



A Message from our Chair

It appears that the classes and clubs being offered by the Newbiggin Arts Centre are proving to be very popular. Virtually all the sessions are now running at full capacity. Just a few places are left if you want to join in – just get in touch with us. Your committee is now working on plans to add more available times without putting too much additional workload on the session leads. This probably means that we need to employ someone part- or full-time to run the studios and to get professionals in to run some classes. If you are interested in either of these roles (or know someone who is), please get in touch! We will keep you up to date with the plans as they develop. But don't worry, any additional costs will be covered and you will still only have to pay the same for the services which you get! 😊



Extending a huge welcome!

We are very excited to be able to introduce you to **George Stoker** as a new trustee and committee member of our NAC team. He is bringing a new and diverse set of skills and experience that will help us to offer even more to our members and the community of Newbiggin. Here is what he has to say:

"I am excited by the opportunity to help develop the NAC and its activities. In the next few months I hope to be able to offer printing classes for us to enjoy. It will be great to meet you all.

My background is both within the arts and science. I graduated with an MA in Participatory Arts and Media in 2019 from Sunderland University where I focussed on using augmented reality to display artists' work. I used to run a theatre company and still enjoy running the occasional theatre and music workshop.

I hope to be heavily involved in the development and launch of the upcoming Newbiggin Arts Festival. Please feel free to grab me for a chat when you can."

We look forward to working with you George and can't wait to begin thinking and planning for our first Newbiggin Arts Festival, being planned for 2023.



Opportunities galore!

Are you new to Newbiggin and want to meet new people and make friends?

Do you have an interest in the arts?

Do you like to have fun, learn new skills, and get involved with your community?

Are you someone who needs to gain 'real life' work experience to help start and/or develop their career?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then we may have just what you are looking for!

We have all kinds of volunteer opportunities designed to fit around your schedule and interests. Whether it involves greeting people at the door and showing them around, helping with the administration, leading a club (no experience needed!) or teaching a class.

You can even just spend a few hours in the studio looking after the shop (and even using this time to do some painting of your own!).

If you are interested, please get in touch—we would love to hear from you!

Need some art supplies? You don't have to go far to get them. Our shop in the Front St. studio is continually expanding and if we don't have what you're looking for, you just need to ask and we'll do our best to get it for you.



Key Dates

Art exhibitions

For the first week of every month, you can pop in to our Front St. studio to enjoy one of our local artist's exhibitions displayed on our exhibition wall.

Just to give you a 'heads up' for the next few months:

September—Christine Watson

October—Linda Robson

November—Rob Thompson

Have your say...

If you would like to know more about how the NAC is run and its plans for the future, why not come along to the AGM meeting, to be held on **Monday, 20th**

September, 10:00 a.m. at the Front. St. studio. (Please note revised date.) Hope to see you there!



We want to hear from you

As we are continually trying to improve this newsletter and to make sure it give you the kind of information you find valuable, we would love to include articles or items of interest from you, our members.

For example, do you have anything that you would like to share with other members? Are there any articles you would like to see included in this newsletter? If so, please send us your thoughts and/or contributions. All are welcome!

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