

### News from the Lake District

One of our Honorary Life Members, **Stella Platt**, sent a note to say that some of her work is or was(?) being shown at the leaving of Mr. Wright, Headmaster of Bolton School.

**Stella** now lives in Pooley Bridge and says that Mr. Wright has a bungalow near her. The works displayed are of Bolton and district's mills and include some portraits of "people still around". Although of advancing years, **Stella** says that she is still painting. Several members will recall that she recently produced a booklet entitled "Yards of Kendal" containing her paintings of what we in Bolton might call "pretty side streets".

#### News of our other Honorary Life Members: -

**Ron Close**, (Secretary 1977 – 1981), still regularly attends the Thursday Evening workshops and takes an active interest in Circle affairs.

**Betty Walsh**, (Treasurer 1988 – 2001), and **Dorothy Colvin**, also regularly come to the Wednesday afternoon portrait sessions. **Betty** also goes to the Thursday evening workshops as often as she can.

**Les Huyton**, (Secretary 1956 – 1977), now in his mid-nineties, has been in the Press recently. Bolton MBC has presented him with a special award for his services to education. It is not long since Bolton Rotary Club presented him with a gift of £250 for his contribution to art in Bolton. Typical of **Les's** benevolence, he donated the £250 to our Circle.

**Hubert Rigby**, who organised the Annual Exhibition for very many years, no longer attends workshops, but, as far as we know, still dabbles with his paint brush in between visits to the Bridgewater Hall to listen to the Halle Orchestra with his wife Kim (ex-member).

### Last Drop Art Fairs

Takings were down a little at the December Art Fair, resulting in a donation to Bolton Hospice of £24.74

Have you booked your slot at the next three Art Fairs on: -

**19 January, 16 February and 16 March ?**

### Members' News

New members since last edition: -

**Heather Barker - Ainsworth**  
**Ray White - Westhoughton**

### E-mail or Snail mail

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

**If so, please contact Roland at [secretary@boltonartcircle.org.uk](mailto:secretary@boltonartcircle.org.uk)**

As we now have our own website, [boltonartcircle.org.uk](http://boltonartcircle.org.uk), we have decided to delete the original email address ([artcbn@aol.com](mailto:artcbn@aol.com)) that our Exhibitions Officer Jolyon Coombs set up a few years ago. So if you ever made a reference to this please change to [secretary@boltonartcircle.org.uk](mailto:secretary@boltonartcircle.org.uk)

It is the time of year when your Secretary starts to book the demonstrators for the 2003/2004 Season. If you know of anyone who you think might be suitable, or, if you are anxious to give a Demonstration yourself, please get in touch with the Secretary, Roland (01204 847607) as soon as possible.

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"

This single A4 sheet will only be "posted" to those who we rarely see, but have remained members of the Circle over the years.

It will be e-mailed to anyone who has given the Secretary his/her email address. Email, address above, for 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.

### 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.