



# Coventry and Warwickshire Society of Artists

## Brushstrokes Bulletin

Editor - Cliff Vince

March 2023



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Hi, welcome to the first Brushstrokes of the year.

I hadn't planned on leaving it this long for this edition, but unfortunately so much work has come my way, also with a few health issues, but I'm getting back to normal, whatever normal is for me! I have a very packed year with both my children getting married, then there's the art side where I have 3 stone carving festivals and one major exhibition. I've been accepted for the Halifax Stone Carving Festival and the European Stone Carving Festival in Salzburg, I'm really excited!!

Right it's AGM Time! and Tea and Cake, sorry I get easily distracted, stop thinking about cake! But seriously we've had a good year 2022/23 and it's time to sign in the new Committee for 2023/24 and discuss the plans for the year ahead which are already looking very good, with plenty of Arty things for our members to get involved in.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members **Paul Goalby, Jackie Hall, Sarah Hedley, Allan Owens, Vasudha Sharma, Brian Sykes and Mike Patrick** and look forward to meeting you all soon. Also of course we are delighted to see so many of you renewing your membership for the coming year. Cliff

### Update on Exhibitions

**Criterion Theatre** <https://www.criteriontheatre.co.uk/>

**Talisman Theatre** awaiting an update on exhibitions. <https://talismantheatre.co.uk>.

The Kenilworth based theatre delivers an abundance of local shows and entertainment all year round. Annually, they host nine main stage productions, ranging from the classics, comedy, musicals, thrillers, mysteries – so check out what's on as there really is something for everyone.

**CWSA Virtual Exhibition online** still running! The link to our CWSA Virtual Exhibition on YouTube is now <https://youtu.be/SwbeemOL-4U> Please click, watch, share and buy!

#### REVIEW OF CURRENT ART EXHIBITIONS

If you have visited a recent /current art exhibition, please write a short review and send it to our News Editor, Cliff Vince for the next edition of 'Brushstrokes' What did you think? Email: [313vince@gmail.com](mailto:313vince@gmail.com)

### CWSA Events

**Our AGM is being held at Leek Wootton Village Hall. 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm on Saturday 1st April.**

Hope you can come. Homemade cakes welcome! Exchange unwanted art materials and books. Bring your submission form for 'Studio' Exhibition, by the Glass House, Jephson Gardens.

**EXHIBITION AT BURTON GREEN VILLAGE HALL on SUNDAY 16th April.**



(Preview Saturday evening 15th April.)

This is a fabulous, 'new' village hall. Location: Red Lane, Burton Green, (near Kenilworth). Key features of the new building –include an expansive main hall complete with exposed wooden beams, a professional kitchen, outdoor barbecue area, reception, and office space.

There is likely to be a lot of interest and visitors to this exhibition, (finger's crossed). Artists can submit 2 framed pictures, and 2 browser items.

### EXHIBITION IN THE STUDIO ROOM,

Next to the Glass House in Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa

Please contact Sue Clifford a.s.a.p. to let her know which dates you would like to exhibit.

**Friday-Saturday. 21st - 22nd April.** (2 days cost guide: approx. £10 per day = £20 per artist/member)  
Committee Member - Sue Clifford, will be in attendance some of the time.

### **Fri-Sunday. 12-14th May**

Committee Member - Virginia Murphy, will be in attendance some of the time.

**Fri - Sunday. 28th - 30th July** (3 days cost guide: approx. £10 per day = £30 per artist/member)  
Committee Member - Susan Moore, will be in attendance some of the time.

We think this is a wonderful opportunity for up to 7 members on each date. You will be responsible for displaying your own work, sharing a rota, and taking your work away at the end.

(Approx.) 6ft table plus some upright easel space, to display your work. You can show original paintings, cards, prints, crafts, sculptures, etc. \*If you can help by loaning card stands, or exhibition easels, please let us know.

Please email Sue Clifford a.s.a.p. with the date/s you would like to book. Contact Sue Clifford, Exhibition Secretary: [sciffct@gmail.com](mailto:sciffct@gmail.com)

### NUNEATON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY SUMMER EXHIBITION

**24th June - 17th September.**

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual exhibition in the lovely yellow gallery again. More details later.

### **23rd - 25th JUNE - ROTARY CHARITY EXHIBITION**

HOLIDAY INN, KENILWORTH. More details later.

### **HERBERT ART GALLERY 'CASE' EXHIBITION**

#### **CASE EXHIBITION FEBRUARY 2024.**

(Coventry Art Societies Exhibition). This has been confirmed, and we are excited to exhibit in the Herbert again. (Wonderful news!).

They have asked artists to consider putting on demonstrations and workshops during the exhibition.

If you are interested, please let Susan Moore know. email: [chairman\\_cwsa@btinternet.com](mailto:chairman_cwsa@btinternet.com)

#### **COLLAGE WITH ELEANOR ALLITT**

Full day workshop, will be arranged if there are enough members interested. This will be great fun and very creative. Cost approx. £40 per artist, maximum 6 people. To include refreshments and hire of hall.

If you would like to attend, please let Susan know a.s.a.p. on [chairman\\_cwsa@btinternet.com](mailto:chairman_cwsa@btinternet.com)

## The Arts Society Coventry

### **CARAVAGGIO - PAINTER EXTRAORDINAIRE, FLAWED GENIUS AND... A MURDERER**



**MR KEITH BONSER**

**Coventry 28 Mar 2023 - 19:00**

**The Drama Studio, King Henry VIII School**

**Entrance via Spencer Road, Coventry, United Kingdom, CV3 6AQ**

Michelangelo Merisi (1571-1610), better known as Caravaggio after the town of his birth, lived a violent life in violent times, but is acknowledged as one of the most innovative and talented Masters of his age and of all time. His brilliant and visceral paintings had a major influence on the work of subsequent artists, including Rembrandt, Velasquez and Géricault. In this lecture, Keith Bonser, who became obsessed by the painter and his dramatic life, will follow in his footsteps from his birthplace to Milan, Rome, Naples and the islands of Malta and Sicily, revealing intriguing discoveries about the flawed genius.

## The Herbert



### • Exhibition

#### *Divided Selves: Legacies, Memories, Belonging*

18 February – 24 September 2023

A free exhibition exploring notions of belonging at a time when the idea of nation is threatened by challenges ranging from populism to armed conflict. [Read more](#)

### • Exhibition Family

#### *Dippy In Coventry: The Nation's Favourite Dinosaur*

20 February 2023 – 21 February 2026

Fresh from the Natural History Museum, Dippy the Diplodocus stomps into the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum from February 2023, becoming dino-in-residence for 3 years. [Read more](#)



### • Exhibition

#### *Warwickshire's Jurassic Sea*

21 February 2023 – 23 February 2024

Discover the amazing creatures that lived in Coventry and Warwickshire... [Read more](#)



### • Exhibition

#### *Coventry Open 2023*



24 March – 21 May 2023

Coventry Open returns for 2023, showcasing work by West Midlands artists working in any visual art medium. This year's exhibition includes a young people's showcase. [Read more](#)

## Interesting Exhibitions around the UK

Contemporary Landscapes, Fronteer Gallery, Sheffield

02/03/2023 to 24/03/2023

[Jonathan Oakes](#)



Fronteer Gallery, Unit 4, Craft Workshop, Orchard Square, Sheffield, S12FB

10 am - 4 pm

The Fronteer Gallery is hosting a "Contemporary Landscapes" Exhibition my contribution is an artwork Titled: The Story Part 9: Landscape acrylic & conte crayon on Photograph

[EXHIBITION LINK](#)

Cheltenham Group of Artists, Cheltenham

22/03/2023 to 28/03/2023

[Jenny Westbrook](#)

Gardens Gallery, Montpellier Gardens, Cheltenham, GL50 1SD  
10am - 5pm

Group exhibition of the Cheltenham group of artists.

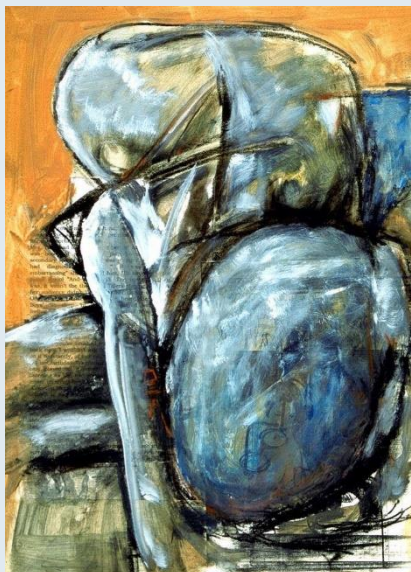
[EXHIBITION LINK](#)



## D31 Winter exhibition, Togetherness, Doncaster

20/01/2023 to 31/03/2023

[Jonathan Oakes](#)



D31 Art Gallery, 13 Scot Lane,  
Doncaster, DN1 1EW

11-5 Tues - Sat

3 of my works have been selected for the "Togetherness" exhibition which takes place in a large three-story venue in the centre of Doncaster.

[EXHIBITION LINK](#)

## Colour Fusions, Cornerstone Gallery, Didcot, Oxon

28/02/2023 to 26/04/2023

[David H Jones](#)

Cornerstone Gallery, Cornerstone Arts  
Centre, Station Road, Didcot, Oxon,  
OX11 7NE

Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm

'Colour Fusions' brings together a body of work made over the last ten years. Exhibiting paintings to show a working process from small-scale sketch work to larger canvases. His most recent paintings apply pointillist principles of optical mixing.



[EXHIBITION LINK](#)

## Expressions, No. 8 Art Gallery, Pershore

13/04/2023 to 03/05/2023

[Jo Wade](#)



Number 8 Arts Centre. 8 High St,  
Persore WR10 1BG

10-4 Monday-Saturday and during  
performances

A visual Arts Forum group exhibition. I  
will be exhibiting paintings and prints

[EXHIBITION LINK](#)

## Coventry Open Art 2023

24/03/2023 to 21/05/2023

[Tim Florence](#)

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum Jordans  
Well, Coventry, CV1 5 QP

Daily 10am-4pm

The 13th Coventry Open is back at the  
Herbert Art Gallery this Spring  
showcasing work from artists  
representing a broad spectrum of  
disciplines.

[EXHIBITION LINK](#)



## Art Opportunities

Art in the Park,  
UK Artists Pagoda

### Leamington Spa, Warwickshire

UK Artists has two artist spaces available in the UK Artists Pagoda at Art in the Park, Leamington Spa. 5th & 6th August 2023.

Cost is £145 + hire of table/chairs if required. Commission free.

Royal Leamington Spa's Art in the Park Festival is a free curated arts festival with a difference. We showcase, sell and provide live demonstrations from artists and craftspeople in Warwickshire and the Midlands. We celebrate independent local and regional food and drink. We programme the best live music, dance and theatre from our own doorstep alongside nationally and internationally renowned companies. We do it over 2 days in August in the beautiful surroundings of Jephson Gardens and Mill Gardens.

**Details:** [Art in the Park Leamington - 5th & 6th August 2023 \(artinpark.co.uk\)](https://artinpark.co.uk)

Please reply to this newsletter email if you would like to join us.

**Deadline:** Midday, Wednesday 15th March 2023

### D31 Spring Exhibition 2023

### Doncaster, South Yorkshire

#### D31 Art Gallery - The Magic of Transformation - 3rd Edition

D31 art gallery invites all visual artists from around the world to submit work for our 2023 Spring exhibition.

For the Spring exhibition 2023, the D31 art gallery will explore **THE MAGIC OF TRANSFORMATION**. Spring is a magical time of renewal, a time of hope when humanity and nature awaken. It is that special season of expectation and renewal, a time of optimism when the darkness of winter fades into the promise of light. Transformation is all around, and the universe begins anew. Join us in this journey.

We call all visual artists to submit works inspired by Transformation. From paintings, sculptures, drawings, photography, to textiles, mixed media and more. Join us in this exploration.

**Details:** [Apply to Exhibit | D31 Art Gallery](#)

**Deadline:** Midnight, Wednesday 15th March 2023

## Stone Sculpture Festivals

FREE ENTRY LIVE MUSIC LOCAL STALLS  
STONE CARVING AUCTION FOOD

# HALIFAX STONE CARVING FESTIVAL 2023

10AM - 6PM 22-23 JULY  
HALIFAX MINSTER CHURCH YARD  
CAUSEWAY, HALIFAX, HX1 1QL

Marshalls HALIFAX MINSTER



English  
Français  
Deutsch

Salzburg, Austria, 2 - 4 June 2023

EUROPEAN  
**STONE**  
FESTIVAL  
SALZBURG  
2023

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Salzburg, Austria

### Welcome to the European Stone Festival 2023 in Salzburg, Austria

Thank you for taking an interest in the European Stone Festival,  
the meeting place for stonemasons and stone carvers from all over  
Europe.



## Other Opportunities

### BE INSPIRED TO ENTER OUR TALP OPEN

#### The Artist Purchase Prize Award

##### The Prize:

One exhibited artist will have their work purchased, for its sale price of up to £3,000, to join that of last year's award-winning painting by **Mark Buck** as part of **The Artist Permanent Collection** at Patchings Art Centre.

##### The Encouragement:

'If you are like me and love to paint, choose a subject you feel a passion for and just go for it.

'If you paint something that delighted you, the chances are that it will captivate others and you never know, you may end up winning a competition when all you did was enjoy yourself.' **Mark Buck**, winner of **The Artist Purchase Prize** and **The Artist Exhibition Awards**, 2022.



Porthmadog Harbour, watercolour, (66x49cm)

SHARE YOUR PASSION & ENTER HERE

## Batsford Book Awards



*Fisherman's Yard, Blakeney, Norfolk, oil, (30x30cm)*

**The Prizes:** Four artists will win art books of their choice to the value of £150 from **Batsford Books**.

### **The Encouragement:**

'I entered in 2022 at the last minute, having hesitated due to lack of confidence, and was amazed when my painting was accepted for exhibition. I was so proud to see my work hung at Patchings when I visited for the Festival.

'I would encourage everyone to enter. You too could get a real confidence boost and have the honour of your work being included in the magazines too!' **Julie Powell**, winner of a **Batsford Award**, 2022, in the **Leisure Painter** exhibition.

ENTER & BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE!

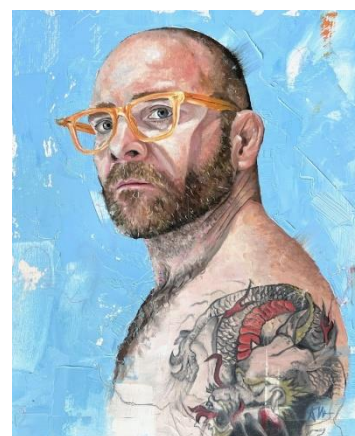
## Daler-Rowney Awards

**The Prizes:** Three artists will win sets of art materials from **Daler-Rowney** to a total value of £500.

### **The Encouragement:**

'I would encourage anyone thinking about entering this year's TALP Open, to do so. Whether you are first time painter or seasoned artist. It's a fantastic opportunity to have your work exhibited with so many like-minded people, especially in the beautiful Patchings Arts Centre.

'What's more there is also a chance of winning one of the many amazing sponsored prizes!' **Ashley Allen**, winner of a **Daler-Rowney Award**, 2022, in the **Leisure Painter** exhibition.



*Self Portrait, 2022, oil and pencil, (25x20cm)*

THIS WAY FOR A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY >>>

## Broadway Arts Festival: The Cotswolds leading arts festival



The next festival will be 9-18 June 2023 with over 80 events, including the very popular [artBEAT](#) on the village green over the first weekend of the festival (9-11 June 2023).

See our full list of [events](#) & sign up for our newsletters to be the first to hear our news!

**Tickets will be going on sale at 10am on 11th March through the website.**

If you would like to enjoy priority booking, [sign up to be a Benefactor](#) for as little as £50.

## Take 5 Art Exhibition



The 'Take 5' exhibition is at East Lodge Gallery, Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa.

We're on until the 26 March. We'd love to see you.  
Wed to Sun. Slight change of opening hours. Now 10.30 pm -3.30 pm.  
We hope you will be able to pop by on one of the days we are open throughout March.

JACQUI SMITHSON

Work inspired by form, shape and texture found in the natural world are at the heart of Jacqui's artwork. Her original felt pieces, printed fabrics, vessels and wearables are often enhanced by stitch and free machine embroidery to give finer definition to her pieces.

Jacqui teaches a variety of workshops from her home studio. Please see her website for full details. [www.jacquismithson.com](http://www.jacquismithson.com)

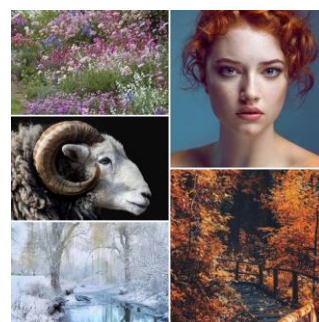
## Members Workshops – Emma Gluyas

New workshops have now been added to my web site for the rest of 2023 at Bulkington Village Centre.

I have included watercolour, oil and acrylic painting plus a soft pastel workshop and a lino print workshop, there is plenty for you to choose from.

All materials are provided on the day, plus step-by-step quality teaching by myself and you will leave with an original piece of art created by you. You can pay by Card, PayPal and Apple Pay, if you do not have any of these payment methods then contact me and you can pay over the phone.

I have devised a varied and exciting programme of full day workshops where we all have fun and you will leave wanting to do more! Please contact me by my web site if you have any queries. To book visit <https://www.emmagluyas.com/book-online>



## LOCAL ART and CRAFT CLASSES

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