

Members' News

Circle **Russell Eaton** says that he has been putting his artistic skills to a more practical use. He must have produced the most colourful allotment in the Bolton area this year when he won the much-coveted First Prize in Bolton MBC's Annual Allotment Competition. Well done Russell!

New members, and those who have recently renewed their membership:-

Wilf Barlow of **Smithills**
Janice Estcourt of **Horwich**
Peter Court of **Bradley Fold**
Rosemary Crompton of **Horwich**
Ellen Hart of **Heaton**

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

Please save your Circle postage costs by sending Roland an email asap. 50 members are now "on-line".

Monthly Competition



Last month's picture was taken from "The Card Players" painted c. 1892 - 95 by Paul Cezanne. I had correct answers from **Bryan Gallagher, Paul Gerrard and Keith Sloane.**

This month's competition is more for our "Senior" members. It goes back to your childhood and is typical of the front cover of a series of popular children's books printed early last century. Can you tell me the name of the books. (Clue: If you look carefully, you may see a bit of the title at the top of the picture.)

Answers to Roland please by the end of the month.

The answer and names of correct submissions in next month's edition.

(N.B. To prevent anyone having an "unfair" advantage, I have again reproduced the image in black and white, except for Highfield) Could you do a competition/ puzzle for "In Touch"?



Back at Last.....Drop

On **26 September**, we return to our "monthly" Art Fairs at the Last Drop. Have you booked your stand? Dates for the whole of 2005 have now been obtained from the Last Drop and are on our website.

Al Fresco

The Annual Open Air Art Exhibition on Newport Street Precinct over the Bank Holiday Weekend was a sell-out again this year. If you have any suggestions as to how this event might be improved for next year, please let Roland know by mid-September.

Demonstrations

On 10th August we had an excellent and entertaining evening with Harry Counce of Blackburn. He demonstrated "Landscapes in Oil" and showed us many of his techniques.

This month, on 14th ex-member Duncan Ibbotson will be travelling down from Silverdale to show us how he does his Pastel Landscapes. *Maybe you will get some ideas for the Ron Close Trophy at the Annual if you come to watch Duncan.*

Smithills Painting Competition

This turned out to be an ideal event for artists painting wet on wet on wet on wet.....!

However, on 29th August over 20 members had an enjoyable day in the convivial company of their friends and enemies. The "enemy" were the Mediaeval Knights who shared the grounds of Smithills Hall drawing their swords whilst we drew our pictures.

The Judge was well known local artist, the Rev. **Gordon Harper** of St. Peter's Church, Halliwell, who selected **Sue Hollinshead's** painting for First Prize. Other Prizes went to **Brian Barlow, Paul Titterton, Jean Faulkner, Dorothy Colvin** and **Lynne Frost**. Full details of the event are on our website.

Annual Exhibition

Our Annual Exhibition is almost upon us again. You can check your Membership Cards for all the relevant dates. Full details are currently being posted to all members, including the submission rules for the Ron Close Trophy. This year it will be awarded for the Best Drawingbasically the best picture done in a medium, such as pencil, charcoal, pastel, pen and ink, chalk, etc. So if you would like to have this Trophy, or the Jubilee Trophy (Best in Show) or the Margaret Huyton Trophy (Best Beginner), or maybe all three, in your display cabinet for the next twelve months, you have until 2nd October to produce your masterpiece.

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