

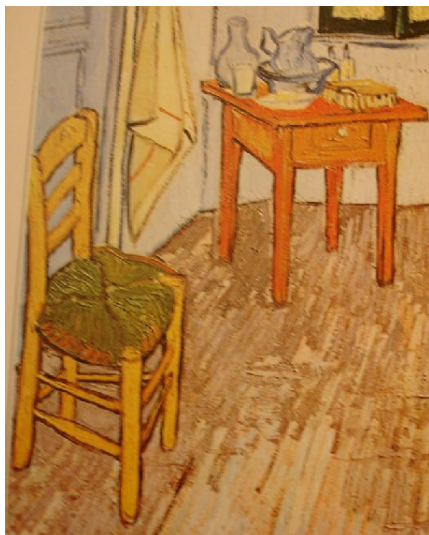


Monthly Competition

Sandro Botticelli painted this "Portrait of a Young Man" around 1483. It was the work featured in last month's In Touch. I received correct answers from **Bryan Gallagher** and **Beryl Rushton**

This is just a section of a very famous French Impressionist's picture. Can you let me know the title and who the famous artist was who painted the work?

Answers to Roland please before the last week in March. The answer and names of correct submissions in the April edition.



Membership News

We welcome new member
June Cree of **Farnworth**

If you have an email address and haven't yet told our Secretary, please do so asap. It will save your Circle postage costs. Send Roland an email asap. 69 out of 176 members are now "on-line".

A Different kind of Art

Whilst in the Rivington area the other day, your Secretary came across "The Digital Workshop". Run by David and Margaret Ruaux, it is a Gallery of very interesting photographs; many of local scenes. They can reproduce your paintings to look like an oil painting. There are examples of several local artists' works done in this way. But even if you don't wish to have anything done, it's worth a visit. (Off the road between the Lower Barn and the Post Office) If you can, visit www.picturesdirect.co.uk for more details.

Mind the Gap

The Editor of "In Touch" will be away for quite a while during February and early March. He apologises for the fact that there will be no "In Touch" in March.

Centenarian Les Huyton

Honorary Member **Les Huyton** will be 100 years old on 8th February. **Les** had the distinction of being the Secretary of the Art Circle for twenty-two years from 1956 to 1977. He joined the Circle in 1948 soon after its formation and served on the Committee before becoming Secretary. During this long period of office he was at the centre of all the activities of the Circle and was always willing to carry

out the many duties expected of him. A Bolton Councillor and Headmaster of Brandwood Street Junior School, he was well known in the Borough and had many contacts that were of advantage to the Circle. He was also an artist of considerable ability. His wife, Margaret, was also a member but, in Les's words, "Better than me". It was in her memory that he donated the Margaret Huyton Trophy, which is presented each year at the Annual Exhibition for the best picture by an artist who can claim to be a novice and has not been a member of the



Circle for more than three years.

In 2000 Les donated the Jubilee Trophy, which is presented at the Annual Exhibition to the work of art, which, in the opinion of the Judge, is the best in the show.

At the time of writing, it was uncertain how our Circle will be able to celebrate Les's centenary. However, as and when we are able, we shall acquaint as many members and ex-members as possible with details.

A Personal Message from Member Bryan Gallagher

Many thanks to colleagues at the Monday Workshop for the Christmas Card which you sent to me. Unfortunately 2005 was not a good year for me. In hospital for seven weeks and innumerable Out-patient appointments, many on a Monday, kept me away. I am looking forward to seeing more of you in 2006.

Best wishes and success to you all in the New Year.

Bryan Gallagher.

Phoenix Arts Centre Exhibition

(Sat 25 March to Sat 8 April 2006)

Details are now available for our first Exhibition in the Phoenix Arts Centre, (Bark Street West, Bolton). Full information is on the two sheets enclosed with this mailing. If you need any additional information, please contact either of the Organisers, who are:

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Social News

After serving the Circle for many years, our Social Secretary **Liz Laird** has had to relinquish her post due to ill health. We are pleased to announce, however, that **Jean Faulkner** has stepped into **Liz's** shoes. **Jean** is already planning this year's events and I'm sure we shall all give her full support in arranging the social side of the Circle activities. We offer **Liz** our thanks for the work she has done for the Circle and our best wishes for the future.

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