



April 2026 Newsletter

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FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS

FRIDAY 10TH April - Indoor painting day at Walton Church. 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. A great opportunity to get together with other members and have a good few hours of painting and socialising .

Also on FRIDAY 10TH APRIL Worknight— Mixed media inspired by Julian Bray. Have fun and loosen up using collage for your painting or ‘do your own thing’ if you would rather do that.

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL - The Big Picture. A very enjoyable evening completing a pre- chosen image where each member is given a piece of watercolour paper and a small piece of the image to be completed. Help will be on hand to transfer the image accurately onto the paper. Please use watercolour paints or acrylic. No oils or pastels.

Untutored Life Drawing. Classes are held at Straight Curves on Saltergate on Sundays. For more details please contact www.straight-curves.co.uk. (£27.50 per Session)

Ashover Exhibition Monday 4th May

Please remember to get a form from Andrew, fill it in with your titles, medium and fee amount. Also please get your entries to Andrew before 24th April which is the last club night before the exhibition. Please try not to leave this too late as it causes Andrew more work. For new members the fee is £1.50 per painting regardless of size. There will be a list going round shortly for volunteers to do stewarding at the exhibition so please give this some thought and step forward if you can. On this date there is the Ashover Fete going on in the village which is always enjoyable.

Some of us in the Chesterfield Art Club are members in other clubs too. Lynda Allinson also runs her own art club in Sheffield. In recent weeks it became known that I am passionate about making papers for collage using a gelli-plate and various items to make marks and patterns. I was asked if I would give a demonstration of this at Cutthorpe Art Club, Lynda’s art club and also at the Co-op art club on Brockwell Lane. You can see in the photo taken at Cutthorpe that I produced a variety of different patterned papers and I think the members really enjoyed seeing the process and techniques. It is certainly a very absorbing and rewarding form of art and the use of the papers is endless. I like to put different pieces down with gloss medium and then paint a portrait over that. Sometimes I draw an image over the base and then paint in a negative way to produce an interesting piece of art. The possibilities are endless!





Last Friday's club night was a Yearly Review where members old and new brought in a fabulous collection of their work done over this last year. Members gave a brief history of their work and it was a very interesting evening. We are such a talented lot! There were landscapes, seascapes, abstracts and so much more. Later a vote was taken on the favourite piece of work and our lovely Sabina Aucock won with her beautiful painting of Higger Tor—Towards Carlwark. Well deserved Sabina.

Helen has forwarded an interesting offer from Hannah Bowdler, Development Manager of Junction Arts. This is an ongoing venture to bring arts and creativity to Chesterfield. This year marks 50 years of this connection which has brought different ideas including the biggest light procession. What began as a "bit of an idea" has grown into a National Portfolio Organisation supported by Arts Council England. We, as a thriving local art club, have been invited to take part in the Chesterfield Postcard Show which is a charity exhibition where we donate postcard-sized artwork which is then exhibited to sell and raise funds for our ongoing community work. This year's theme is "Things We Love". It can be interpreted how we like. The exhibition runs from 5th to 15th May 2026. Opening times to be confirmed. We have been given a warm invitation to this event so if you want to enter please bring your finished work to the art club in good time. Please ask if there are any questions.

THE GREAT CHESTERFIELD MAKE OFF

When : Sat 18th April 2026

Where: New Square Market Place, Chesterfield

All ages welcome.

Live art show featuring 40 artists. From ceramics to illustration, theatre to crochet.

For one day only, 40 of Chesterfield's most talented artists and makers will come together to create brand new artworks live, right in front of your eyes. This event will transform Chesterfield Market into a buzzing hub of creativity. Discover the energy of artists at work, discover new creative talent and witness the skill and imagination that make Chesterfield's arts scene so vibrant.

From painters and potters to writers, sculptors, textile artists and designers, the Make Off brings together a diverse mix of makers—the one thing they all share is their Chesterfield roots.

