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| cid:image004.png@01D5F008.D717E650     Little Gem Arts & Crafts Gallery   cid:image005.png@01D5F008.D717E650  **Newsletter Number 4 – June 2020**  **I hope that you are all still well, keeping safe and observing all the Government Guidelines.**  Perhaps we can see the end of the restrictions on the horizon and that it won’t be TOO long before we can all get back together one way, or another.  During this lock-down period, if you need any guidance or advice about your painting, please don’t hesitate to contact me by email or phone.  **Little Gem Virtual Gallery reaches 100 Exhibits**  Although our Virtual Gallery has only been operating less than 8 weeks, we currently have **102** paintings exhibited from **10** artists.  So, if you have never sent any photos of paintings to me, or it is a while since you have done so, get your paintings photographed (or scanned) and send them to me for ‘hanging’. Any paintings done (or finished off) during the lockdown are also eligible for the end-of-lockdown competition – see below.  You can visit the virtual gallery by going to:  <https://www.artsteps.com/view/5e8db2dd01608162e13d9d60>  If you are not used to these types of VR model, the following describes how to get around the gallery:  At the bottom left corner is a plan view of the ‘U’ shaped gallery.  Left click anywhere in the plan to move your viewpoint to that position. Then to turn around, left click anywhere on the view of the gallery, hold in your left button and move the mouse around the gallery view (predominantly left or right, but you will be able to go up and down a bit).  You will soon get used to it.  To move forward (or to get closer to the paintings in front of you) press the ‘Up arrow’, or ‘W’  To move back, press the ‘Down arrow’ key, or ‘S’  To move left, press the ‘Left arrow’ key, or ‘A’  And, to move right, press the ‘Right arrow’ key, or ‘D’  After a little practice, you will be moving about the gallery with ease.  For those techy types who want to do it on their phones:  For iPhone:         go to  <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/artsteps/id1421672085> and load the app for free.  (or go to App Store and type in Artsteps)  For Androids:      go to <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gr.dataverse.artstepsv2&hl=en_GB> and load the app for free.  (or go to Google Play and type in Artsteps)  Once you have the app installed, just search for Gem (or if you have nothing better to do and want to see my personal gallery, search for Wilkie).  **Northumberland Lottery**  I see that one of our supporters (Mr S of Cramlington) was a winner on Saturday (30 May). So there is hope for the rest of us!  But, remember, ‘you have to be in it to win it’. So, if you haven’t yet bought your tickets (or want to buy some more to increase your chance of winning), go to the website, buy your tickets (through the Little Gem page) and 50% of the proceeds will come to our charity AND you stand a chance of winning £25,000 - and all for just £1 per week!  For more information visit: [www.NorthumberlandLottery.co.uk](http://www.NorthumberlandLottery.co.uk) click on ‘Buy Tickets’ and search for The Little Gem Arts and Crafts Gallery.  The more people who we get to enter via our ‘The Little Gem Arts and Crafts Gallery’ page on the lottery, the more money comes into our charity. So spread the word (as long as you keep 2 metres from the recipient! ☺ ).  **Little Gem Logo**  We haven’t yet seen ***any*** proposals for the Little Gem Logo for us to use on the Northumberland Lottery and other places,  Remember, there will be a prize for the winning entry!  If we don’t have any proposals this month, I will have to have a go myself – and, I’m sure, you don’t want to be stuck with one of my designs!! So get thinking and designing.  **Art Programmes on TV**  A new programme is hitting the screens on Saturday. It is **“The World’s Greatest Paintings” with Andrew Marr. It is on Channel 5, 8:15 – 9:15**, starting on **Saturday 6th June**. As there are 10 paintings being covered, it is probably going to run for 10 (or 5?) weeks. I hope you enjoy it!  Please find below the usual reminder of TV programmes which have been sent in by your fellow artists.  The Joy of Painting - Bob Ross BBC4 Monday to Thursday 7pm  Grayson Perry's Art Club Channel 4   Monday 8pm (last of series tonight)  The Painting & Drawing Channel (SAA) Sky 191 & Freesat 400  Mondays 9:30 - 10:30 & 5:00 – 5:30  Portrait Artist of the Year (6 seasons) Sky Catch Up  Of course, all of Bob Ross’s programmes are available on iplayer at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000hjkz/the-joy-of-painting>  Alternatively, just go to iplayer and search for either *art* or *painting* and there are lots of other good (and some not-so-good) programmes there.  Equally, try also the following and search for *art* or *painting*:  Channel 4 (Grayson Perry etc.) <https://www.channel4.com/>  Bob Ross has some programmes on Netflix <https://www.netflix.com/search?q=art> or <https://www.netflix.com/search?q=painting>  Let me know if you know of any other sources and I will publish in next month’s Little Gem Newsletter.  **Hannah Shergold**  I came across an artists website which you might find interesting. Not my scene – I think she spoils brilliant pictures by adding the lines and geometric shapes.  Have a look for yourself: <https://www.hannahshergold.com/>  **Painting at Home Competition**  Remember, at the end of the shutdown when we are back to normal, I will be running a competition of all paintings done by our groups whilst at home during the shutdown.  I will include all paintings which have been submitted for the Little Gem Virtual Gallery, as well as any which you may bring in to the workshops once they get going again.  The competition prize is being donated by the benevolent Mrs Wilkinson (my mum)! ☹  **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 start of each month).  In this trying time, if you have any art & craft related news, or gossip, please pass it to me and I will include it in the next newsletter (or by a special email, if appropriate).  **Stay safe and healthy**!  Steve Wilkinson  1st June 2020 |
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