



## Chairman's Letter

As I write, the summer has finally reared it's cloudless, sunshiny head and summer events are appearing all around as we make the most of the restorative affects of the unfamiliar glowing orb in the sky...

Plans are well underway for the next NNAC art exhibition at the Handa Gallery, Wells-next-the-Sea in November. Don't forget Selection is on Saturday 28 September and we look forward to seeing your submissions – particularly the interpretations of this year's theme, that of literary inspiration. More details about this will be circulated shortly.

We are also looking forward to our two excursions coming up – London/RA Summer Show, 24th July and the painting day at the Munnings Museum, Dedham on 8th August. I hope to chat to many of you then.

I'm nervously excited about the prospect of attempting a plein air painting at Dedham, as I haven't done this since my degree days back in the 90s, finding the comfort of the studio more suited to my practice. You might find me furtively tucking away my result, although of course, feedback about our work is a very important part of the process so all comments gratefully received!

Paul Zawadzki

### **WORKSHOP WITH COLIN AYERS FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 2024 THE SCOUT HALL LODGE LANE, NORWICH NR6 7HL**

**A few places remaining, book now to avoid disappointment**

A great opportunity to attend a workshop learning about alla prima wet in wet oils.

Colin is a very well known artist and has a very good reputation.

The workshop will be from 10a.m.to 4p.m. at the Scout Hall.

There is plenty of free parking.

Refreshments will be available all day, but please bring a packed lunch.

The cost is £50 for members and £70 for non-members.

To book your place please contact Hazel Pidsley, Email: [hazelpidsley@hotmail.com](mailto:hazelpidsley@hotmail.com)  
Or write to Hazel Pidsley, Hon Secretary, 7 Wild Road, Norwich, NR3 3LW.

### **LIFE DRAWING GROUP**

United Reformed Church Hall 40-42 Ipswich Road, Norwich NR4 6QR

**No life drawing group meetings in July and August**  
**Future dates**

11th September, 9th October, 13th November 11th December 2024

**To avoid disappointment it is essential that places are booked in advance by e-mail**  
**Contact Sara Edwards: [sara@gullmeadow.co.uk](mailto:sara@gullmeadow.co.uk) or text 07518 352250**

## **NNAC EXCURSIONS THIS SUMMER**

### **ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION 24TH JULY 2024**

**Due to a cancellation due to ill health we have a seat available.**

Travel by luxury coach direct to London and enjoy the Summer exhibition or anything you would like to do in London.

Free parking is available courtesy of Notcutts Garden Centre, Daniels Road, Norwich. NR4 6QP.

Coach departs Norwich at 8.15 a.m and will depart from London at 4p.m.

Coach travel for members £22 and for non-members £30.

Tickets for entry to Summer exhibition is not included to allow flexibility of entry.

### **MUNNINGS MUSEUM, DEDHAM, 8th AUGUST 2024 4 SEATS LEFT**

An opportunity to enjoy a day of painting with members of Dedham Art Society at Munnings Museum.

There will be a small tableau provided by Jenny Hand, Director of Munnings Museum, based on Munnings' picture 'Tagg's Island'

Enjoy the grounds and house and anything you may like to do.

Free parking is available in Norwich courtesy of Notcutts Garden Centre and a pick up at Hedenham, parking courtesy of Hedenham Village Hall NR35 2LB.

Coach departs from Norwich 9a.m. and Hedenham 9.45 a.m. and departs Dedham at 4p.m.

Coach travel for members £14.50 and non-members £22.50

To book please e-mail [hazelpidsley@hotmail.com](mailto:hazelpidsley@hotmail.com) or write to 7, Wild Road, Norwich, NR3 3LW

## **NNAC Exhibition 6th –26th November 2024 Handa Gallery, Wells Maltings**

### **Literature theme explanatory note**

Sir Alfred Munnings had a life-long love of literature – he once said that if he had a choice between having pictures or books, he would choose the latter, and was known to recite Edgar Allan Poe's poems to an audience.

For this exhibition we have introduced an optional theme inspired by Munnings' love of literature. Our theme is very broad so inspiration can be taken from written works of any era, genre, or style – from classical literature, poetry or plays through the centuries, to contemporary books, creative writing, songs, movies, or even personal or family musings. Let your imagination run wild!

Artists can submit four works in total which can be any combination of 'open' and 'literature' themed pieces – just tick the 'theme' box for relevant work. We would suggest that, in addition to the main title, you include a subtitle/reference to the writing from which your inspiration derives – it could be the name of the source or even an extract.

Submission papers and other details will be sent out to members by 2nd September 2024.

Have fun and we look forward to seeing your work!

## ROYAL NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2024

This was the Fiftieth Exhibition that the Royal Norfolk Show had made available to the public. Some of the founders were members of the NNAC and it has continued to the present day. NNAC is well represented in the exhibitors list, there being 27 artists and 4 sculptors who are our members.

Through two of the hottest days so far this year over 79 thousand people came to the Show and many of those attended the Art Gallery beside the Grand Ring. Many were the favourable comments received and some felt that it was one of the best exhibitions they had seen. Our members showed the quality of the Society which demonstrates that our selection process leads to an excellent standard of exhibits. This was reflected in the fact that our members achieved 27 sales of paintings and 4 of sculptures.

Another factor was that some of our members were invited to be present as plein air painters, going around the Show and being visible advertising for the Art Gallery.

All in all it was a very successful two days and the Art Circle can be proud of its association with the Royal Norfolk Show

Richard Motley

### ART CHAT

**The White Horse,  
The Street, Trowse Newton, Norwich, NR14 8ST.**

Next meeting

**Tuesday 9th July 2024**

**Theme**

**Still Life**

Future dates:

**Thursday 1st August 2024**

**Theme**

10th September, 3rd October, 12th November, 5th December 2024

**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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 9th July 2024	NNAC Council meeting, Woodton Village Hall 2p.m.
Wednesday 24th July 2024	Coach trip to London Royal Academy Summer exhibition
Saturday 27th July 2024	Penny Overton Acrylic/pastel land or seascape 3.30-5.30 p.m.
Thursday 8th August 2024	Coach trip to Munnings Museum for painting day
Friday 9th August 2024	Workshop with Colin Ayers 10a.m. –4p.m.
Saturday 21st Sept2024	Bryony Knights Expressionism inspired by van Gogh
Saturday 28th September 2024	Selection Day for 207th NNAC exhibition