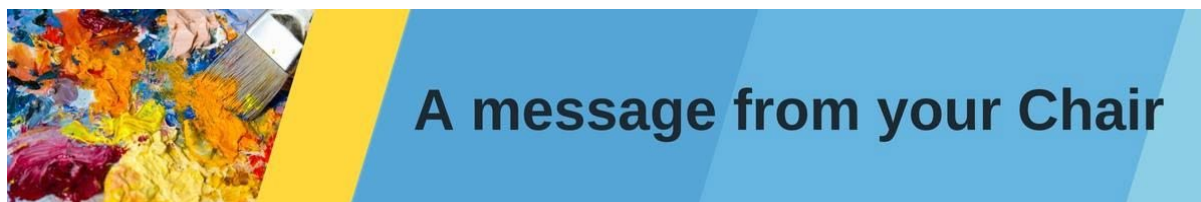




December 2023

In this edition... a very Merry Christmas from Newbiggin Arts Centre, new classes for 2024, and a round up of our Christmas events!



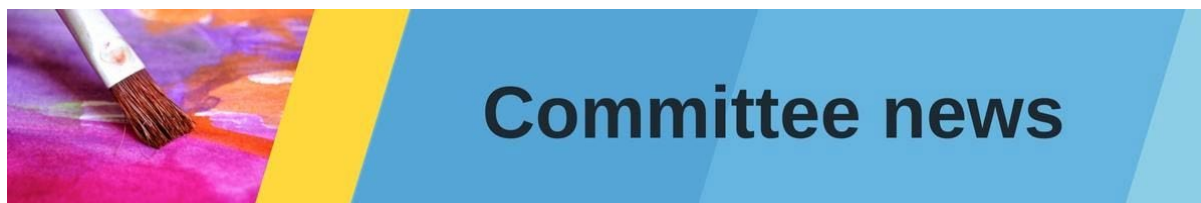
We have had a great year with many wonderful exhibitions, events and a huge amount of fantastic work being made in our classes and clubs. The whole committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supports Newbiggin Arts Centre. Whether you volunteer your time, come along to a club or class, or just pop in to see what is on display and have a chat, we couldn't do what we do without you.

At the latest Trustees meeting, we elected Sue Andrew to be our Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees (to succeed Val Hearn, who recently retired). I would like to welcome Sue to this role. Given the great work which she has been doing since she became a Trustees, I am confident that she will do a great job for the benefit of the charity.

We were sorry about the problem with the Christmas meal on Monday evening. To compensate, Sue Case will be organising another meal later in the year.

So, it just leaves me to wish you, your family and friends, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy and Prosperous New Year. See you all in January.

-Steve



Christmas Holidays

Our session leads and committee have been working hard all year and it is almost time for well earned festive break.

The last sessions before Christmas will be on **Friday 22 December**.

We will re-open on **Monday 8 January** with our usual class and club schedule - please see below for a small change to Tuesday afternoons.



Our Children's Art Club has now finished for the holidays and will return on **Friday 12 January**.

After the 22 December we will not be responding to emails until we are back, but please don't worry, we will get back to you as soon as we can in January.

Come in for a Warm Welcome

Front Street, Saturdays 11am-4pm

Gibson Street, Wednesday afternoons until 4pm

Starting in the new year.



We are once again opening over the winter as a Warm Welcome space for anyone who would like to drop in for a hot drink, a chat or even a go at an arty activity. There is no cost and you can pop in for as long as you like.



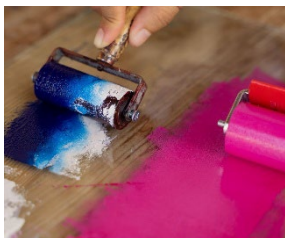
New classes for 2024

Tuesday Watercolours - now, Pastels Class

Due to lack of numbers on a Tuesday afternoon Watercolours Club at Front Street, we have decided to replace it with a Pastels Class, run by Ted.



If you would like to attend, please email info@newbigginartscentre.org or fill your details in on the list on the kitchen notice board. As soon as we have enough attendees, we will be starting the class (we don't want the space to be left free for too long!)



Printing Class - Start date TBC

We will be starting a printing class on Thursdays between 10 and 12 at Gibson Street. The classes will be run by well-known local artist George Ellis, starting sometime in February.

We will be giving you more details about George and the lesson plan in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile, if you would like to express your interest,

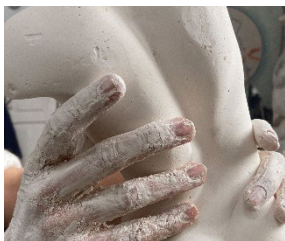
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Ceramics Class - Date and time TBC

Likewise, we are in the final stages of arranging the first ceramics classes. This is likely to cover all the basic techniques used in working with clay (including potters wheels!).



Please email info@newbigginartscentre.org or fill your details in on the list on the kitchen notice board if you are interested. (If you have already contacted us about ceramics class before, don't worry, we have you on the list!)



Sculpture Class - Date and time TBC

Finally, Ted is going to be starting Sculpture classes as soon as possible next year (at Gibson Street, date and time to be advised). So, if you would like to express your interest, please email info@newbigginartscentre.org or fill your details in on the list on the kitchen notice board.



Newbiggin Christmas Lantern Parade

This year's Lantern Parade was a particularly spectacular one thanks to all the wonderful lanterns made by the children and families at our lantern workshops and Children's Art Club.

We were blown away by the creativity and once the festive parade was done, we were open to welcome one and all in for hot chocolate and festive treats.



Christmas Paint and Sip

Our Christmas paint and sip was a great success, with festive fun and fizz for all who came along.

We had seven very merry painters at the end of the night, proud of their very own Christmas tree masterpieces.

Thanks to our committee members Jen and Beth for organising and hosting the evening.

Watch this space in the new year for more events!





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