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| cid:image004.png@01D5F008.D717E650     Little Gem Arts & Crafts Gallery   cid:image005.png@01D5F008.D717E650  **Newsletter Number 1 – March 2020**  **For those of you who have not yet subscribed to these email newsletters, or who do not use email; these newsletters will also be posted in a prominent place in the Gallery.**  **If you wish to be added to the email distribution, please send your email address to Wilkie at** [**srwilkinson1953@gmail.com**](mailto:srwilkinson1953@gmail.com)**.**  **Some Little Gem dates for your 2020 diaries:**  Saturday – Sunday     4th-5th April                  Easter Fayre  Saturday – Monday    2nd-4th May                 Little Gem Exhibition \*  Friday                          8th May                       VE Day – Bookstall  Sunday                        2nd August                  Art on the Beach  Saturday – Sunday     4th-5th July                   Summer Fayre  Saturday – Sunday     29th-30th August          Childrens’ Exhibition \*\*  Saturday – Sunday     28th-29th November    Christmas Fayre Sunday                        20th December            Gallery closes for Christmas  Tuesday                      5th January 2021         Gallery re-opens  **\* Little Gem Exhibition**  This year, the Little Gem Exhibition will take on a different format.  Artists will be invited to submit artwork in any media; watercolours, oils, acrylics, mixed media, etc.  All media will be exhibited together.  The exhibition will probably be held at another venue away from the Gallery to enable maximum visitors and to try not to affect the running of the Gallery.  Any suggestions, or introductions, for a (free) venue would be well received.  Just let one of the Committee members know.  Additionally, this year we already have at least one sponsorship from the Wilkinson family.  So there will be a competition with, at least, one prize for the best paintings.  If you wish to, or know anyone else (individual, company, or retail outlet) who would be interested in offering further sponsorship, please contact a Committee member.  **\*\* Childrens’  Exhibition**  Thanks to the generosity of the Maritime Centre, this year, the Childrens’ Exhibition will be held in the Latimer Room at the Maritime Centre.  **Little Gem Logo**  Artists are invited to offer suggestions for a logo to be used to represent the Little Gem Gallery.  Put your brains to work and spark off that artistic flare; get a logo designed and pass it to one of the Committee members for consideration.  There will be a prize for the winning entry.  **Woodhorn Exhibition**  A reminder that the ‘Northumberland: Magic and Myth’ art exhibition is being held at the Woodhorn Museum until Sunday 19th April 2020.  Last year, we found it very beneficial going around the exhibition with fellow artists.  So, a group of us are planning to visit the exhibition, provisionally on Wednesday 11th March.  We will be meeting at the Gallery at 12:00 (or the Museum at 12:15) and sharing transport to visit the exhibition. If you are interested in going please let me know.  Everyone seems to agree that the exhibition this year is a far better standard than last (apart from the winner!) and that is not just because we have a painting exhibited by one of our own Little Gem artists!  **Holiday Craft for Kids**  Christine is planning to hold some Craft sessions during the Summer Holidays – more details nearer the time  **Class fees**  In case you don’t know the reason why the class fees have gone up by 50p:  With the number of classes and attendees at each class, the income was just not enough fully to cover the operating costs of the Little Gem Gallery.  So, by increasing the adult charges by 50p we should be able to break even in future.  **Any more?**  Please let me know if there are any other topics which you would like to see included in these newsletters; or, in fact, if you have any input or contributions, please let me have them in time for their inclusion in the newsletters (which I shall try to circulate at the end of each month).  Steve Wilkinson  1st March 2020 |
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