

Art Circle on the Precinct

Following discussions during December and January between ourselves (**Norma and Paul Titterton**, and **Roland Arthur**) and **Elizabeth Tatman**, Chair of the Bolton Festival, **Jon Finch** from the Bolton Metro Museum and Art Gallery, **Dave and Jeannie Latham** and **Peter Hilton**, it has been agreed that Bolton Art Circle will run the administrative side of the August Bank Holiday Festival Weekend Art Exhibition. The Museum and Art Gallery staff will still carry out the physical aspects of the venture, including the storage, transportation, erection and dismantling of the units. Our involvement only covers the booking and allocation of the stands.

Waterproofing

One of the first things that we discussed was the desirability of having the stands waterproofed. Attempts are currently being made by the Museum and Art Gallery to acquire/purchase some removable "market" type covered stands from St Helens.

It is also envisaged that the plan layout of the stands will be available to view on our website. This should enable people to pick their own spot more easily and enable bookings to be done by email.

There is already a page established for this event on our website and those of you with Internet access can keep in touch with developments by going on line.

Last Drop Art Fairs

Following a decision by the Last Drop to stage a Bridal Fair in all our usual locations, we "squashed" into, (what we call,) the Blackpool Room for our January Art Fair. It was good that everyone present accepted the difficult situation with good humour. It was also of benefit that we had fewer artists wishing to display on the day.

Takings were down a little. But there was a boost when one of our members received a request to provide 6 paintings for one customer, resulting in a final **donation to Bolton Hospice of £51.07**

The next three Art Fairs are on: -

16 February, 16 March and 20 April

Make sure of your space to sell that masterpiece!

Do you have an email address and haven't yet told our Secretary?

If so, please contact Roland at secretary@boltonartcircle.org.uk

A competition for you. The following are anagrams of Art Techniques. If you can work them out, send your answers to the Secretary by post or email.

Answers and winners will be given in the March edition of In Touch.

1	PRACTICING INLAY	
2	BRING US BARBS	
3	HOWL CARUSO	
4	A MILLION UNIT	
5	HOARY PLIGHT	
6	GO HAPPY THOR	
7	GNU CLIMBS	
8	CROWDING OVA	
9	LAST ASSIGNED	
10	CLUE TO ARROW	

If you would like to submit a competition related to Art for In Touch, please contact the Secretary. Anyone into compiling Crosswords?

Demonstrations

The program of Demonstrators has now been filled up to June 2004. *Yes 2004!* We have a varied program as usual including one person who has sketched at the North and South Poles.

If you wish to see the programme in advance of receiving your 2003 –2004 Membership card, full details can be found on the Demonstrations Page on our Website.

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.

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