

Newbiggin Arts Centre Newsletter

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A Message from your Chair

You may have noticed that I have been notable by my absence even more over the past few weeks, with holidays and family commitments taking me away from Northumberland.

However, even while elsewhere, I am still working away in the background. We have just received two grants; the first from The 1989 Willan Charitable Trust for printing and pottery equipment and materials and another from The Rothley Trust towards the furniture for Gibson Street – all part of the significant upgrade to Gibson Street to bring it up to full capability for our wider range of clubs and classes.

But, I will be back in the next few days – I couldn't miss out on this weekend's Table Top Sale! See you all there to pick up a bargain.

Cheers! Steve.



Committee News...

Not a lot to report on this month--no doubt due to many of us taking advantage of the lovely weather and holidays. Although, we do want to let you know that we will be advertising for two to three new trustees to join the board. So keep your eyes open and let us know if this is something you might be interested in!

You may also have noticed lots of activity taking place at our Gibson St. premises. This is because we are busy with refurbishments: new furniture, storage facilities, and equipment. All very exciting and will result in another great place where we can develop and enjoy our creativity!

The August committee meeting is postponed, with the next meeting to take place at the end of September when we expect to have all sorts to report on!



Market place...

Bargains to be had at our very first TABLE-TOP SALE!

Over the long weekend, 27/28/29th of August, we will be selling all kinds of items at our Front Street location. Prices will be determined by you—all we are asking for are donations based on what you think something is worth. So, come on down and bag yourself a bargain!

While you are here, if you are in the need for any art materials, don't forget we have a well-stocked supply of art materials in our shop; and 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 take advantage of your visit, and start planning for Christmas?

If you have any quality artwork or bric-a-brac which you would like to donate to the sale, please get in touch with one of your committee members, who will see whether we can accommodate it.



Art Exhibition

Did you ever wonder what goes on in the art classes led by Ted, our resident artist?

Well, wonder no more! Starting this month, you can see what some of his class members have created in his classes. If you remember from some of the photos we have shown you, we have had some pretty interesting (and some may say bizarre!) things to draw and paint. So, why not drop by the **Front Street Art Centre** and see what some of our members have accomplished.

Ted has asked that his class members be reminded that he is always looking for more drawings and paintings to display, so please don't be shy and take the opportunity to have your masterpiece mounted on the wall.



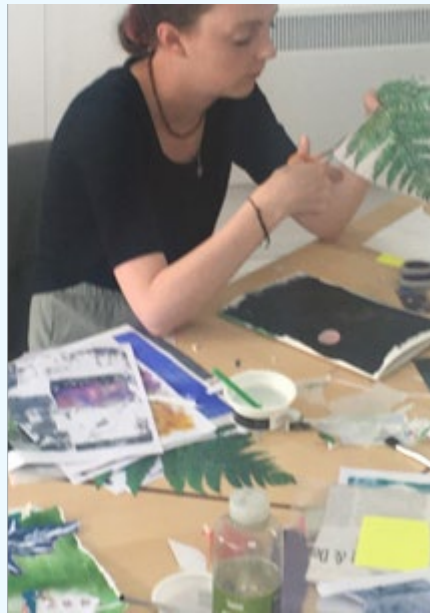
Creative Newbiggin...

We've always said that being creative is not just about drawing and painting—creativity takes many forms. As an example of this, we had the pleasure of hosting a workshop on Gelli printing run by Trina Dalziel on the 13th and 14th of August.

The range of collages that the participants created was astounding and were based on the themes of flowers, butterflies, etc.

As demonstrated by the photos, Trina's 'summertime themed' workshops were a great success. None of the artists had done any Gelli printing before based on the feedback, it was greatly enjoyed by all.

Due to the success of these, stay tuned for more printing classes soon!



It's all about us...

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.



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