



### Monthly Competition

Last month's picture was "Hope" by George Frederick Watts 1817 -1904. Painted in 1886. I had correct answers from **Beryl Rushton** and **Ted Holden**. **Beryl** and **Ted** tell us that Watts painted it in 1885, has exhibited at the Grosvenor Gallery and won prizes for the decoration of the Houses of

Parliament. Watts also sculpted the huge Tennyson monument at Lincoln.

You may recognise the subject of this month's painting, but can you tell me his full title and the name of the artist? Answers to **Roland** please by the end of March. The answer and names of correct submissions will be published in the April edition.



### Membership News

We are sad to report that one of our Honorary Members, **Barry Gadsden**, died on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. **Barry**, a member over many years, had been a regular on Thursday evenings. He was also a keen walker in our Walking Club until he had an accident a few months ago.

#### We welcome new members.....

**Una Barry of Worsley**  
**Doreen Birkhead of Walkden**  
**Gordon Finnerty of Blackrod**

*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. 80 of our 171 members are "on-line."*

### Last Drop

Bookings were coming in for all six Art Fairs, almost as soon as they were advertised in last month's edition of 'In Touch'. The first is on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month. It should be noted, however, that at the time of writing, the Outdoor event at the Last Drop proposed for May 7<sup>th</sup> is rather uncertain. Although we have permission to stage the event, the logistics of locating our stands in the "High Street" area are proving more difficult than anticipated. At the moment, only a few people have expressed an interest. Should it prove unfeasible to run the Fair outside, then those who have booked will be notified. But we may endeavour to arrange an alternative Fair indoors.

### Bolton Art Circle Walking Group

The next walk, a six-miler to Hoghton Bottoms, will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Cars to meet midway up the hill on main road in Belmont village at 10.00 am., leaving at 10.15 to go to Hoghton village, just past the main entrance to Hoghton Tower on the A675. **BUT SHOULD YOU INTEND GOING, PLEASE CHECK WITH PAUL OR NORMA FIRST.**

The circular walk is around 6 miles, passing through some beautiful countryside following the river Darwen. Paths range from field and minor roads to canal tow paths. So wear stout footwear. Other than the Boatyard pub towards the end, there aren't any cafés, so bring a packed lunch. This an ideal walk for those people who haven't joined us yet. There are few hills worthy of note, and there are some super views to photograph to give you ideas to paint, **so don't forget the camera!** The walk should take no more than three and a half hours, so you'll be back home for around 3.30.

For further info, ring **Paul** or **Norma** on 01942 814437.

### Bolton Precinct Exhibitions

The speed of the bookings for the two Bolton Precinct Outdoor Exhibitions in May and August was unanticipated and unprecedented. Within a matter of three days, there were only a dozen or so left out of about 100. *I wonder if this could be due to the fact that stands are now waterproofed?*

### Urban Landscapes Exhibition 2007

I am informed that "Bolton Arts Community Members" are inviting our members to view their forthcoming Exhibition in April and May at Bolton Art Studios, Hampson Street, Horwich, BL6 7JH. If you would like any further information, contact Julia Entwistle, Trish Hurst or Helen Plester on 01204 699611 or email [bacm@btconnect.com](mailto:bacm@btconnect.com) You can also contact Morton Murray on 01204 669645.

### Early Bird Subscriptions

Several of our members seem to like parting with their subscription money very early. So, to avoid a repetition of last year, when many had paid before we'd chance to tell them of the increase, this is a reminder that the annual subscription, not due until May, is currently £16. It could, of course, be changed at the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### Easter Lunch

Social Secretary **Jean Faulkner** says that the special Easter Lunch at Bolton Community College on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of March is now completely booked up.

### Hospital Entries

We had an excellent number of submissions for the two hospital exhibitions during the past two weeks. This means that once again our Circle will be brightening the corridors for patients and visitors.

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