

Newsletter January 2026

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FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Friday 9 January – Work Night CANCELLED.

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Friday 23 January – Work Night. Animals. Bring your own materials etc.

Friday 6 February – Indoor Painting. Walton Evangelical Church 9.30am to 2pm.

Please keep an eye on your emails for updates as the weather can cause problems.

Friday 13 February – The AGM and OPEN FORUM. These meetings are important, please try to attend.

Committee members needed

Don't wait until next year please. Let Helen know if you are interested – you are needed.

Untutored Life Drawing.

Straight Curves Art and Crafts

Sunday 11 January, 10am – 12.30pm (£27.50) with a tea break and parking. With only five artists per class this is an unbeatable session. If you are unsure about tackling Life Drawing, David will be there.

104 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NE. (01246) 807575 or 07976 845662 See www.straight-curves.co.uk and look through the icons. This is another superb opportunity that we are going to lose if we don't use it.

Judging from the current world news we would be better saying just "New Year" but these global issues are out of our control so for our mental health we'll just look at our own problems and the things we can do something about!

The Club Christmas party was a good one. Thank you Anna-Lousie for coming, it was a joy to see you again and thank you to all the Members who came along – we missed those who didn't make it because it is a great opportunity to actually get to know each other properly and it was a lovely evening.

Thank you to Ian Geary for his competition; I particularly liked the questions being posted around the walls. Personally I found this approach more enjoyable even though I am usually hopeless at quizzes and I certainly enjoyed how everyone mixed and talked through them. Ian currently has serious concerns about eyesight so we wish him good luck over the next few weeks, he is going to need it.

The food was superb and lots of it with very little left at the end of the evening. Thank you also to Andrew for looking after the Secret Santa which is always fun, and organising the wine. As always, everyone joined in to set up and clean up. Well done.

A couple of interesting items curtesy of Helen

Explore the Cass Art Sale this winter for great discounts on a wide range of art supplies. They have great prices on a variety of the world's most renowned brands, from Winsor & Newton, Daler-Rowney, Posca, Faber-Castell to Sennelier and much more <https://www.cassart.co.uk/sale/>

TURNER & CONSTABLE IN CINEMAS FROM 10 MARCH 2026

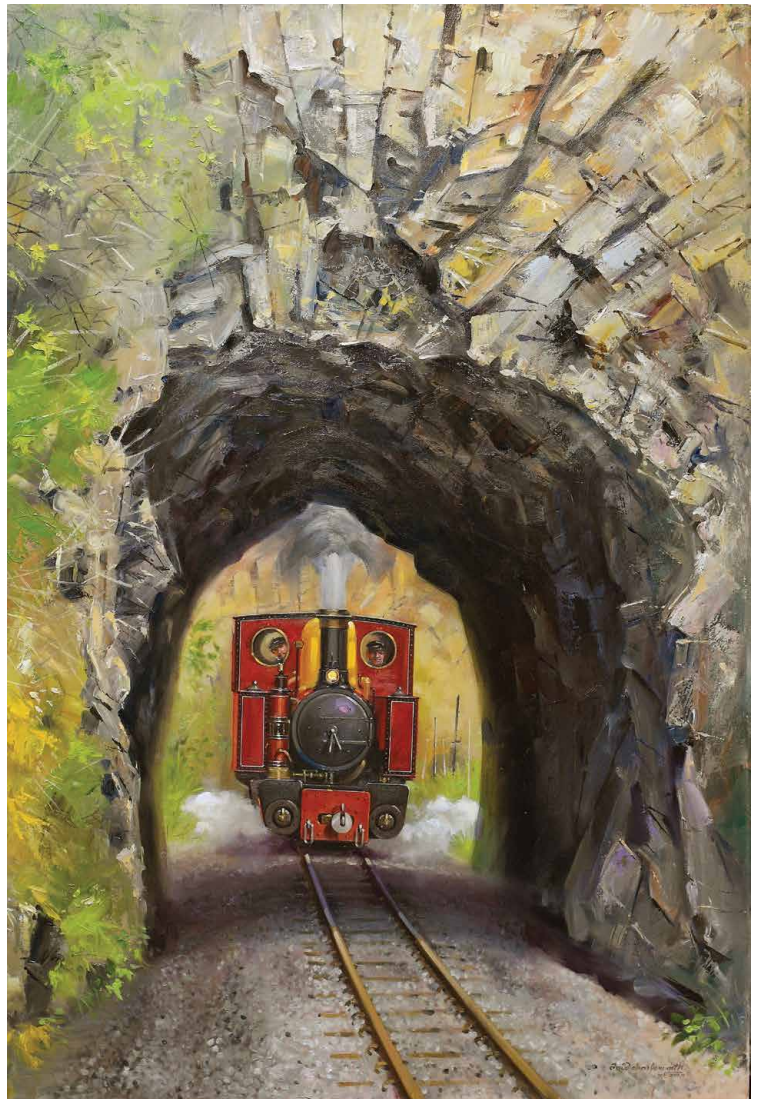
Celebrating the 250th anniversary of their births, this seemingly unmissable new documentary explores Turner and Constable's intertwined lives and legacies alongside the groundbreaking Tate exhibition. https://seventh-art.com/product/turner_constable/

An interesting combination as the two men did not get on with each other at all and were constant rivals. **The Tate Britain exhibition is on until 12 April but you must book in advance.** (David, club Chairman will be visiting The Tate Britain on Monday.)

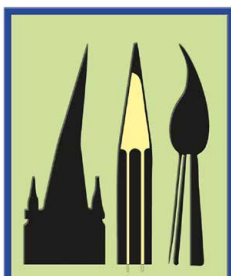
A living from Art by David Charlesworth

One of the creative problems with commercial art is having to change mediums. This is not an issue with all artists as many have stuck to one style and are successful in getting work, actually because of it. I have not been in that position partly because I actually like the variety.

However, changing between oils, watercolour and acrylics is not easy and with watercolour in particular I am very likely to "screw-up" the first attempt!



Examples of work completed and current through December. (Top left) A book illustration, which is actually a portrait. (Left) The second attempt at a complex watercolour commission. There is still a long way to go as the bridge and busy trackwork needs to be done. The completed painting is to be used as fine art prints and cards for fund-raising for the B1 Locomotive Trust. (Above right) the large oil (30 x 20 inches) is a private commission but will also be used for fundraising).



Advance notice of the 2026 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Chesterfield Art Club will be held at the Whittington Moor Methodist Church, Scarsdale Road, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield S41 8NA, on Friday 13 February 2026 at 7.30pm to transact the business of the Art Club.

Applicants are needed for committee positions so please give this some thought and keep an eye on your emails for Helen's forms.

(The committee could be down to just three Members without support, which is almost a dictatorship – perhaps with that in mind we could do a Donald Trump and take over the Holymoorside Club followed by Cutthorpe!)

