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| cid:image001.png@01D6221F.6EFA5B40     Little Gem Arts & Crafts Gallery   cid:image002.png@01D6221F.6EFA5B40  **Newsletter Number  5 – July 2020**  **I hope that you are all still well, keeping safe and still observing all the Government Guidelines.**  **Keeping my fingers crossed that, fairly soon, we will be able to get back together for our workshops and classes.**  During this lock-down period, if you need any guidance or advice about your painting (as that is probably all that most of us will be doing whilst locked in our homes!), please don’t hesitate to contact me by email or phone.  **Little Gem Shop opens**  Brian and Lillian re-opened the gallery for business last Saturday (20th June).  Following the triumphant re-opening, the Little Gem Gallery will now be open **EVERY Saturday 12-3 pm** for your art and gossip needs.  (Don't worry, Anti-Covid measures are in place, because YOUR safety is a priority!)  Once we have direction from the Government, we will be re-commencing workshops and lessons as soon as it is allowed.  Your committee will let you know by email and on Facebook when we have the go ahead and have all the necessary measures in place.  **Northumberland Lottery**  Well, so far we have 3 winning tickets from people supporting our charity.  And, that is from only 12 people who have entered and nominated Little Gem as the beneficiary.  Why not buy some tickets and tell all your friends to do likewise.  It could be you next!  Buy your tickets before then (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 1+ metre from the recipient!  ).  **Little Gem Logo**  We now received a few entries for the new Little Gem logo design.  There are some good ones there.  But I am sure that you could do even better!  So, now you have still got some time on your hands, get your thinking caps on and design something fantastic for us to use on the Northumberland Lottery and other places,  Remember, there will be a prize for the winning entry!  **Interesting websites**  If you are interested in viewing some novel wildlife paintings, try the following website:  <https://www.hannahshergold.com/>  Or , if you are more interested in aviation, maritime and other paintings, try:  <https://www.derekblois.co.uk/>  **Little Gem Virtual Gallery**  The Little Gem Virtual Gallery is now completely full!  We currently have well over **130** paintings exhibited from **10** artists.  I have had to start a second gallery; and the first two paintings are already ‘hanging’ there!  Now that’s good going!  So, for those of you that haven’t yet sent in any photos of paintings to me, get started and see yours up there too!  Any paintings done (or finished off) during the lockdown are eligible for the end-of-lockdown competition.  You can visit the virtual gallery by going to:  <https://www.artsteps.com/view/5e8db2dd01608162e13d9d60>  and the **2nd gallery** by going to:  [**https://www.artsteps.com/view/5ef9b5ea8edcb11c650a4e54**](https://www.artsteps.com/view/5ef9b5ea8edcb11c650a4e54)  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.  It works well on computers; but, what about phones and tablets?  Well, thanks to Val, we now know how to view the gallery on our phones (if you have Android, or iPhone – it doesn’t work on windows phones).  But, you will have to install the app first!  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).  I’ve tried it on Android and it seems to work (although it is a little more difficult to navigate around the room using the feet icon).  I can’t afford an iPhone, so can’t check.  But it should work OK.  If, and when, I get a few moments, I will try to create a guided tour which may make it easier to view.  [**Stay safe and healthy**!](https://www.sky.com/watch/title/series/ea09995e-34a0-4d81-bb30-aa8440cf722f)  [Steve Wilkinson](https://www.sky.com/watch/title/series/ea09995e-34a0-4d81-bb30-aa8440cf722f)  [1st July 2020](https://www.sky.com/watch/title/series/ea09995e-34a0-4d81-bb30-aa8440cf722f) |
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