

Lichfield Society of Artist Newsletter December 2024

Christmas Message from your Society

80 years ago, in Lichfield city in the year 1944 people enthused by the arts came together to form the Lichfield and District Society of Arts. Music, art and drama were all part of the art forms that came together. 1954 saw the arts start to form their own speciality areas of interest and the visual arts became known by the name of the Lichfield and District Society of Artists. 1975 saw a shorter name by which the Society is known today, the Lichfield Society of Artists.

Lichfield Society of Artists regularly meet up at different venues and in different groups around Lichfield: a flower painting group enjoys artwork, exhibition, outings and visits to botanical venues, a plein-air sketching group meet monthly in the more clement months at different local locations around the Lichfield area; a general meeting based in Lichfield that includes social art based activities or excellent demonstrations by visiting guest artists, a general painting group monthly evening meeting; committee meetings and an AGM where Society matters are reported on and plans can come together for exhibitions and events.

Celebratory events for the 2024 80th year have so far included taking part in the Lichfield Arts Fuse Festival during the summer months and an 80th Anniversary Exhibition at the Lichfield Guildhall in the Guild Room between October 18th and 22nd.

The events so far to celebrate the 80th year have been hugely successful for the Society and have been enjoyed by members and the public from near and far. For this there is a huge thank you to all those that became involved, contributed, participated, communicated, organised and gave their time, attention, energy and support in any way they could to make for a celebratory 80th year to remember.

However, the 80th year is not over yet: in fact, it really has only just begun for as we move into 2025 we find ourselves in a position to hold more 80th Anniversary celebrations. You see even though the Society first came together in 1944, the first public exhibition was held in June 1945 in the museum on Beacon Street, above the Lichfield Registrar Office. So we can continue marking 80 years of the visual arts in Lichfield and surrounding area.

So let's look to the future and the year ahead - let's look to the light! Let's find a way for that light to shine through to make another year to remember for Lichfield Society of Artists.

And with that Lichfield Society of Artists wish their fellow members and supporters every good wish for a peaceful, creative, seasonal festive time and best wishes for a creative and prosperous New Year.

We look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Dates for your Dairy

Flower Painting Group – Friday 6th of December at the Holy Cross Church Community Room, Chapel Lane, Lichfield from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Contributions of any Christmas nibbles or treats will be very welcome - to add a little seasonal cheer!

Bring our own work in progress as usual. If any of you have designed Christmas cards this year, it would be good to have a 'show and tell' interlude.

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday 11th of December 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Saxon Hill Academy, Kings Hill Road, WS14 9DE. This meeting will be our usual Christmas social event. Please bring along a piece of seasonal artwork to be display around the room on our table easels and get a chance to vote for your favourite piece. There will also be an arty quiz and drinks and nibbles will be provided.

FUSE Festival 2025

After the success of taking part in this year's FUSE festival the LSA committee are considering taking part in next year's event dates are yet to be confirmed but this usually takes place sometime in July. For us to take part next year we need to have a subcommittee of volunteers prepared to help organise our participation and to help with setting up and running workshops during the weekend of the event. If you are interested in helping, please email contact@lichfield-soc-artists.co.uk

Demonstrators for 2025

We still have dates available for demonstrators for next year. If you have any suggestions for artists that you would like us to try a book for one of our demonstration evenings, then please send an email with your suggestions to contact@lichfield-soc-artists.co.uk

Please note there will be no demonstration evening in January and there will be no Painting evening until March. Details of next years events will be sent out in the new year.

Kind regards,

Stuart Burn