



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026



Sylvanarth Trophy Winner:
'Fareham Station' by Karen Dobbins

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In Person Demonstration: Elaine Reed
'Textured Seascapes in Watercolour
and Mixed Media: Thursday 28 May

Val Carter Award: appraisal by Helen
Carter. 'British Flora & Fauna':
Thursday 25 June

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

This year we have decided to reissue the membership survey. This is your chance to tell us what you like about Fareham Art Group, and what you would like to see going forward. Please do complete it and have your say about the future of the group.

SUBMISSIONS NEEDED: ONLINE MEMBERS' GALLERY

We have noticed that some of the content on the Fareham Art Group website is in need of refreshing, in particular the members' gallery which contains work from past members who are no longer part of the group. We are therefore appealing for new photos for the gallery to reflect the current membership - please email clear photos of your work, along with your name AND the titles of your artwork to Emma at:

farehamartgroupphotos@gmail.com

COMPETITION WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following:

Molly Dicker Trophy Winner:
Lindsay Cracknell

Molly Dicker Runner up:
Karen Hammond

Sylvanarth Trophy Winner:
Karen Dobbins

En Plein Air Painting Days 2026

(Wednesdays in July and Tuesdays in August)

Meet at 10.00 am - see our website for full details of each venue

JULY

1st July (Wednesday) Explosion Museum/Gosport's Millenium Bridge,
Priddy's Hard, Gosport.
(meet in car park outside the Museum)

8th July (Wednesday) Churchillian Pub, Portsdown Hill. Incredible views
across Portsmouth and the Solent. (meet outside Pub)

15th July (Wednesday) Rising Sun Public House, Shore Road, Warsash,
(meet outside The Rising Sun Pub)

22nd July (Wednesday) CAMS Mill (meet in Restaurant's car park)

29th July (Wednesday) River Hamble (meet outside the Royal Southern Yacht Club in
Hamble)

AUGUST

4th August (Tuesday) Portchester Castle

(meet in car park near the main entrance)

11th August (Tuesday) Titchfield Abbey

(meet in the Abbey grounds, park outside The Fisherman's Rest (*opposite Titchfield Abbey*) or in Stewarts Garden Centre car park (*just before Titchfield Abbey*), or alternatively park in the grounds if you are an English Heritage member)

18th August (Tuesday) Hill Head shore,

(meet outside Rotary Club Wheel House Building PO14 3LR, park in Salterns car park)

25th August (Tuesday) Second Chance Charity.

Fontley. PO15 6QS. 9.45 am sharp please.

(meet outside main entrance, don't forget £2.50 donation to the Charity to be collected on the day).

The Val Carter (Wildlife) Award

Thursday 25 June Theme: British Flora and Fauna

Competition Rules

1. The competition is open to members of Fareham Art Group and is aimed at artists of all abilities.
2. The definition of wildlife is: living things, for example, insects, mammals, birds, and fish that are neither human nor domesticated.
3. Entries may be in any media.
4. The competition is judged by an independent invited guest artist.
5. The Val Carter trophy is awarded to first place.
6. Certificates are awarded for first, second and third place, and certificates of merit (Commended Certificates) may be awarded at the discretion of the judge.
7. The competition winner keeps the trophy until the following year's competition but must return it to the Committee before or at the subsequent Val Carter trophy competition.
8. Please remember, you are responsible for the originality of your own work. Any entry found breaching copyright will be removed from the competition.

Report: Sussex Art Fair by Trudy Bishop

On Sunday 10 May sixteen members joined the coach trip I had organised to take us to the Sussex Art Fair at Goodwood Racecourse. We were to leave POrtchester at 9:30 but sadly overnight the minibus had developed a puncture meaning that we did not leave until just after 10:30. I have to say thank you to all those understanding members who turned up early only to learn about the puncture! They just accepted the delay for which I was very grateful. Thank goodness for the coffee shop in Porchester precinct where we were able to go in out of the cold.

So then we were on our way and arrived at Goodwood after a few hiccups towards the end of our journey - the driver was a bit lost but those on board helped him out.

Sussex Art Fair is a wonderful exhibition of the most outstanding artworks. Every exhibiting artist was on hand at their respective stands and were very welcoming - I think Jackie made a few good contacts with workshops and demos in mind. The fair is very inspirational in encouraging everyone to do it all! The patience of the artists is endless. Over the weekend they must be asked the same questions time and time again but you would never know it!

I will probably set up another trip next year so watch out around this time. Our thanks to the committee for subsidising the trip, reducing the overall price for transport and entry to just £14 - bargain!

Demonstration:
Elaine Reed
Thursday 28 May



We are delighted that Elaine Reed has agreed to demonstrate for us using some of her painting techniques; a mixture of masking, wet in wet washes of granulating watercolour paints with real leaves laid into the wet. Then when everything is dry she will do some more drawing, some lifting off and printing over the painted surface. (And a couple of collaged tissue paper moths on top of one).

Doors open 7pm for 7.15pm start at
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