



Newbiggin Arts Centre Newsletter

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A Message from your Chair

Just a quick one today, from deepest Lancashire...

Thank you all so much for your patronage over the past year. It has been YOUR commitment (as well as a lot of hard work from your Trustees, Committee Members and a few volunteers – you all know who you are!) which continues to make Newbiggin Arts Centre such a success. We can't wait to see what 2023 brings; especially with the newly refurbished Gibson Street – you should see the new furniture, storage area and recently completed (on Sunday!) new kitchen; all ready for the new activities – but more about those next time.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

See you all in 2023! 😊



**It's
beginning to look like Christmas!**

Kicking off the season, many of us enjoyed a great evening out at #Due Fratellis last evening...lots of eating, laughing, and of course the odd tippie or two!



The calm before the storm...



Have fun you say?



Friendships...



Our well-behaved
resident artist...



Our not so
well-behaved one...



Good food and
fun had by all...



Holiday Schedule

We will be closing the studios over the Christmas and New Year's break to give our volunteers (and of course our resident artist Ted!) a well-deserved break. The dates we are closed are as follows:

The Children's group will have their last club on Friday, 16th of December, reopening on Friday, 13th of January.

All the rest of the classes and groups will be closed as of the 24th of December (yes, this means classes will be running on Friday, the 23rd), and reopening on Monday, the 9th of January.

We hope everyone has a great holiday break and looking forward to a great 2023!

Now for an update on our business side...



Committee News...

After a long break without a meeting, our committee met on Monday, the 28th November...we have to say, it was great seeing everyone at once at the same time again!

We were also pleased to be able to meet our new Trustee and committee member, Beth Savage. Beth has a wealth of experience, skills, and most importantly, enthusiasm and passion for the arts and we look forward to having her on board! A few words from Beth herself...



"I am very happy to join Newbiggin Arts Centre as a Trustee. There are already so many wonderful things happening at both sites and I am excited to see how I can contribute to the future of the centre."

I have experience in a few different art forms and am looking forward to being part of the creative community in Newbiggin."

The key points that came out of this meeting are as follows.

We are pleased to report that we are doing well financially, with the income and expenses well balanced. We have budget available to think about what new things/activities we can offer that fall within our mandate, so if you have any suggestions and ideas for what you would like to see on offer, all gratefully accepted! Just pass them on to our Chair, Steve, or to your session leader.

We are in the process of registering with a new community initiative called 'Warm Spaces'. Basically, it means we will offer a warm place for people who want to pop in to escape the cold and maybe have a look around our studio, have a chat, read a book, or just enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and have a chat. ~We are looking at offering this on the weekends and Wednesdays and will be providing free tea, coffee, and Wi-fi. More details about this will be available very soon, so stay tuned!

We can't believe it is this time again...where does the time go? Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, 9th January from 10 – 11 a.m. in our Front Street studio. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us, so please come along, you won't be bored, we promise!



Help Please!

Sadly, we have still been finding that many of our brushes and watercolour pallets have not been cleaned properly after use. The materials and tools we provide are expensive (and getting even more so!) and increasingly harder to source, so we are asking everyone to please be vigilant when it's time to clean up after your session. The people using the brushes and pallets afterwards will appreciate it as well.



Art Exhibition

FRANK MILLS EXHIBITION

Frank Mills' one person show comprises acrylic paintings depicting a series of landscapes and bird life. His exhibition was hung on Saturday, 2nd December and will be on show for two weeks.

The story behind the art...

Frank is a member of the Newbiggin Art Centre and attends Steve's Thursday morning art group.

All his pictures reflect a moment in time, captured by his wife's camera, both here in the UK and also abroad. Many are moments experienced on the Northumbrian coast and nature reserves—hopefully many of you will recognise and have enjoyed the scenery!



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.



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