



Monthly Competition

Jean Auguste Dominic Ingres painted the "Portrait of a Young Woman" featured in the December In Touch. I received no correct answers.

For the start of 2006, we have a painting by an Old Master. Answers to Roland please by the end of the month. The answer and names of correct submissions in February's edition.

(For reasons beyond the Editor's control, at the present time, it has been found to be impracticable to print copies of "In Touch" in colour for posting. It will still be available in colour to members able to receive the electronic version.)



Membership News

We welcome new member
Brian Raymond from Whitefield

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."

The Last Straw !

OUR VISIT TO THE LAST DROP in December was rather a disappointment. For reasons best known to themselves, the Last Drop Management moved us into the Demdyke Suite at the 11th hour. It was fortunate that we weren't too heavily subscribed for the event. But even so, it was a squash. We were even more disillusioned with their management of the day when we saw that neither the Penny Farthing Suite nor the Firwood Suite were in use during the times we would have been occupying them.

We have stressed to them repeatedly that we just cannot function properly in that Suite. Had it not been Christmas, we may have cancelled it. However, optimistic as artists always are, we made the best of it.

Roland has had long discussions with them since this episode. He is hopeful it won't happen again!

New Arts Centre

CHAIRMAN **GEORGE HULL** has been actively involved in meetings with consultants Gleeds concerning a new Arts Centre in the proposed Cultural Quarter in Bolton Centre. Bolton MBC say "it will be a major cultural resource for the wider Bolton family, offering exhibition and gallery space, purpose-built performance and live music spaces, workshop space for creative businesses, a cafe and bar and much more."

Bolton MBC is bidding to win Lottery funding and needs our support to convince the Lottery judges that Bolton's cultural life is of major importance to all residents.

They have sent us prepaid postage cards on which they would like us to indicate that we feel such a venture will "significantly benefit the cultural life of Bolton."

Cards are on the Notice Board at Highfield for you to complete. (No closing date is given.) You can also collect them from the Bolton Museum and art Gallery Office. If you are gifted at working your way around the BMBC website, you can email your support via www.bolton.gov.uk/arts

Demonstration News

SECRETARY **JUNE CATTERALL** TELLS US that she has some exciting demonstrations lined up for 2006. One of these is Keith Fenwick who might be able to do a workshop for us. She will be announcing details in due course. Don't forget that details of the March, April and May demonstrations are already on your current Membership Card.

Corridors of Colour

OUR FEARS OF TOO FEW WORKS of art by members were allayed when we had a last minute influx of paintings for the Link Corridor at the Royal Bolton Hospital.

Paul and Norma Titterton spent a whole day with the hospital joiners on December 8th and managed to fix over 80 pictures on the middle stretch of



[Highfield Exhibition - 24 May 2005]

this busy thoroughfare. Although these pictures aren't strictly for sale, it is possible that a particular picture might attract the eye of a passer-by and then they may seek an alternative work from that artist.

New to the Team

WITH THE NUMBER AND FREQUENCY of exhibitions coming up in the near future, another two of our Committee Members have joined **Sheila Booth's** Exhibition team. **Edith Ellen Sutton** and **Lynne Frost** have taken on board the Exhibition which is to be held in the Phoenix Arts Centre in Bark Street West at the end of March / beginning of April. This is a new venture and if it is successful, being in Bolton Town centre, it could prove to be a fixture on our calendar.

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