



## Chairman's letter

As I write to you at the beginning of February there seems a feeling of joy and hope, with days stretching out more and more, and the first sight of spring blooms.

I do hope you are all keeping safe and well, and that there will be opportunities to meet up this year.

Council have been very busy, as always, meeting every month to discuss how we will deliver activities this year.

We are not sure what will be possible but it all needs planning.

This year we will not be able to have a physical AGM at a venue, so we will be sending agenda and reports via mailchimp and then send a form which we ask members to complete and return to Geoff Kitchen, Secretary so that we can continue functioning as a strong vibrant art circle.

Details to be sent later

### NNAC Competition Artwork Developed in Lockdown

NNAC is very pleased to announce that the competition was judged by John Allen, from Mandells Gallery and after a difficult job he chose Julia Richardson as the winner.



Congratulations Julia.

She won £100 prize.

He also chose ten highly commended art works.

The winner and those highly commended can be seen on the NNAC website as well as John's comments.

Thank you to all who entered the competition .

### Join the NNAC Council

We are asking if you would be interested in serving on the Council as we have a vacancy to fill.

We have two members who have put their names forward for election in March.

It is important that we continue to have members who can bring ideas and support in order to keep NNAC vibrant .

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### VIRTUAL DEMONSTRATIONS

There will be an opportunity to take part in virtual demonstrations and we have excellent artists who have agreed to demonstrate on the zoom platform. FREE FOR MEMBERS. £5 NON MEMBERS

**Saturday 27th February 2021 2-4p.m.**

**Alfie Carpenter will be demonstrating collage**

Please e-mail me [hazelpidsley@hotmail.com](mailto:hazelpidsley@hotmail.com) and I can invite you to the session , you will receive a password to join.

**Demonstration Timetable for 2021/22**

**20th March 2021 Trevor Lingard Oil**

**24th April 2021 Roger Dellar Oil**

**22nd May 2021 Jenny Hand Talk**

**26th June 2021 Sharon Hurst Mixed media**

**24th July 2021 Phil Creek Acrylic**

**25th September 2021 Graham Webber Oil**

**25th November 2021 Alison C. Board Mixed media**

**22nd January 2022 Liz Balkwill Pastel**

### John Robinson

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the recent death of John Robinson. John joined the Norfolk and Norwich Art Circle in 1963 and so was one of our longest serving members. This earned him a Life Member status award. He had served on the Council and was a valued member of our community. Always willing to help he held our display boards and plinths in store ready for when we needed them.

I best remember John's wonderful wood sculptures. They had beautiful flowing lines and were 'honest' to their material.

John always had a cheeky Norfolk risqué humour with him when we met. He would suck you in with his banter before you realised he had caught you. I found him great fun and enjoyed visiting him at his home in Rackheath with Richard and Jan Motley when we went to collect the plinths for our exhibitions.

He was certainly a character to remember and I will do exactly that. R.I.P. John.

Clive (Brookes) President NNAC

### Call for Entries

#### **Somewhere Unexpected: Norwich Castle Open Art Show**

8 May - 12 September 2021

**EXHIBITION NEWS OF INTEREST**  
**Call for Entries is Open!**

As 2021 begins, we find ourselves in a new relationship with the landscape that surrounds us. *Somewhere Unexpected* invites artists to submit work that acknowledges the significance of our immediate environments in the shifting context of a global pandemic. The call is open to artists working in East Anglia and welcomes a wide variety of approaches, including new media and performance.

*Somewhere Unexpected* will be shown in the Timothy Gurney Gallery at Norwich Castle as part of the bicentenary celebrations marking the birth of John Crome, a founder of the Norwich School of Artists. The selectors for the show are Amanda Geitner, Rosy Gray, Henry Jackson Newcomb and Danny Keen.

**Entries cost £10 per work (max 2 works)**

**Call Closes 5 March 2021**

<https://www.eastangliaartfund.org.uk>

Artists will be informed of the final selection by the end of March 2021 and works will be on display in Norwich Castle 8 May – 12 September 2021.

### Storage of display boards

We are urgently seeking storage of our boards and plinths, as John's executors will need to clear his effects. If anyone can offer storage, to give us time to decide on what we decide to proceed, I would be very grateful to hear from you.

Please e-mail me  
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### Subscriptions 2021/22

A reminder that subs will be due by the end of March and will allow you to vote at the AGM. Single membership is £20 or £30 for two people living at the same address.

Those members who joined us in January will not need to pay subs until March 2022.

I know it has been a difficult time for some of you and if you are having difficulties in paying please contact me in confidence.

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