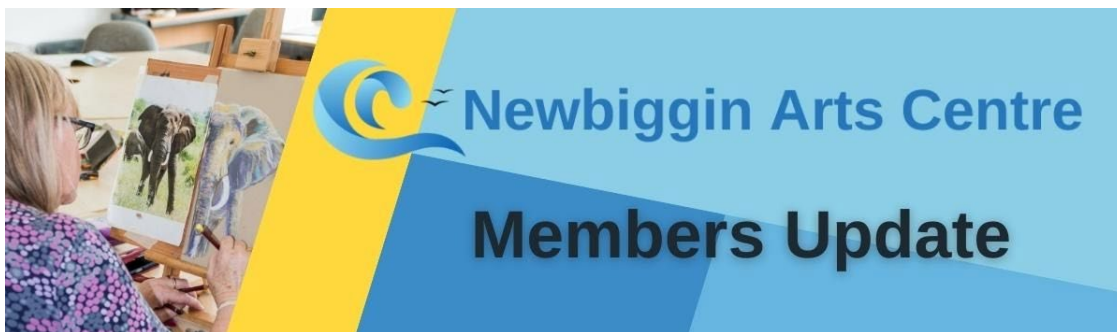




We would like to thank all those who have contacted us to express their regret at Ted's leaving and to offer support to the Trustees and team at this very trying time.

We also thought it was important to let you know that we were as surprised and saddened by his decision to leave as many of you were.

The impact of Ted's leaving has been significant, both for our members who will miss him as a person as well as a well-respected tutor, but also for our Trustees.

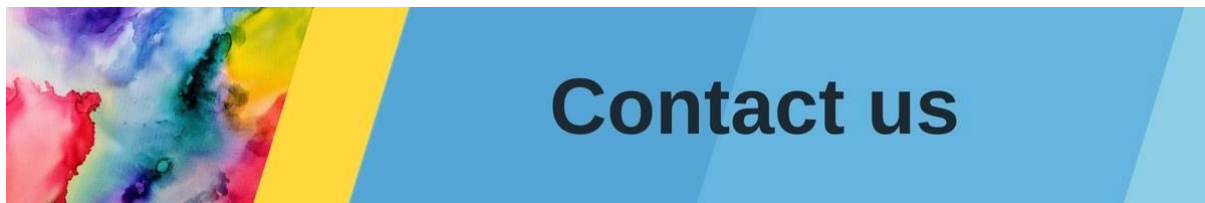
Our Trustees are all volunteers and are doing their best to keep things running for our members. As a result of Ted leaving, their workload has increased tenfold; however, this is to be expected. What has not been expected is the behaviour of some individuals towards them. Sadly, there have been several incidents where our Trustees have been subject to negative comments from some members. This is both unfortunate and unwarranted; so, we ask for your support as we try to address the challenges.

We ask that you try to understand that in order to respect Ted's privacy, we cannot go into details as to why he made his decision to leave. However, we want you to know that we have spent many hours and a lot of energy in trying to find ways to persuade him to stay. Unfortunately, our efforts have not been successful; and although we have told Ted that it is not too late to change his mind, sadly, he stands firm with his decision.

It is important that we continue to provide an enjoyable and fulfilling environment where everyone can learn and develop their artistic skills. Therefore, in an effort to fill the gap Ted is leaving, the Trustees will do their best to cover the classes and clubs until such time as we can find qualified tutors to take over the classes. In addition to continuing with our classes and clubs, and as promised in our last Newsletter, we are already in the process of contracting with a number of tutors to run additional classes and workshops to complement those which were run by Ted, some of which are due to begin early August. There are still more to come, so keep your eyes peeled!

In the meantime, don't forget to join the Trustees in wishing Ted farewell by dropping by Front St. on Friday, 26th July between 3:00 and 6:00. See you then!

NAC, on behalf of our Trustees



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