

*A Happy New Year  
to All Artists*



## Monthly Competition

Last month's picture was "After the Party" by Igor Shulman (1888). The medium is giclee. I had no correct answers. This month we have a detail from a painting by a very famous Dutch



artist. Can you name the artist and the title of the work?

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

## Membership News

*We have no new members this month.*

I am sad to have to report that **Patricia Walker**, who had been a member for many years, died on Christmas Eve. Condolences have been sent to her husband.

*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) 93 of our 179 members are "on-line".*

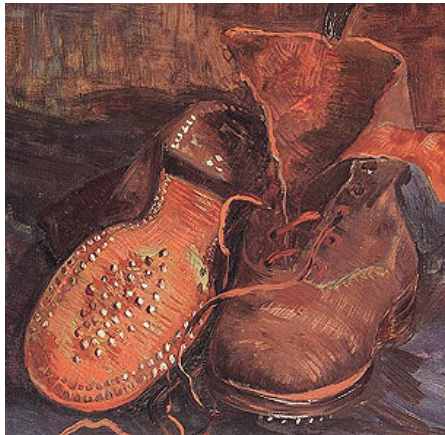
## Christmas Meals

Thanks are due to our Social Secretary **Jean Faulkner** for arranging the two Christmas meals last month. Unfortunately, wintry conditions prevented some people from getting to the lunch at the Grosvenor Suite on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The Dinner Dance, at Farnworth Masonic Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> December was up to its usual standard and Chairman **George Hull** excelled with the Raffle Prizes. Unclaimed Raffle Prizes have been placed in the Store Room at Highfield.

## DVD Library and Highfield Cupboards

Committee member **Bill Laithwaite** tells me that he has now completed the mammoth task of creating a DVD Library out of the old Video library. Thanks **Bill** for all the time spent on this.

The DVD's and book library, together with the tea, coffee, milk, sugar and biscuits are housed in the Bruce Room cupboards and the more inquisitive of our membership will have noticed that the "worst" of the cupboards has been replaced. Because of the locking system, it is now necessary to open the cupboard with the digital lock first, to gain access to the key to the new cupboard.



## NWFed. and Rossendale

The North West Federation Christmas Exhibition in the Rossendale Museum and Gallery continues to 25<sup>th</sup> January. Although not known to many of us, I have to report that, sadly, the Chairman of the North West Federation of Art Societies, Kim Skovgaard, passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## King Bill

They were almost fighting to get our pictures off the walls of the King William IV pub on Chapeltown Road just before Christmas. There were daily visits to replenish stocks. If you would like to display, and possibly sell, your pictures at this venue, why not give **Paul and Norma Titterton** a ring on 01942 814437.

*The food is good too !*

## Last Drop - New Year

Despite increased costs, we start the New Year with another of our ever-popular Art Fairs on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. Flyers and A4 posters are available to cover the whole six dates for 2009. If you would like some copies, just let me know.....publicity is the key to these kinds of events.

**If you have artistic friends, remember that the Fair is open to any artist who is a member of any art club.** But if you want a stand, please let me know in good time.

## Central Art Gallery Exhibition

Following on from the long article about our Biennial Exhibition in the December issue, **George Hull** reports that his "Chairman's Challenge" attracted over 30 entries. After much deliberation with independent artistic acquaintances of his, **Sylvia Mitchinson** was declared the winner with her Koi Carp. She was presented with her prize at the Dinner Dance. **Sylvia** and her husband will no doubt have a good night out at a local hostelry.

## Clarence Street

Many of you will have seen the article in the Bolton News (23 Dec 2008 p2) regarding the reprieve of Bolton Community College in Clarence Street after pressure from Save Britain's Heritage (SBH)

The SBH is inviting local people to come up with their own ideas of what it could look like and/or how they would like "Clarence Street" College to be re-used.

Possibilities range from re-opening it as a Community Centre to creating a permanent People's Art Gallery and Museum where the people of Bolton can exhibit Arts and Crafts with a continuum of exhibitions. If you would like more details, please contact **Roland** direct.

The deadline for entries is January 30th.

## Did You Know

*that copies of "In Touch" are now circulated to:-*

Manchester Academy of Fine Arts; North West Federation of Art Societies; Blackburn Artists; Chorley Lodge Artists; Preston Art Club, and even read by an art club in Hereford.

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