm -9pm location	July	Time 6.30pm -9pm location	August	Time 6.30pm -9pm location
16th	Old Kirk Braddan Church	7th	Laxey Tram Station	4th	Castletown Harbor
23rd	Groudle Glen meet at carpark	14th	Peel Castle meet Fenella car park	11th	Molly Quirks Glen (White Bridge Onchan) Entrance
30th	Douglas Quay meet at Railway	21st	Old Lonan Church	18th	Cregneish
		28th	Monks Bridge	25th	Port Jack chippy after
	If Weather is wet please assume that the evening will be cancelled				

Summer sketching Monday afternoons starting – April 27th -21st Sept 1pm till 4pm, see attached form for venues and dates. Please ring Margaret on 676119 if unsure of destination, or if the weather is poor. In which case we will paint in Thie Ellyn.

Annual General Meeting – Date 27th October 2016 info to follow

Clay Club last Thursday Evening of Each month 7-9pm

To aid future **circulation of Society information**, could you please let our Membership Secretary have your email addresses if you are happy to receive newsletters, etc. by email. This will help us to save on production and postage costs. Please send your details to Mrs. Linda Gilpin gilpinfamily@manx.net

Hall Hire: If any members are looking for somewhere to hold an event this year, or know of someone else who is, please remember that Thie Ellyn is available to hire. Subject to availability and all initial enquiries should be directed to Mr. Robert Moore Tel 428722/ 402830

Kind regards,
Diane Moore (Hon. Secretary)
Isle Of Man **Art** Society

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Monday Afternoon outdoor Sketching 1.00pm - 4.00pm**Map/Ref - 3rd column.**

May	9	Old Braddan Church	364769	
	16	Ballaglass Glen	468898	
	23	St Runius	321787	
	30	Monks Bridge	280704	Practices
June	6	Langness Car Park	285660	T T Races
	13	Laxey Tram Station	433844	
	20	Cregneish	109674	
	27	Peel Castle	246841	
July	4	Derbyhaven	285677	5 July, Tynwald Day
	11	Niarbyl	212776	
	18	Pooyl Vaaish corner	240685	
	25	Ballachrink, Old Castletown Road	312716	
Aug	1	St Luke's Church	360824	Bank Holiday
	8	Port St Mary, Chapel Beach	215680	
	15	Scarlett	257668	
	22	Nunnery	374753	
	29	Balladoole Farm	248686	
Sept	5	Groudle Glen	420782	
	12	Keristal end of Marine Drive	365731	

Please ring Margaret on 676119 for directions or a debate about the weather

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