



September Editorial

Welcome to the September edition of Brushstrokes. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer of painting or at least visiting all the great arty events happening in the area. Thank you to those who have taken the time to email with ideas and comments, they are all very much appreciated. Do remember to let us know if you have visited any art events both here and away – articles are always needed for Brushstrokes!

Art in the Park



We had a great time at Art in the Park – four of us and a dog took a short trip over from Droitwich to see what was going on in your neck of the woods on what proved to be a very hot day! My how Art in the Park has grown!

This event in Leamington's Jephson Gardens and also at the Pump Rooms, welcomed thousands of visitors who enjoyed art, music, dance, fun activities and interactive displays. Hundreds of artists had their work on display and on sale throughout the two-day festival. Festival director Carole Sleight said: "Our fifth Art in the Park Festival was spectacular as the gardens were buzzing with more artists, stunning music, incredible workshops and activities to inspire and entertain".

It certainly gave the chance for some of the most amazing artists to show their art and for us to appreciate their talent by buying it or simply congratulate them. That accompanied with great music and games for kids and good food and drinks – what is not to like! We certainly had an excellent time, not so sure about our dog though! Well done organizers! Congrats to all the artists and looking forward to seeing you next year!



Last Month's Workshop



Didn't go exactly to plan. Even though this had been booked in the Stoneleigh diary somehow their admin couldn't find any record of our visit, luckily Paul came up with a very acceptable alternative for most – our apologies to those who weren't able to change venues. As Paul says.. "unfortunately, the painting afternoon at Stoneleigh Abbey didn't happen due to a mix-up, but Claire, Lynette, Peter and Paul spent an excellent 3 hours of painting and

drawing on a grassy knoll opposite Kenilworth Castle. Easy parking at the Queen & Castle was only two minutes away, and the weather was sunny most of the time. Everyone enjoyed the peaceful afternoon, the time seemed to go so fast!

Janice and Barbara stayed at Stoneleigh Abbey, a lovely place to visit and well worth trying again. We will definitely do this again, so all suggestions of places welcome :)"



September CWSA event – Tom Shepherd



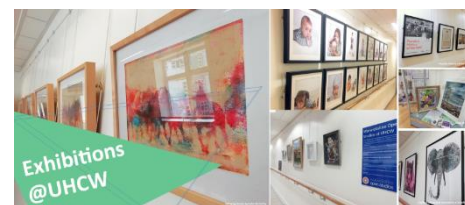
Tom was born in Leamington Spa in 1985 and as far back as he can remember he had a real interest in painting and drawing which continued all the way through his school years. In 2011, he made a move towards fine art painting, studying as an apprentice in a working artist's studio. Since then he has exhibited work at various venues around the UK.

Tom spent a year painting as an artist residence in the Arts Trail Gallery, Leamington Spa, where he got over his fear of painting in front of an audience, paving the way for a string of live painting demonstrations for local art societies.

We are very happy to announce that he will be giving us a workshop on **Friday 21st September**. Attendance forms will be sent out this week. Tom's workshops usually cost £70 for a 10-4 session so do book early for this workshop – I am certainly going to this one!

Winter Arts Exhibition Call

University Hospital has over ten changing exhibition spaces dedicated to local artists. As our arts programme grows each year, we now feel ready to hold our very first full Winter exhibition programme at University Hospital, showcasing selected works from **23rd November – 1st March 2019**. They are now welcoming submissions before the deadline of Sunday 23rd September, selecting pieces during the week commencing Monday 24th September and artists will be notified by Friday 28th September. Absolutely anyone can submit works. We also welcome group works and have dedicated community space for shorter term loans. To submit works for display please email healingarts@uhcw.nhs.uk attaching 1) a short proposal of the work you would like to exhibit and 2) examples of the works you would like to enter together with titles and sizes.



CWSA Future Events

October: **Estelle Robinson** is a freelance artist based in Warwickshire, specialising in pastel portraits of animals and people. After her demonstration you will be given time to work on your own picture with plenty of helpful guidance if wanted. (Full details to come but this should be a Saturday event)

Further bookings have been outlined for November, December and January so lots to look forward to!

Warwickshire Art – What's on Locally

September at Compton Verney The Marvellous Mechanical Museum includes early and rare automata and clockwork dating back to the 17th century from collections such as The British Museum, V&A and Royal Collection alongside new commissions by contemporary artists. On until 30th September.

Art at the Gallery Kenilworth Living Colour Exhibition – 4 September – 6th October, join them as they display exciting new work by artists inspired by the title 'LIVING COLOUR'

Kenilworth Arts Festival 10 days of events, workshops and exhibitions, held in various venues around the historic town of Kenilworth. More information and tickets available at: www.kenilworthartsfestival.co.uk

LSA Local artists are invited to apply to exhibit at the new Regent Court Makers Market on any of their 2018 dates for a special rate of £25 when you quote "LSA". (The usual price is £45.) If you're interested in booking a stall, please download CJ Events' [application form](#). This event replaces the monthly LSA ArtsFairs, which have been held alongside the Farmer's Market.

The Fathing Gallery is a contemporary Craft Gallery and workshop space, owned and run by Helen Clues. The gallery is situated in a tranquil spot behind the historic High Street in Kenilworth, partly tucked in the cellars of an 18th Century property. If you wish to exhibit or run workshops, please do contact us by email in the first instance including no more than 3 images of your work to h.clues@btinternet.com

Let us know if you are exhibiting your work – our members can be inspired by your art

What's on at the Talisman, Kenilworth

Ongoing Exhibitions by the CWSA at the Talisman Theatre. The next exhibition slot we have been asked to fill will be from **5th November 2018** so we will have a handing in the week before that. Date and full details in next month's Brushstrokes. **Open only when a production is playing.**

Friday Night is Club Night Come along on a Friday evening when they will be arranging occasional quizzes, play-readings, etc. The bar is always open and there's always someone to chat to – or play a game of Scrabble or draughts with, read the paper, and enjoy the ambience. Improvements to the seating and decoration in the bar mean a better environment, so do go along – it's better than the telly!

Local Art and Craft Classes

Susan Moore, Art Classes and Workshops Tel 07745 144 922 www.susan-moore.co.uk

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Virginia Murphy, Art and Design Courses <http://www.virginiamurphy.co.uk> 07833 353872

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