



DRIFFIELD ART CLUB

# NEWS

September 2011 - September 2012

## Introduction by our President Hector Fraser



**Hector Fraser - President of  
Drifffield Art Club  
and founder member.**

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**The Drifffield Art Club was created in 1965 by a small group of enthusiasts who wanted to pursue their interests in art and felt that there was a need for such a venture in the community.**

The aim of the Club, as now enshrined in our constitution, is to encourage members' interest in art in all forms. We are obviously achieving our aims because over the years we have grown in numbers and developed into a vibrant and rewarding group of friends, I can't think of a better word to describe us than 'friends'!

The pleasure derived from a 'Club', whatever the subject, is in the coming together of people sharing their enjoyment. In the case of art it is in learning through watching other artists at work and in asking, 'how do you do that'? The great satisfaction derived from learning the techniques involved in creating a two dimensional painting or a three dimensional work of art such as sculpture, or structure, allows us to express how we see the world. It is all about sharing knowledge and friendship. The Drifffield Art Club fulfils the need and is 'as good as it gets'. *Hector Fraser, President of Drifffield Art Club*

### Monthly Monday evening meetings

DAC (Drifffield Art Club) opens its doors to members and visitors to come along to its very popular monthly members' meetings and watch demonstrations by local artists. These take place at Drifffield Community Centre on Mill Street in Drifffield on the third Monday each month and cost just £5 for visitors. If you'd like to join DAC it costs £15 for the year and your £5 visitor's fee will be deducted from this if you then join within a month.

**To find out more get in touch with Secretary Janet Saxby on 01482 843240 or visit our website. [www.drifffieldartclub.co.uk](http://www.drifffieldartclub.co.uk)**

### Below: members enjoying a demonstration.



DAC NEWS will cover some of the main news and events from DAC (Drifffield Art Club).

Please check our website regularly for our programme of events, exhibitions and workshops.

If you have information about an event, exhibition or a story which will be of interest our members please send it to the Editor, Mary Wells, at: [marywells8@gmail.com](mailto:marywells8@gmail.com)

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# DAC MEETINGS . . .

For an annual fee of only £15 per person or £ 25 per couple DAC members can enjoy a varied programme of monthly demonstrations and talks by visiting Artists. The demonstrations cover a wide range of mediums and subject matter. Visitors to DAC are also welcome to come along to these sessions for a small payment of £5 which is deducted from their fee if they then decide to join the club within a month of their visit.

One of the highlights of 2012 was the special two night sessions on April 16th and 17th with renowned husband and wife team; David Bellamy, watercolourist and Jenny Keal, pastel artist.

On Monday David demonstrated his skills by painting a scene of the delightfully named 'Low Snockrigg' mountain from a sketch he had made whilst in the Lake District near Buttermere.

On Tuesday evening Jenny chose to create a pastel painting from a sketch she had made that day after being captivated by the shapes and colours of our local landscapes. There was a full house at each of the two nights with over 100 members and visitors attending the meetings.



DAC President Hector Fraser with Pastel Artist Jenny Keal.



Above: Husband and wife team David Bellamy and Jenny Keal. below: David with his painting of 'Low Snockrigg.'



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## DAC PRESENTS CHEQUE TO KINGS MILL SPECIAL SCHOOL

We welcomed some very important visitors at our Christmas buffet and AGM meeting on December 12th 2011. Two staff and two pupils from Kings Mill Special School braved the rain and wind to attend and be presented with a cheque from the club. DAC Chairman Robert Kelly said that the well established Art Club was growing at a faster rate than ever this year and it was felt that members wished to put something back into the community of which they are part.

The evening was very enjoyable and had a good turnout despite atrocious weather conditions. As well as a buffet provided by members there was a 'bring and buy' sale of art books and materials and an art competition on the theme of 'December'.

The winner, gaining most votes from members and visitors, was Mary Wells of Beverley who won the annual Bobbie Simmons Memorial Cup for her pastel and gouache painting titled 'Window Shopping'

# WORKSHOPS . . .

Saturday February 4th 2012

## Workshop with Yorkshire wild life artist John Naylor



John based his workshop demonstration on a photograph of a delightful Basset Hound puppy. He had taken great pains to capture a suitable pose with his camera as the puppy was very lively! John paints from life wherever possible, sometimes raising his own subjects from young - animals such as hares and birds - which, having been captured in pastels, are then carefully integrated into life in the wild before being released into their natural habitat.

As always at DAC workshops, members were free to choose to paint their own subject. On this occasion Club President Hector Fraser painted a colourful rowan tree and artist Jill Grinstead painted an atmospheric landscape - but most members chose to paint the hound.

About 20 Members of DAC enjoyed the workshop at Nafferton which included an excellent demonstration and talk by East Yorkshire Artist John Naylor (above). John specialises in animal paintings using pastels and has a very unique style which the members were invited to follow.

The paintings produced by the members at the workshop were of an extremely high standard and everyone agreed they had thoroughly enjoyed the day.

**Some of the members show off their work (below)**



# EXHIBITIONS . . .



DAC Chairman Robert Kelly shakes hands with John Naylor.



Above: Mary Dews receives her trophy for 'Best Oil' from Robert Kelly.

## DAC Annual Exhibition

This week long exhibition which is open to entries from all DAC members takes place during the month of October at The Exchange, Exchange Street, Driffield YO25 6LD Courtesy of Messrs Dee, Atkinson & Harrison

There is a special Preview night and Presentation of Awards and Trophies by Club President Hector Fraser and a different Guest Artist is invited each year to judge the artwork on display.

In 2011 John Naylor was the Guest Artist

### Trophy winners were:

**Cora Heptonstall:** Ainley Trophy/Guest Artists' Choice

**Bobby Coleraine:** Schofield Rose Bowl/ Best Flower Painting

**Mary Dews:** Statue/Best Oil

**Jill Grinstead:** Driffield Art Club Trophy/Best Pastel

**Robert Kelly:** Richardson Cup/Best Water Colour

**Gillian Fitzpatrick:** Yorkshire Ridings Magazine/ 'Any Other Medium'

**Doreen Dawson:** Schofield Tankard/Interior/Still Life

**Rosie Brown:** Anthony Steel Trophy/Innovation

**Dianne leach:** Acrylic/Best Acrylic

**Mimi Claughton:** Highly Commended Award

Sponsored by Sokells

**Jean Balarkas:** Commended by Guest Artist

**Frieda Jones:** Commended by Guest Artist

The winner of the raffle prize was exhibition visitor Liz Barker. Her prize was a delightful framed flower painting by well known artist Genia Wheddon titled 'Chinese Lanterns'.



Above: Robert Kelly presents Jean Balarkas with her 'Commended by Guest Artist' award.

Below: Rosie Brown with her Anthony Steel Trophy for 'Innovation.'



## EXHIBITIONS . . .



More pictures from the exhibition at Dee Atkinson & Harrison, Driffeld October 2011.

Above: visitors Catherine and Mervyn Bishop of Thorngumbald, East Yorkshire enjoy browsing the artworks on show.

Below: a view down the first aisle of the gallery.



## Two 'Firsts'

**Sunday 25th March 2012**

DAC held its first ever one day Spring Exhibition at The Driffeld Showground. This was part of the KELK GARDEN CLUB SPRING PLANT FAIR .

**Saturday 8th September 2012**

DAC held another 'first ever' exhibition at the HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL, again on Driffeld Showground.

These exhibitions created a unique opportunity for people to see what the art club has to offer.

## TRIPS AND VISITS

**February 2011:**

London: Pastel Society exhibition at the Mall Galleries; David Hockney at the Royal Academy, and Lucian Freud at the National Portrait Gallery.

**July:** Patchings Art Centre, Nottingham. Check our website for future events and visits.

## And finally, a word from our Chairman . . .

**"I have been a member of DAC for approximately 6 years and became chairman 2 years ago, taking over from the much respected and greatly missed, Peter Walker, who sadly passed away recently.**

The club, founded in 1965, has evolved over many years and continues to do so. This year has been no exception, as exemplified by the launch of our exciting new website.

As well as a full programme of excellent demonstrations by top-line artists such as David Bellamy, Jenny Keal and John Naylor many members have taken part in our regular practical workshops which offer the opportunity to try different mediums and ways of working.

Of course, the club does not run itself and, as chairman, I am indebted to the hard working committee who work tirelessly for the benefit of the membership, as well as the many members who also give up their time at the various events throughout the year. The club continues to thrive and maintain high standards, something of which all members can be justifiably proud."

*Robert Kelly*

*Chairman of Driffeld Art Club*

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