



Newbiggin Arts Centre Newsletter

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A Message from your Chair

You may notice that I am having to spend a fair bit of time away at the moment. I apologise if this is causing any of you any inconvenience. But it would appear that my fellow committee members are carrying the torch while I am away – thanks to all of them.

There is an advantage, however; when I come back to the classes and clubs, I realise how much **everyone** is improving in their artwork. We should all be proud of how, by getting together at the Centres, we are developing our skills - and having a good time too!

We are well on our way to starting the work on Gibson Street. You may already have seen the new TV and the projection screen. We have bought most of the 'electronic classroom' and now just await the secure storage for them and the laptops before we can start to arrange new classes. Newbiggin Town Council have kindly awarded a grant to cover the cost of the storage units which we require, so we will be ordering that soon.

Additionally, Mercy Project have awarded a grant for a new versatile hanging system for the Front Street windows – another job for when I get back from my next travels.

Recently, I have noticed a slight drop in attendance figures for some of the sessions. I am sure that most of this is due to holidays and other commitments. But, can I ask again; if you are not going to attend a session, can you please let us know in advance. And, if you don't want to attend a particular course of sessions in future, please let us know so that we can make that place available to someone else.

And finally, make sure that you read the special request at the end of the Newsletter (that's a good way to ensure that everyone reads all the Newsletter! 😊).

Cheers! Steve.



Committee News...

We are really pleased to say that our new registration system seems to be working well. Many of our members have said they like the 'term' approach which allows us to open up spaces for new members.



Art Exhibition

Did you ever wonder what the children get up to when they go to their art group on Friday nights?

Well, besides getting the opportunity to socialise with others, and learning and developing new skills (oh, and keeping out of trouble!), they produce some pretty terrific pieces of art!

Why not pop by the **Front Street Art Centre** and see some examples of their accomplishments.



Their work will be exhibited from Saturday, 2nd July to Sunday, the 10th July. We think you will be as just as impressed as we are!

A preview of their work will be on display for members and their families on Saturday, 2nd July from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with refreshments available.



It's all about us...



Our classes and clubs get up to all sorts! Some of which involves vegetables...here is a photo of Ted getting ready for one of his classes where the members got a chance to try their hands at painting still life. Wonder what his soup turned out like?

We have some vacancies in our various clubs and classes. If you, or if you know anyone who is interested in joining us, please get in touch with us using the contact information below. We have spaces available in our Tuesday evening Art for Beginners class, run by Ted. For only £4 per two-hour session (from 7-9), it is a bargain not to be missed!

There are some spaces available in our Tuesday afternoon art group. It is a multi-media club where you will see people drawing, painting with watercolour or acrylics and even creating digital art and painting stones! The sessions are from 1 – 3 p.m., and cost £3 if you bring your own materials and £4 if you use materials supplied by the centre. Just drop by the Front St. studio if you want to have a chat or sign up, or you can contact us using the details below.



Market place...

If you are in the need for any art materials, don't forget we have a well-stocked supply in our Front St. location. Any materials we don't have, we will happily try to order them for you—all at very competitive prices!

If you are stuck in not knowing what to buy for an art-loving family member or friend, we also sell gift vouchers, so why not pop by and have a browse?



Special request...

Do you have a spare room which you could let out to an amicable, considerate, elderly gentleman? Steve is looking for lodgings (for himself and Radley, his well-behaved Jack Russell dog). If you would like a lodger (and the financial and social benefits which come from it), or know someone who would, please get in touch with Steve on

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