



## Chairman's Letter

The exhibition of Members' work at the Handa Gallery, Wells, has now concluded. We had some wonderful comments from visitors admiring the 'tremendous talent' on show, saying how the rich variety of work was 'inspiring and colourful'. Our reputation for delivering regular high-quality exhibitions continues to grow, thanks to the support of our members and this is very much appreciated by myself and Council.

The VIP evening was a new venture for us: a Zoom opening by Hazel Soan 'live streaming' from her London studio, proving that available technology can be positively embraced to enhance Art Circle activities. It was a little surreal though, taking Hazel round each piece in the exhibition as a disembodied talking head on the other end of the camera on my laptop! She was a delightful guest and extremely encouraging and supportive of the work.

As I write we are looking forward to the next event on our calendar – the Christmas Mingle at the Willow Centre, Cringleford, on Saturday 7 December, I hope to catch up with many of you then.

Paul Zawadzki

## VOTING OF ARTWORKS BY SIMON DAYKIN AND PUBLIC VOTE

Simon Daykin, Director of Wells Maltings was invited to view the NNAC exhibition and to choose a winner of the best artwork in the show. He commented on the standard and variety of the artworks on display and how it had been a challenge to choose, but he wanted to note three works of art that he wanted to highly commend, before announcing the artwork that he judged 'Best in Show'

### WINNER

SHIRLEY EASTON: Drifting Thoughts

### HIGHLY COMMENDED

ALLY ZAWADZKI: Soft Orange in Green

RUTH MANN: Selfie

NICOLA EASTELL: Solamao

### WINNER OF PUBLIC VOTE

ALISTAIR MARTIN: Au Lapine Agile

The winners received a hamper donated by Marsh Personal Finance.

Congratulations to all the artists and special thanks to Marsh Personal Finance.



## **CHRISTMAS MINGLE**

**SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025**

**At The Willow Centre, Cringleford, NR4 7JJ 2-4p.m.**

Enjoy an afternoon to meet up with NNAC members and friends for a light-hearted afternoon.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Tea and coffee will be available.

Music will help get everyone in the mood for the festive season.

Members and non-members are all welcome



**Cley Mill by James Fletcher-Watson**

## **JAMES FLETCHER-WATSON RI,RIBA,FRIBA NNAC(1913-2004)**

James Fletcher-Watson was one of the foremost watercolour landscape artists of his generation. His daughter Vanessa Whinney will give an illustrated talk to members and friends of the Norfolk and Norwich Art Circle about the work of her father. This will feature family photos and many of James' watercolours from throughout his career, including his wartime experiences in the far east, and also touching on his architectural work.

**Saturday 25th January 2025 at 2 to 4p.m.**

The Willow Centre, Cringleford, NR4 7JJ

Free for members, £5 for guests

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 7th December 2024 NNAC Christmas Mingle The Willow Centre, Cringleford 2p.m.-4p.m.

Tuesday 10th December 2024 NNAC Council meeting 2p.m.

Saturday 25th January 2025 Talk by Vanessa Whinney, about her father James Fletcher-Watson former member of NNAC 2-4 p.m.

Saturday 22nd February 2025 Demonstration by Denise Allen Loose landscape in acrylic.

Saturday 22nd March 2025 NNAC AGM, The Willow Centre, Cringleford, NR4 7JJ 2p.m.

**LIFE DRAWING GROUP**  
**Wednesday 11th December 2024**

**Future dates**  
8th January 2025, 12th February 2025

**Places must be booked in advance and booking opens one week before the session.**  
Please contact Sara Edwards at [sara@gullmeadow.co.uk](mailto:sara@gullmeadow.co.uk) or text 07518 352250.

Model session from 10am, set up from 9.30am, finish 12.45pm. Bring your own equipment.  
United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road, Norwich NR4 6QR  
Cost £10 NNAC member, £15 guest.

**The group meets at The United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road, Norwich**

**ART CHAT**  
**The White Horse,**  
**The Street, Trowse Newton, Norwich, NR14 8ST.**  
Next meeting  
**Thursday 5th December 2024**  
**Theme**  
**Urban Landscapes**  
Future date:  
Thursday 2nd January 2025  
People

**Arrive by 6.30p.m for 7p.m. start. The pub closes at 10p.m.**

The Art Chat meetings are a chance to meet and discuss art related matters with other interested people. We have a theme, which concentrates the ideas into one particular area and helps to concentrate our thought processes. We meet in a room in a pub, which is separated from the bar area, so is quiet and warm. Some members will arrive early to have food in the bar before we start and obviously alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available. It is a great way to meet and learn from others.

**EVENTS FOR 2025**

**EXCURSIONS IN 2025**

Wednesday 25th June 2025. RA Summer exhibition or anything you want to do in London

Friday 11th July 2025 Patchings Festival, Nottinghamshire to include entry ticket

Negotiations are taking place to hold another painting day at Munnings Museum at Dedham

**WORKSHOPS IN 2025**

Saturday 21st June 2025 Jackie Devereux Experimental Watercolours

Friday 15th August 2025 Paul Zawadzki Oils, drips and blobs

All workshops at The Willow Centre, Cringleford NR4 7JJ 10 a.m to 4p.m.

Bookings now open £50 for members and £70 for guests.

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