

Art Report 2024

The Open Day last year brought in several male artists which has meant much more laughter! It is an extremely friendly group and there is quite a bit of banter; people's enjoyment of being there is obvious. Some of us occasionally go out for lunch after class, which means we get to know each other better.

Going from about six artists coming back just after Covid, we now have a better balance of men and women and the entire group is thirty-two. The hall only seats twenty-four, but as quite a few members come fortnightly and different weeks, it seems to work well. However, since this year's Open Day we now have a waiting list of nine ladies which is not enough to pay for the hall to start another class, so hopefully we will get enough people for that in due course – especially some men to set out the tables!

Most of the time the artists do their own thing, (there are no beginners). The good news is that one of our members, who has recently started teaching, has kindly taken on, at a very reasonable cost, giving us short monthly demonstrations in response to a questionnaire and is covering various mediums and subject matter that has been requested. This is proving most helpful and she, being in the class each week, is available to help and advise when needed.

It will be good to use the new workings of the website to advertise more easily any further exhibitions we have, at the Miller Centre and the Valley Library.

We also, like many groups, have a Christmas celebration as the website shows and I'm hoping next year to get us outside sketching, plus the usual trips out to exhibitions such as at Denbies and others at local art groups.

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