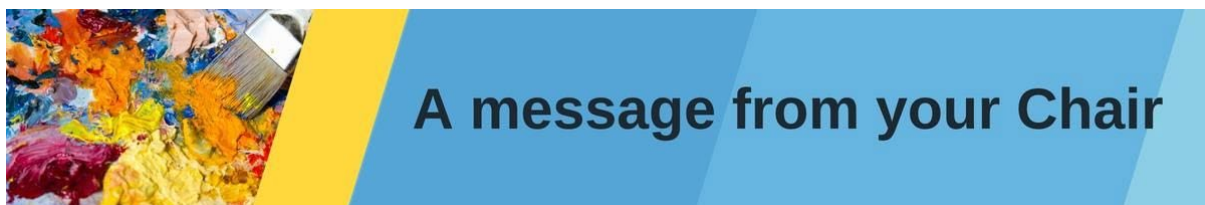




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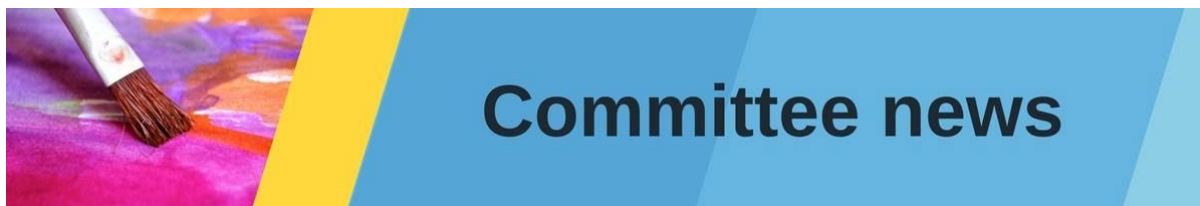


It was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to Ted. Although he has decided to relinquish his role as our resident professional artist, the door is always open for him to come back in either a professional capacity to deliver classes or workshops, or on a purely social basis.

The effect of the loss of Ted cannot be underestimated. He was a critical part of our operations. But, we will try our best to find other tutors to take over the vacant classes.

On a brighter note, we have already seen the commencement of some of the new classes and workshops. There are even more to come. So, watch your mailbox, Facebook or our website for further details. Please contact Wendy if you are interested in joining any of the new sessions.

Steve



Please bear with us...

We are working very hard to fill the gap that has been left with Ted's resignation. For the short term, our Trustees are continuing to run the sessions as clubs. This means that while there is no tutoring per se, however, members are able to continue to come and enjoy the company of others as they paint and draw in the medium of their choice. These clubs will be all media, and we welcome current and future members to come along.

The good news is that we are currently in discussions with several tutors who have expressed an interest in joining us. This means even more and varied opportunities to learn and develop in your artistic skills. So, keep your eyes open! New classes will be advertised on our website, Facebook page and sent to you via email on Wednesdays.

In our committee meeting earlier this month, we spent quite a bit of time discussing our structure and the need for succession planning. The old question, 'what if so and so got hit by a bus', was asked. We also talked about the need of having access to specific skills and experience that our Board is currently lacking, e.g. Finance and IT, especially as we continue to grow and develop.

As a result of this discussion, we are going to be actively recruiting for new Trustees and Committee Members. We will be advertising over the coming weeks for people who are passionate about what we do and want to be part of it. However, in the meantime, if you think this is something you might be interested in, or if you know someone who you think would be interested, please speak to Steve or one of our Trustees or drop us an email at: info@newbigginartscentre.org. We'd love to hear from you!

And now for something completely different—Art on the Beach!



On Saturday, the 24th August, we are inviting everyone to come and paint along with us—on the beach!. Let's show our community and visitors what we do and how much fun it is. If you don't have your own materials, just ask us and we'll happily to supply you with some. We do ask you to bring your own chair. If your not keen on joining in with painting, it doesn't matter, just drop by and say hello.



We've had a hugely successful start to our new 'menu' of courses and workshops.

The photography course with Ivor is proving popular with participants learning all kinds of new techniques and new ways of using their cameras. We are looking forward to seeing some photos in the future—who knows, maybe some may be shared with our artists to be used as inspiration?

Christine's pastels workshop was a huge success with everyone looking forward to the pastels course starting on the 17th September.



The animation workshop with Kate was enjoyed by people of all abilities. From those who didn't know how to use an i-pad, to those who were experienced animators.

We're getting ready for the upcoming ceramics course. The potter's wheels are now ready to go. Thank you John Storey for helping to set them up—we're sure they will get plenty of use! Although the course is fully booked, if you are interested, please make sure you let us know as we can put you on a waiting list—if there is enough interest, we will look at setting up another one.



It's definitely been a busy few weeks getting our new workshops and courses set up, and it will just keep getting busier (a good thing!). For example, we are planning to run a new course with Christine on Tuesday afternoons; and it looks like we may have another new tutor (fingers crossed!) on board to run 'freeplay' classes on Wednesday afternoons, where everyone does a painting (or drawing) of their own choice, in whatever media they want, and the tutor will be there to give support, advice and assistance. So, stay tuned as we'll be sending out the details very soon.

We have some spaces available for our textile classes and workshops. If you are interested, please let Wendy know.

Don't forget, in addition to our new classes and workshops, we have spaces available in our all media clubs where you can use the medium of your choice while enjoying the company of others.

Lastly, it's hard to believe, but it won't be long until school is back in, so don't forget to mark Friday, the 6th of September in your calendars when the Children's Art Group starts up again. There are some spaces available for children aged 8-15. The sessions are held on Friday evenings at our Gibson St. studio from 6-7:30 and cost £2. All materials are supplied. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Wendy at: info@newbigginartscentre.org.

A reminder

We don't like to nag, but please help us in keeping the art materials clean and in good shape. Unfortunately, we have been finding that many of the brush sets have had missing brushes or have duplicates, making it difficult to set up the classes and clubs. Also, please remember to wipe your table down and clean your materials and pallets when finished and help us to keep the kitchen clean by wiping up any spills or splashes you might make. Thank you!



We have a winner!

Amy Hulme is our youngest winner yet. At just 11 years old, she was the visitor's choice for her painting in the Summer Dreams Exhibition.



Congratulations Amy! Sue Case presented her award which she used to buy a range of acrylics paint. She was also given some canvasses and a canvas board—we can't wait to see what you produce with your new supplies.



Terry Mullen of the Thursday morning group won the Chair's choice award from our Summer Exhibition... Terry's painting was done with acrylics and is called "Northumbria, continuity and change"

Steve says: "I awarded the Chair's prize for Terry's painting, as it represented the many facets of a dream-like state relating to Summer; not just a single image. A great piece of imagination and well composed painting."



Coming next

Beginning on Friday, 16th August, is our very own Thursday night's All Media exhibition.

For all our watercolour artists (beginners and experienced), don't forget to get your submission in for our Watercolour exhibition starting on Friday, 30th August.



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