

BISHOPSTEIGNTON ART GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11th MARCH 2025 at

**THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
at 1.30 am**

- 1 Facilitator's Welcome:** David welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new member Janet Vallance and Kate Hanley. David has been elected to chair the meeting as a facilitator as the group does not have a chairperson.
- 2 Present:** Sue Alcock - Treasurer, Sandie East - Secretary, David Whitehouse - Facilitator, Julie Cranwell - Workshop Organiser, Linda Whitehouse, Rod Stone, Christine Rice Millington, Liz Lucas Annette Corner, Ann Denning, Audrey Whorton, Linda Randall, Jill Tuddenham, Suzie Izard, Peter King, Bryon Dunsford, Ted Harding, Leslie Lawrence, Cheryl Ashburn, Jane McCall, John Allen, and Rosemary Darby.

Apologies: Irene Hill, Shan Roberts, Rosemary Commerford Lesley Cooper, and Stuart Goodchild.
- 3 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the last meeting, the Agenda and the Constitution had been emailed to members beforehand.
- 4 Matters Arising**

The new Constitution has been read by members and agreed.

Treasurer & Membership Secretary

- 1** Sue gave details of the financial report. Copies were handed out. Approval of accounts.
- 2** The hire of the Community Centre remains the same but potentially will increase in the future.
- 3** The art groups now has 30 members. People enquiring about joining us are given an Enrolment Pack which contains all the information. The groups year runs from September to May.

Art Exhibition:

Our open evening for members and guests is on Monday, 12th May 2025. Liz will purchase wine and soft drinks which will be available for our guests. Glasses to be kindly supplied by Roger Gallagher. Lesley will be our photographer for the evening and throughout the week.

Ewan Walton is our judge this year. Ewan will hand out trophies to the winners. Please bring your trophies in as soon as possible. At 6.00, those members and their guests who have booked a meal will make their way to The Cockhaven.

- 1 This year the art exhibition is being held in St. John's Church. Pews from one side of the church will be removed to make room for tables.
This will probably be the case for future exhibitions, as the Hawkins room at the Community Centre will at some time be developed into the a Village Museum. There will be a banner outside the Community Centre and a poster on the front door, directing people to the church.
- 2 The hire of the room would have been £570 for 3 days, while hiring the church for 6 days will be at a cost of £200.
- 3 Entry Forms to be in by Monday, 12th May 2025.
- 4 Refreshments of tea, coffee, cake and biscuits will be provided. A sign saying, may contain allergens will be on display. Cool boxes will be available to keep cakes fresh. No charge will be made for refreshments, but donations boxes will be placed on the tables.
- 5 Until we start setting up the church we won't know exactly how many tables we will need. Sue has contacted John Patton, from the Village Festival, who will allow us to borrow some of theirs.
- 6 The lighting in the church is good. We may be able to hang some pictures from chains attached to some lighting areas.
- 7 Ian is making 4 boards to display workshop artwork on. Sandie has printed off pictures from previous workshops for the display. Liz and Linda W will arrange them.
- 8 Donation boxes for both the church and the art group will be dotted around the church. These will be taken home every evening.
- 9 An evening viewing for the art exhibition may happen depending on necessity.
- 10 New trophy donated by Martin Tucker.

Exhibition jobs

- 1** The Stewarding rota is on the notice board, please help if you are able to.
- 2** Tables to be arranged by Sue, Ian, Sandie and Chris.
- 3** Sue and Sandie will book in the artwork from 9.00 - 11.00.
Artwork now to be bought in between **9.00 - 10.00**.
- 4** Please read the information on your application forms and bring in your artwork in a saleable condition, as substandard work will not be accepted.
- 5** Canvas artwork to have 2 labels, one on the back and the other beside it on the display table.
- 6** Tables to be arranged with green tablecloths, which will need washing and ironing before hand.
- 7** Rosemary D to provide posies for table displays.
The church ladies are kindly producing floral displays for the church windows.
- 8** Ann will direct the handing of the artwork. Annette, Linda R and Julie will display artwork.
- 9** Please bring in easels and hoppers with your name on them.
- 10** Table to display trophies and rosettes.
- 11** Tables for displaying Ewan and Paul's art work, which will be available to be purchased.

Poster Competition

- 1** Linda Randall has informed the group that she will be retiring from organising the Poster Competition, but will be on hand as a consultant for the time being.
- 2** Linda explained how the posters should look, allowing space at the top and bottom for relevant wording to be placed. Linda will laminate the posters.
- 3** Sharp, clear A4 Poster's, to be in for judging by 15th April 2025.
A limited number will be produced, the winner's, 2nd and the 3rd.
- 4** Sandie meanwhile has produced an example of how the completed poster will look.

Tombola

- 1 Julie explained that we will need many more donations of bottles to keep the tombola table going for the week. All kinds of bottles and tetra packs are acceptable.
- 2 Julie is going to make the odds to winning a prize harder this year. Could people manning the tombola please hand out the winning prizes, as last year it was noticed that some people swapped their ticket numbers.
- 3 While Julie is on holiday, Sandie and Annette will collect tombola donations.
- 4 David asked where all the bottles were going to be stored. Sue explained that we can use the loft space at the community centre.

Advertising

- 1 We will be advertising the exhibition earlier this year. David is having 5 banners made, with the new information.
- 2 There will be a banner and poster at the Community Centre redirecting people to the church.
- 3 Stuart to help put up banners. A discussion was then had as to where these banners would be put. It was suggested to put 1 on the fence at Rose Cottage, 1 on the railings near the telephone box in Fore Street, 1 on Julie's fence, 1 by the church and 1 near the main road. David will have flyers produced with the new details on them and a new design. These will be delivered to various places around the village including Jack's Patch.
- 4 Julie has advertised the art exhibition in TAAG.
- 5 Suzie will advertise on Facebook.
- 6 Advertising in the Bishopsteignton Chronicle to be placed two months prior to the Exhibition.

Website Manager

David explained that the charge from Wix has almost doubled, so he is looking for an alternative organisation. The performance of the website remains the same as 2023-2024. David will downgrade the website a month before renewal date.

Workshops

- 1 Julie has almost completed booking artists for Workshops in 2026.

Election of Committee Members

The Committee members will remain the same. Members were happy to stand. This was proposed by Linda R and seconded by Annette.

Village Festival

- 1 The Village Festival is from 26th June to 29th June. Sue has arranged for 2 days of workshops for the school children. Three workshops on Thursday 26th June run by Sue, Sandie and Rachel and 3 on Friday 27th June, run by Sue, Annette and Helen.
- 2 The art group will have a marquee to display their work on Saturday, 28th June. This will be manned by members.

David closed the meeting at 3.00.pm.