

CHRISTMAS MINGLE

The Christmas Mingle held at the Willow Centre, Cringleford on Saturday 6 December was a well-attended event. Members brought a huge array of delicious food and there were activities and a quiz to keep us amused. There was ample opportunity to catch up with friends and the time passed all too quickly as it always does when you are having fun!



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I hope everybody had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas Mingle and I look forward to seeing you at our various events this coming year.

We have two exhibitions coming up - our regular spot at the Forum in May, and an Autumn show at Becket's Chapel, Wymondham. We would love to see the work of some of our newer members up for selection as well as our regular exhibiting artists.

The promise of snow hasn't materialised at the time of writing but if it does, I would love to see some of your 'snowy' scenes in the newsletter. Just send me an image of your artwork or a scenic photo to ally.m@artbear.co.uk.

Ally

EXHIBITION NEWS

210TH NNAC EXHIBITION

THE FORUM NORWICH

8 TO 15 MAY 2026

Next year's 210th Art Exhibition will be at the Forum Norwich from 8 to 15 May. Please note SELECTION will be at the Willow Centre on **Saturday 14 March**.

Sponsor a page in the Exhibition Catalogue: £25 for ¼ page promotion

A wonderful opportunity to promote yourself in our catalogue which will be available to visitors at the NNAC exhibition at The Forum.

Send your information and images to Ally Zawadzki and she will arrange a page for you. Email her at: ally.m@artbear.co.uk and copy Hazel into the email for her to invoice you (hazelpidsley@hotmail.com).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: CHRISTINE McKECHNIE WORKSHOP

Bookings are now open for Christine McKechnie's paper collage workshop on 11 April 2026. Contact Hazel Pidsley to book your place.



Cornerways garden with Hollyhocks

Christine uses almost exclusively, hand painted Ingres and cartridge paper, which she cuts, applies and layers to her heart's content.

She has been selected on a number of occasions for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition from the seventies to the nineties, and in 1983 won a RA special award for her work with paper. She has had a number of one man shows in Parsons Green and Bloomsbury and in 1995, wrote a book on the art of paper collage commissioned by Search Press.

More information about Christine's work is at www.christinemckechnie.com



LIFE DRAWING GROUP

Spring Term dates:

Wednesday 14 January

Wednesday 11 February

Wednesday 11 March

The group meets at The United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road, Norwich NR4 6QR

Booking for the term opens early January. Please contact Sara Edwards at sara@gullmeadow.co.uk

Cost: £30 per term for NNAC Members, £45 for guests.

Model session from 10am, set up from 9.30am, finish 12.45pm. Bring your own equipment.



DEMOS

(Free for members, £5 non members)

calendar 2026

> 24 January 2.00 - 4.00pm

Marcia Whiting Munnings' life at Lamorna

> 28 February 2.00 - 4.00pm

Graham Webber Cityscape in oils

> 25 April 2.00 - 4.00pm

James Power Horses in oils

> 23 May 2.00 - 4.00pm

Stephanie Lacey Wildlife in pen & ink and charcoal

> 27 June 2.00 - 4.00pm

Ian McManus Landscape in watercolour

> 18 July 2.00- 4.00pm

Gareth Jones Seascape in pastel

> 26 September 2.00 - 4.00pm

Julia Tooley Still life in guache

WORKSHOPS 2026

11 April - **Christine McKechnie**

Paper collage

(£50 members, £70 non members)

BOOKING NOW OPEN!

Unless otherwise stated all events will be held at the Willow Centre, Cringleford, Norwich NR4 7JJ.

Workshops must be booked in advance.

Contact:
hazelpidsley@hotmail.com

ArtChat

Held at: The White Horse, The Street,
Trowse Newton, Norwich, NR14 8ST

E-mail: eleanor.alison@btinternet.com

Tel: 07818215551

Next meeting/theme:

Tuesday 13 January
'Colour glazing'

Future dates:

Thursday 5 February
'Candlelight'

The Art Chat meetings are a chance to meet and discuss art related matters with other interested people. We have a theme, which directs ideas into one particular area and helps to focus our thought processes. Meetings are held in the pub, normally in a meeting room or quiet side room by the bar. Some members will arrive early to have food in the bar before we start and obviously alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available. It is a great way to meet and learn from others.

£5 per person if using the larger room. Arrive from 6.30pm for 7pm start. The pub closes at 10pm.

MEMBER EXHIBITIONS

Have you got any art events/ exhibitions coming up that you would be willing to share with members?

If so, email paulzawadzki@artbear.co.uk to discuss inclusion in our monthly NNAC newsletter. Please note the newsletter is produced in the last week of the month so info needs to be with us by the 25th for inclusion in next months issue

JOHN PATCHETT: 'STOLEN MOMENTS'

The Swan House, Beccles, until 30 January 2026



John Patchett
Norwich
Cathedral

John Patchett has an exhibition of his recent paintings at The Swan House, 34 New Market, Beccles, NR34 9HE.

As the title suggests, John never tires of looking at nature, observing, interpreting, and distilling a host of images that he encounters daily. These include the iconic Norwich market, East Anglian landscapes with their endless skies and peaceful retreats along the River Waveney.

The exhibition continues until January 30th 2026.

Further information can be obtained by ringing The Swan House on 01502 713474



Bungay-based artists Paul and Ally Zawadzki have officially launched their new enterprise. ArtZone is a dedicated space in Bungay town centre, hosting art workshops and related events. While many of the workshops are led by Paul, the space is also hired out to artists to lead their own sessions. In December the two artists were live on Park Radio promoting the opening, with local artist Dom Theobald cutting the ribbon.

There is a wide range of workshops scheduled - from painting and drawing, landscapes and still life, to life drawing and clay figures, as well as basic skills in perspective and colour. A monthly informal social meetup is also available.

For more information, monthly schedule, prices and booking info visit www.artbear.co.uk or email artzone@artbear.co.uk

NNAC OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

If you are interested in becoming a Council Member, or know someone who would be, please speak to a Council Member or contact Hazel Pidsley or Ally Zawadzki. Interested parties are welcome to attend a meeting as an observer.

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