



## Monthly Competition

Last month's picture was "Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee" by Rembrandt van Rijn.

I had correct answers from **Russell Eaton, Edith Ellen Sutton, Carole Hawthorne, and Geoff Brazier**, who says, "It is widely believed, because of the fourteen people in the boat, that Rembrandt painted himself in the boat.

(Twelve disciples, Jesus and Rembrandt)."

This month we have a painting by a French artist. (There is an art paper bearing the same name.) Can you name the artist and the title of the work?

Answers to **Roland** please by the end of December. The answer and names of correct submissions will be published in January.

## Membership News

We welcome new members

**Harry Longworth** of Great Lever

**Darryl Walker** of Astley Bridge

*If you have an email address and haven't yet told our Secretary, please do so asap. It will save your Circle postage costs, and you'll get this **IN COLOUR**. Send Roland an email asap on [secretary@boltonartcircle.org.uk](mailto:secretary@boltonartcircle.org.uk) 101 of our 186 members are now "on-line".*

## Artistic Meals

If you are going to the **Christmas Lunch** this next Tuesday, **2nd December**, Social Secretary, **Jean Faulkner**, has asked me to remind you to meet at the Grosvenor Restaurant at **11 30am** for 12 noon.

**Jean** also says that she needs a few more people for the Christmas / January Dinner at Ridgemont House, Horwich, on Friday January 22nd. "Donations" for the charity raffle at this event would be welcome. (*Unwanted Christmas presents come to mind !!!!!*) Tel **Jean** on 01204 460832.

## Our Exhibitions

Unfortunately, there was not enough interest in having a BAC Stand at the Festive Markets in Bolton Town Hall Square this Christmas. However, sales are continuing at the Royal Bolton Hospital and, to a lesser extent at the King Bill.



## The Last Drop has finally dripped !

The weather was against us when we held the very last Art Fair at the Last Drop on 22 November. Treasurer Norma reported that it was possibly the worst day for sales in the whole of the Fair's 10 years existence. However, the artists, as ever, enjoyed the event, meeting up with each other and sharing experiences. At the moment we do not have an alternative venue in sight.

Many "Last Droppers" would like to see a replacement regular event where local artists can display their works. But most accept that perhaps the time had come for some of our younger and fitter members to come up with new ideas: just as the retiring team did in 1999. There is certainly no lack of interest from the artists for such Fairs.

However, we now have about 85 stands, of which some 50 or so are to be freely disposed of. Does anyone know of **any** club or society that can make use of them? If so, please contact me, or any Committee member.

## Art in the Precinct (AITP)

Another year looms and your Committee has decided to reinstate the May Bank Holiday weekend Precinct Exhibition in addition to the one in August. A straw poll last summer showed enthusiasm for two exhibitions. After member **Kevin Gillibrand's** negotiations with Bolton Metro, the dates are now fixed.

**May AITP** will run for three days from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Early Spring Bank Holiday weekend). The stands will cost £20 for one stand for the 3 days and £40 for two stands for the 3 days.

**August AITP** runs for four days, as last year, from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August (August Bank Holiday weekend). In August stands will cost £23 for one stand for the 4 days and £44 for two stands for the 4 days.

It has also been agreed that, similar to last year, we shall allow our members to book stands from January 1<sup>st</sup>. We shall throw it open to the public from 1<sup>st</sup> February.

As far as we know, the location and stand layout will be as before and booking arrangements will be similar to previous years and done through **Roland**, (by post, by phone, by email, or face2face). Our website will show the up-to-date booking situation as far as possible.

## Exhibitions on the Go

The BMBC Open exhibition which alternates with ours, is currently running in Bolton Central Art Gallery. I understand that several of our artists have had entries accepted.

There is an exhibition by Salford Art Society at Salford Art Gallery from 14<sup>th</sup> November to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010.

An exhibition by Bury Art Club is now running at Bury Art Gallery.....

.....and, there is an exhibition of 'Isherwood's' work at the Turnpike Gallery, Leigh.

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