



# Newbiggin Arts Centre Newsletter

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## A Message from your Chair

In case you haven't seen him around, I would draw your attention to our new 'resident professional artist', Ted Taylor. Already Ted has started two broad-scoped courses on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. The feedback from attendees has been fantastic; people have been having some great fun whilst learning a lot about different media and techniques. We hope in the future to introduce some more sessions with Ted. We'll keep you advised when we have more news and you will be able to sign up. Meanwhile, if you want to express your interest, drop me a note to [admin@newbigginartscentre.org](mailto:admin@newbigginartscentre.org).

Welcome Ted; it is really great to have you on board; you are a real asset to the charity!

I would also like to welcome Ted and Linda Rollinson to our committee (don't let them know how much work they have let themselves in for!). We all look forward to working with them as we go forward into the next phase of development of your charity.



Enjoying our refreshments...

**...but some, let's say, interesting finds in our donation box!** Yes, we have found outdated money, a trolley token, and even some foreign coins. While this has provided the 'accountant' with some chuckles when emptying the box, in all seriousness, we must remember that we are a charity and need to pay for the supplies, so please don't forget to drop a few coins (in keeping with our guidelines) when you enjoy your refreshments.



It's never too early...

**...to start planning for our class/club Christmas celebrations!** As we are lucky enough to have so many people in our classes and groups, trying to arrange a party or

dinner where everyone can attend is almost impossible. Therefore, the committee thought it would be a good idea to use the last scheduled class/club sessions in the run up to Christmas to celebrate the holiday season.

Over the next few weeks, you will be asked by your session leader what you would like to do in your session to celebrate. If it turns out you want to just keep the 'normal' session and just paint, that is fine—it will be up to each group to decide and agree on what they want to do, so please give it some thought...Christmas really isn't that far away!



**It's all about us...**

**...so why not take the opportunity to display (and even sell!) your paintings.** Over the last few months, we have sold a record making number of paintings. We have had many visitors, both local and from afar visit our Front St. studio with rave reviews (you can check out our visitor book if you don't believe us!).

As we strive to make sure that we always have a varied and changing display, we welcome and encourage you to share your creations with our community, whether you want to sell or not, and you never know, you may end up with an unexpected bonus.

If you are interested in displaying your painting(s), please bring them to our Front St. studio—we look forward to seeing you and your paintings!



**It's all about learning...**

**...so you may be interested in learning more about the BellWether Project** which is commissioned by Museums Northumberland BAIT, working in partnership with local organisations and funded by Arts Council England.

Museums Northumberland bait works in partnership to support more people in South East Northumberland to create and take part in inspiring and high quality arts experiences. All projects aim to build a stronger future with the people who live here.

It involves artists Trish and Nick from INSTAR who guide people through a range of art techniques inspired by the natural world, including printmaking, creative writing, collage and drawing. In these sessions, which will be a mix of online and in person workshops, Trish and Nick will share their expert knowledge of wildlife in engaging and creative ways.

No previous experience necessary. Suitable for anyone aged 12 and over. Materials provided. Meet the artists here [https://youtu.be/fCsYUJC\\_lIw](https://youtu.be/fCsYUJC_lIw)

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact:

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What's coming soon...

### **Christmas Closure**

We will be closed from end of day Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, opening again Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January.



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