



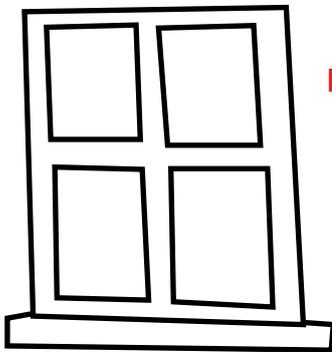
Dear Members

For most of you this will be a big change – an emailed newsletter!

As this is our trial run we are trying to keep it simple. In future we will send targeted links to our website to encourage you to keep up to date with all aspects of the Society's news and activities. The web site welcome page is

<http://wokinghamartsociety.org.uk/index.htm> and there is a lot to see.

Let us know if you have any problems with this new format as this is our 'trial run'!



FOR YOUR URGENT ATTENTION:

Once again we will be taking part in the Festival of Christmas Trees at The Bradbury Centre from December 6th – 8th in which groups that use the Centre decorate a tree in a way appropriate to their group. Our artistic efforts are always appreciated and the festival is a delight – well worth going to see! This year we have chosen to focus on 'Through the window'. So a small painting put behind a frame such as the one above, (approx 3 inches by 4 inches: 7.5 x 10cm) of something seen through a window, looking into a cosy christmas scene or out to a wintry landscape, would be wonderful. It would help if you could make the back look nice in case it spins round (coloured or shiny paper perhaps?) and attach a ribbon to hang it up. Thank you very much. Please send them to me, Sue Smith at 16 Larkspur Close, Wokingham, RG41 3NA or give them to any committee member by Wednesday December 4th. Very short notice I know! One from everyone would be amazing but as I am aware many will not see this in time, perhaps those that do could send more than one?

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Other news:

We are still waiting for final approval to install our tiled version of the Jubilee Frieze on a wall at the new station in Wokingham. Our secretary, Madeline Hawes, has been an amazing project manager for this exciting scheme. We are very grateful to both Wokingham Town Council and The Wokingham Society for their generous financial sponsorship and to South West Trains for the opportunity and help.

I hope you saw Liz Seward's 'Best in Show' painting in the November edition of Leisure Painter. It is very rewarding to see the work of our members publicised in this way. Thanks Annet for liaising with the publisher and well done Liz!

Those of us that attended Ronnie Ireland's recent workshop were really inspired to 'Capture the Image'. His fresh approach led to some very individual and creative work. A great day. I am surprised to hear that Brenda struggles to fill workshop spaces as we attract very good artists and always learn a lot in a relaxed and friendly environment. Don't miss these opportunities.

I hope you are all keeping well and avoiding the inevitable sniffles that arrive at this time of year.

Hoping to see lots of you at the Christmas demo on December 17th. There will be festive nibbles and raffle prizes as well as an inspirational demonstration by Phil Madley.

See you there!

Sue