



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

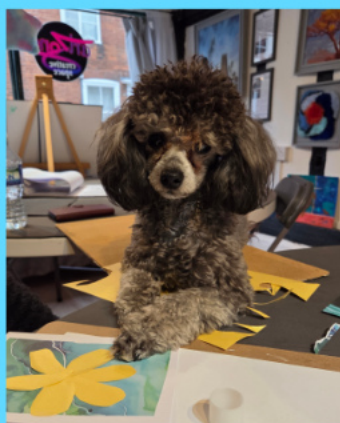
'Whew it's a scorcher' as a certain newspaper eloquently put it a few years ago...

I was very impressed with the high standards of work presented to the Selection Panel for the Becket's Chapel exhibition, and look forward to seeing it all on display in October.

As I write we have just returned from a day trip to London with Members and guests enjoying the sights

(mainly galleries, shops and restaurants away from the extreme heat outside!)

Puppy news: little Buddy enjoys helping out in the studio and making collages, even if he does try to eat the paper!



Ally

21ST ART EXHIBITION. BECKET'S CHAPEL, WYMONDHAM 5 TO 11 OCTOBER 2026

The Selection panel considered over 100 paintings at Selection Day on Saturday 25 July, from which 86 pieces were selected for exhibition at Wymondham.

The standards, as usual, were very high and it is always a pleasure for Council to see the talented work that our membership produces.

For this exhibition to mark the 65th anniversary of the opening of Munnings Museum, Essex, the former

home of Sir Alfred Munnings RA, and our strong partnership with the museum, we are having a black and white themed section at the exhibition. Eighteen paintings on this theme will be on show, together with prints of Munnings' paintings kindly loaned by the museum.

Sir Alfred Munnings drew many pictures in black and white during his lifetime and he loved the medium.





WORKSHOP

With ALYONA DYER

'Bring the Summer Home'

Create a beautiful **textured summer beach scene** inspired by the British coastline. Using a variety of mixed media, you'll learn how to build texture, create realistic waves and sandy shores.

You'll be able to personalise your artwork by adding your own creative touches, making each piece unique. Suitable for beginners and those with some artistic experience.

About the Artist

Alyona was recently awarded 'Highly Commended' at the NNAC Exhibition held at The Forum in May, recognised for her distinctive contemporary abstract style.

What's Included

Palette knives, texture paste, a basic selection of acrylic paints and brushes will be provided.

Please bring:

- A 12" x 12" canvas board
 - An apron or old clothes you don't mind getting messy
- If you prefer to work with your own brushes and paints, you're very welcome to bring them along, otherwise, you're welcome to use the materials provided. We'll enjoy a relaxed, creative day together, sharing ideas and techniques in a friendly atmosphere.

Saturday 7 November

10.00am - 4.00pm

The Willow Centre,
Cringelford, Norwich
NR4 7JJ

£50 NNAC Members, £70 guests

Places are limited so early booking is recommended

Workshops must be booked in advance.

Contact:
hazelpidsley@hotmail.com



DEMOS & WORKSHOPS

For workshops email Hazel to book your place



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DEMOS (Free for members, £5 non members)

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

Contact:
hazelpidsley@hotmail.com

> 26 September 2.00 - 4.00pm
Julia Tooley Still life in guache

> 24 October 2.00 - 4.00pm
Tracey Ross North Norfolk coastal scene in acrylic & mixed media



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DEMONSTRATIONS

(Free for members, £5 non members)

WORKSHOPS 2027

Saturday 10 April

GRAHAM WEBBER

Oil painting

Saturday 6 November

SARA EDWARDS

Acrylic painting

(£50 members, £70 non members)

BOOKING NOW OPEN!

> 27 February 2.00- 4.00pm
JOHN PATCHETT
Pastel garden scene

> 22 May 2.00 - 4.00pm
PENNY OVERTON
Acrylic & mixed media landscape

> Watch this space for more dates!

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ArtChat

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

E-mail: eleanor.alison@btinternet.com

Tel: 07818215551

Next session:

Thursday 10 August

Theme: 'Rocks'

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.

DEMONSTRATION: MARGARET GLASS, PASTEL SEASCAPE

Saturday 18 July

Willow Centre, Cringleford

Margaret Glass was welcomed by a nearly full house of members and guests and gave us all a very interesting demonstration of a seascape in soft pastels.

Margaret explained that the boards she uses are sanded art paper and she uses 400 grit, because it grabs the pastel and enables layers and layers to be applied. These can be purchased from Jackson's Art Supplies.

She started with the darkest areas first, before developing the rest of the picture, emphasising the need for tones.

She recommended that pastel artist should start with the coolest and the warmest tones of the primary palette, and greens as well as a very bright orange. The pastels she used were Sennelier and were made with very little gum in them, unlike cheaper varieties.

Working over the canvas starting with the clouds, landscape and finally the water, she built up the colours. With the use of a very 'worn down' brush she brushed areas gently to great effect, explaining that the canvas below the grit would have kept the colour.

During her demonstration she showed us how to push the pastels rather than rubbing so the image wasn't smudged.

Hazel Pidsley



LIFE DRAWING GROUP

No sessions in July and August

Autumn Term dates: 9 Sept, 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec

Booking for Autumn Term will open early September

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

Booking for the terms will be advertised. 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.

EXCURSION - DAY TRIP TO LONDON

Wednesday 29 July

Members and their guests enjoyed a day out in London on Wednesday, despite the extreme heat in the city streets.

While some visited the Royal Academy Summer Show, others such as our party, retreated to the relative cool of the National Gallery to seek inspiration from Post Impressionist art, and to savor the delights of afternoon tea in the restaurant. Later we were forced to sit in a park in deckchairs in the shade while eating ice cream. It's a hard life!

Paul Zawadzki



EXCURSION: CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Wednesday 16 September 2026

Coach trip to Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich, to see the Constable 250 exhibition

Pick up and return from Norwich. Coach ticket only £12 for members and £20 for guests. This will prove to be very popular so early booking recommended.

To book your place please contact Hazel Pidsley - hazelpidsley@hotmail.com

PLACES NEARLY GONE!
See the Hay Wain returning to Suffolk for the first time!



MEMBER EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS:

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.



Art Exhibition
 Preview Friday 28 Aug
 6pm
SAT 29 AUG 10-5PM
SUN 30 AUG 12.30-5PM
MON 31 AUG 10-4PM
Holy Trinity Church Loddon

Further information available from
 Angela Bailey 07385832362
 or
 Genevieve Godber email:
loddonartexhibition@gmail.com

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turn up the
heat



Thursday 13 - Tuesday 18 August

Holton Lodge Barn gallery

The Street, Holton IP19 8PN

Open 11am - 5pm daily

FREE ENTRY



Private View:

Friday 14 August from 5pm

With Special Guest Artist:
Dom Theobald

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 @easterlyartistsuk

www.easterly.org.uk

BECCLES SOCIETY OF
Artists

**2026 Annual
Exhibition**

Beccles Public Hall

Open

10.00am – 5pm

Thursday 6th – Monday 10th August

10.00am – 12.00pm

Tuesday 11th August

ADMISSION FREE

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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