

## EXHIBITION NEWS

### 210<sup>TH</sup> NNAC EXHIBITION THE FORUM NORWICH 8 TO 15 MAY 2026

Our 210<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ally.m@artbear.co.uk) and copy Hazel into the email for her to invoice you ([hazelpidsley@hotmail.com](mailto:hazelpidsley@hotmail.com)).



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

One month into the New Year already! There are plenty of activities lined up as you can see in this newsletter - exhibitions, demos, excursions and so on - so I hope you will be tempted to take advantage of these opportunities. I also look forward to seeing many of you at the Willow Centre on 28 March for the AGM.

Looks like we could be in for some snow this month so be careful out there...

*Ally*

## REMINDER:

**The NNAC AGM is 2pm at the Willow Centre, Cringleford NR4 7JJ on Saturday 28 March**

**ArtChat**

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

E-mail: [eleanor.alison@btinternet.com](mailto:eleanor.alison@btinternet.com)

Tel: 0781821551

**Next meeting/theme:**

**Thursday 5 February  
'Candlelight'**

**Tuesday 10 March  
'Circus'**

**Thursday 2 April  
'Flowers'**

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.

# DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: CHRISTINE McKECHNIE WORKSHOP

**Last few places** available 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](http://www.christinemckechnie.com)

## PLEIN-AIR PAINTING DAY: MENDHAM MILL

Wednesday 8 July 2026

NNAC members have been offered a chance to paint in the grounds of the birthplace of Sir Alfred Munnings, Mendham Mill, Mendham, Harleston IP20 0NN. A £5 fee will be payable on the day. Tea and coffee and toilet facilities will be available.

Please contact Hazel Pidsley, e-mail [hazelpidsley@hotmail.com](mailto:hazelpidsley@hotmail.com)

Please note - this opportunity is limited to only 18 participants.



## WINTER THEME...



Winter Walk John Patchett

John Patchett answered our recent call for images/artwork relating to the theme of 'winter'. This is his painting 'Winter Walk'.

If you have a painting fitting the theme and would like us to include it in the newsletter, send it to [paulzawadzki@artbear.co.uk](mailto:paulzawadzki@artbear.co.uk)



# calendar 2026

**DEMOS** (Free for members, £5 non members)

## WORKSHOPS 2026

11 April - **Christine McKechnie**

**Paper collage**

(£50 members, £70 non members)

**BOOKING NOW OPEN!**

Saturday 5 September -  
**Rachel Thomas**

**Mixed media with oils**

(£50 members, £70 non members)

**TBC**

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

> 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

**Carole Massey** Acrylic, gels, mediums, palette knives.

> 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



## LIFE DRAWING GROUP

**Remaining  
Spring Term dates:**

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.

# TALK TO MEMBERS: MARCIA WHITING

Saturday 24 January

We were treated to a very interesting talk by Marcia Whiting on the time that Sir Alfred Munnings spent at Lamorna and Newlyn in Cornwall from about 1910 to 1914. Some amazing images of his paintings and historic photos researched and curated for this presentation made for a wonderful insight into his life in the area and the fascinating people that he befriended and painted.

Thanks very much to Marcia and the Munnings Art Museum for this appreciation of the artist.

Ally Zawadzki



*A landscape with foxgloves in the foreground. c. 1912. Oil painting. The Munnings Art Museum. Copyright the estate of Sir Alfred Munnings.*



## CREATIVE HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY

**big sky art**

Do you want a really inspiring experience to develop your watercolours and connect with like minded people on a wonderful luxury creative holiday this spring?

Nicky Hunter is pleased to share her fourth year tutoring as one of the selected artists at the prestigious BIG SKY ART luxury art retreat, which hosts national and international artists to bring you the very best painting holiday experiences in the UK. She will be teaching her Expressive Watercolour Workshop from 8–13 March 2026.

Set in the stunning White House on the Norfolk coast, this luxury painting holiday combines beautiful surroundings, delicious food, and the company of like-minded creatives.

Together you will explore flowers and wildlife and use traditional watercolour techniques with a loose,

expressive, contemporary twist. Nicky will guide you how to successfully use bold colour, composition and brushwork - helping you to create vibrant, joyful paintings that truly sing from the page.

View Nicky's artwork: [www.nickyhunterart.com](http://www.nickyhunterart.com)

Book your place: [www.bigskyartcourses.com](http://www.bigskyartcourses.com)



# DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: EXCURSION TO LONDON



**We have a planned trip to London on Wednesday 29 July.**

**£22 for Members, £30 for Guests.**

**There will be a choice of drop-off points in London.**

**More details to follow or contact Hazel Pidsley\***

## MEMBER EXHIBITIONS: WELLS ART GROUP

### Nature and the Big Skies

Wells Art Group marks 50 years with works by 11 plein-air artists, celebrating North Norfolk's skies, wildlife, and distinctive local landmarks

#### The Gallery at Cley Marshes Visitor Centre

Coast Road, Cley next the Sea, NR25 7SA

Wednesday 11 February 2026 - Tuesday 24 February 2026 - 10am to 4pm

This is Wells Art Group's 50th Anniversary. Over the last 5 years they have developed into an all year Plein Air painting group, meeting each week at different

locations across North Norfolk. They are made up of 11 artists and paint in a range of mediums (including oils, acrylics and watercolours), styles and subjects.

Wells Next the Sea and its surrounding areas in North Norfolk are known for their expansive skies and diverse natural beauty. This exhibition incorporates local scenes and the wildlife and flora it supports as well as the distinctive character of Norfolk's buildings and landmarks.

**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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in next months issue

## 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.

**President:** Sue Willmer

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