



### Last Drop Art Fairs

Normally a quiet month after the Christmas rush, the January Art Fair exceeded all expectations, when 13 artists sold over £677 worth of art works. Unfortunately, the February Fair wasn't as good. But well over £200 worth was sold.

The number of artists wanting stands often give Derek McDonald and George Hull a few headaches, but with the new Guidelines, cooperation all round, and bit of compromise, everyone tends to be happy with their slot in the end. Have you been along recently?

### Did You Know?

The Art Circle provides many services and it was deemed appropriate that we use this, the newest service, to publicize all that is done by, and for, members over the course of a year. First and foremost there is the Annual General Meeting. This is organised by our Secretary, Roland Arthur, so that everyone can contribute on any subject and elect the officers for the coming year. Refreshments are provided by our Social Secretary, Linda Adams. Refreshments are also provided at our "Intimate Exhibition" which is organised by our exhibitions team; Jolyon Coombs and Sheila Booth. This is a "closed" meeting, just for members, with a chance for each to review work in hand and discuss artistic and social topics of the moment.

Moving from exhibitions to education, we hold 3 workshops per week where members can practise, help or learn from each other. They are supported by large libraries of books and videos, looked after by Derek McDonald, Bob Seel, Bob Syddall and Brian Thomas. In addition, members often give demonstrations of their particular expertise and this year, Brian, Roy Parkinson, Jean Johnson, Ena Mann, Ted Holden and Elaine Clarkson have generously given their time.

There is also a notice board to remind members of all the events taking place in or near Bolton, arranged by us, Bolton Metro and other Art groups which we keep in touch with, thanks to Charles MacDonald and our membership of the North West Federation of Art Societies

### Members' News

New members since the last edition:-  
Joseph Henry from Brightmet

We have received details of the Manchester Academy of Fine Arts Annual Open Exhibition.

### Bob Bruce

Many members will be saddened to hear that Bob Bruce has died. A one-time member of the Art Circle, with his wife Dorothy, who died last year, they were the initiators and driving force behind the conversion of the "barn" at Highfield Farm into the Community Centre which we now use.

### Keeping in Touch

Have you a burning issue you'd like to share with your fellow members of the Circle? We invite you to send in your letters and will print a "Letter of the Month"

Your Committee has decided to produce this single A4 sheet. It has been agreed that, it will only be "posted" to those who we rarely see, and/or those who have remained loyal members of the Circle over the years.

It can be e-mailed to anyone who wishes to have it sent over the Internet. Email [roland@rebarthur.f9.co.uk](mailto:roland@rebarthur.f9.co.uk) with your email address if you'd like a personal copy in Microsoft Word format.

Copies will be displayed for members to view at the Last Drop and at the Highfield Hall Workshops.

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24 March, 21 April and 19 May

NB. The March Fair is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

### EDITOR'S FOOTNOTE

Topical Items for this publication should be sent by mail, email, or by hand to your Secretary, whose details are on the front of your Membership Card.

Please keep items brief, as *In Touch* is intended to be kept to a single side of A4.

Articles etc., will still be published in the periodical **Newsletter** and should still be sent to Jolyon Coombs.

"Youth is the gift of nature but age is a work of art".  
(Garson Kanin)

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