



NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2025



A tribute to Gale's Ales and the
Horndean Brewery by Phil Rogers

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**AGM, group project hand in and
Jenny Jennings and Diamond
Trophies**

Thursday 11 September

Stewart Beckett Demonstration

Thursday 25 September

Dear Members,

Firstly a reminder to those that have not already done so that your annual membership was due for renewal on 1 September. Please contact Trudy Bishop at farehamartgroupmembership@gmail.com if you have any queries or if you did not receive the renewal form.

Secondly another reminder - the closing date for entries to our annual exhibition is Saturday 20 September. We would like to see as many members as possible taking part in our 75th Anniversary show - let's make it the best one yet!

AND FINALLY

Our AGM is on Thursday 11 September. Don't forget to bring your group project pieces as well as your entries for the Jenny Jennings and Diamond trophies - subject is 'Abstract Art' in a medium of your choice.

Please also bring in any art materials or tombola prizes for our exhibition either to the AGM or to our weekly painting sessions.

See you there!



Autumn Term 2025 Events Programme

2025 Term Dates 2 September - 16 December

No Tuesday sessions 9 September and 2 December

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11 September The Diamond and the Jenny Jennings Trophies
Abstract any medium of your choice

Thursday Demonstrations

25 September Stewart Beckett
Oil Demonstration

27 Nov Sue Kerrington-Harris
Pastel Demonstration

Tuesday Workshops

23 & 30 September Golden Hour Acrylic Workshops
Marieta Sotirova

14 & 21 October Big Cats in Pastel
Brian Hopkins

11 November Leaf Impressions
Elizabeth Saunders

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Saturday Workshops

20 September Watercolour Workshop
Stunning Sunset in Venice

4 October Mixed Media Workshop
Soraya French
Loose & Free Style Flora

24-26 October 2025 ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Thursday 4 December Christmas Party

Presentation of the Don Parmiter Award & Jack Smith Trophies
Sunset in December
any medium of your choice

A Potential Feline Fundraiser

Fareham Art Group member Lindsay Cracknell is looking for artists who might be interested in taking part in a cat themed exhibition for Gosport Cats Protection. Her message is below:

I volunteer for Gosport Cats Protection, who support the care of our local feline friends. I've had a fundraising idea to help them, that may be of interest to some fellow Fareham Art Group members.

From the ancient Egyptians to the Impressionists, the beauty of cats has long been an inspiration to artists. I'm at the early planning stage of organising a small art exhibition with the domestic cat as its subject. This should help raise both awareness and funding for the charity, but it will also provide an opportunity to show and sell your work.

This is likely to be early next year. Before looking at venues, I wanted to gauge how many people might be interested in taking part. I've seen some wonderful cat pictures from group members, so whether you're a pet portraitist, or prefer something more abstract I hope you'll consider getting involved. I'm looking for drawings or paintings in any style or medium, they just need to prominently feature domestic cats.

No commitment, but if you're interested, please either message me on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003230198376> or you can email me: 88linds@gmail.com.

Finally, if you're looking for good source material you can pop your postcode into the Cats Protection website here: <https://www.cats.org.uk/adopt-a-cat/find-a-cat> they update it every week with photos of cats looking for new homes (although I'm not being held responsible if you fall for one!)

Many thanks.

Lindsay'

Fareham Art Group 75th Anniversary by Carole Jarman (the full article can be found in the latest edition of Titchfield News)

Fareham Art Group started in 1950 and is now in its 75th year thanks to a gentleman called Arthur Slinn.

In response to an article in the local Newspaper deploring the lack of facilities for artists in the Fareham area, Mr Slinn placed an advert inviting anyone interested in art, to contact him. The first meeting of the club took place in the home of Mr Slinn with seven members. As the membership increased it was necessary to relocate to a hut rented from the Fareham Model Engineering group. The iron stove pumped out smoke, but everyone was happy to be painting! The membership fee was 2/- per annum (10p) and increased in 1953 to the grand sum of ten shillings (50p)

When the Model club folded, they relocated to a room at Fareham Youth Centre. This room, in disrepair, was offered in return for the art group to paint the walls in their chosen style. The group painted full sized murals, a large winding staircase to a balcony with pillars, a beautiful Mediterranean view with palm trees. In another room, each member painted a picture of their choice and this room became a sunny scene in the south of France.

Today, Fareham Art Group is progressive and exciting. During COVID, the group chose the famous painting, Garrowby Hill, enlarged it and divided it into squares measuring 4x4 inches. Members were posted a 4x4 piece of watercolour paper and a photograph showing their square of the original painting, to be copied in their chosen medium. The members posted their painting back and these were mounted on a large board to create the original Garrowby Hill picture. The result was spectacular and displayed at our first exhibition after COVID to wide acclaim.

This year's challenge is to paint a scene portraying Fareham Past and Present, to be displayed at Fareham library and at our Annual Exhibition in October.

So what is on offer at Fareham Art Group in its 75th year?

Art can make a difference to your life. It is therapeutic, brings people together to make new friendships and meets at St Johns Hall every Tuesday afternoon.

Sometimes, we organise tutorial sessions for small groups to explore new techniques.

Similarly, on Saturdays in Portchester, "paintalong" workshops are organised, tutored by a professional artist. At monthly evening meetings there are demonstrations by professional artists and competitions where trophies are awarded.

In the summer, great fun and camaraderie takes place on Tuesday afternoons while painting outside at interesting venues.

Several years ago the group ran a very successful PopUp shop in Fareham Precinct which lasted six years. We have recently opened up a new PopUp in Fareham Precinct inside the Save A Warrior shop, which is hoped will be of similar success.

**Artist Demonstration:
Stewart Beckett
Thursday 25 September**



Stewart Beckett, a seasoned visual artist, stands at the intersection of tradition and contemporary expression, weaving a captivating narrative that transcends the transient allure of invention. In a world where the relentless pursuit of the new often overshadows the treasures of the past, he takes on the noble responsibility of preserving the profound wisdom that propels artistic evolution.

Some members may recall that he has previously worked with Fareham Art Group and willingly shared his knowledge and expertise. He has been a contestant in both Landscape and Portrait Artist of the Year on Sky Arts TV.

He will be demonstrating in oils and will be seeking a member volunteer to have their portrait painted. For the lucky member selected he has kindly agreed to donate the completed artwork for them to keep.

Doors open 7pm for 7.15 start ~ See you there.

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