**Autumn Newsletter**

Here we are as promised – the next Newsletter before Christmas.

**Andrew Parry-James**

I have to start this time with the very sad news that we have lost our friend and fellow painter Andrew Parry-James, who was truly one of life’s really lovely people and who died in August this year.



The last meeting with Andrew at Dedham Hall in the spring of this year



Andrew painting at Pin Mill (in blue hat) a few of years ago

I first met Andrew several years ago when he attended one of my courses at Albury Heath. The following year he joined me on five occasions and was ever present on my courses at Dedham Hall. He was a kind and generous person who always had time for others, despite being ill for the last five years of his life. To me his humour and friendship epitomised the pleasure that I have found running art courses up and down the country and I know many others will have the same fond memories of him.

Each year at Dedham he would set up shop at the end of the studio where you could be assured of laughter and merriment the whole week –he always referred to it as the ’Naughty Boys Corner’. He was a keen sailor became an accomplished painter over the years and it was a great pleasure for me to see one of his paintings included in the order of service at his funeral – it was of course a Thames Barge, a subject he so loved to sail and to paint.

Andrew, you were truly a great friend, we shall miss you.

**Latest DVD**

Earlier in the summer I made another DVD with Town House Films and this has now been released. It features five demonstration pictures and is aimed at producing ‘Winning Watercolours’. The following is an extract from the cover.

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| |  | | --- | | **Winning Watercolours**  Steve Hall is a master of expressive big brush watercolour painting and in this DVD he reveals his secrets of how to produce a winning painting every time. If you are tired of producing too many failures then this if the DVD to get you back on track. Steve starts by demonstrating his new technique aimed at producing the perfect eye pleasing composition every time. He covers subjects such as how to simply paint figures in a landscape and what to do when there appears nothing worth painting! The DVD is filmed on location in the charming Suffolk seaside town of Aldeburgh - home to the famous music festival founded by composer and former resident, the late Benjamin Britten | |

You can purchase a copy of the DVD and view a trailer by visiting the DVD section of my web site, where you can also view trailers of all my DVDs.

**Programme of courses for 2015**

This is a provisional list of my courses for next year. Full details will be found in my course brochure which is due out towards the end of the year. If you would like to go on the mailing list please let me have your postal contact details.



**Demonstrations Autumn 2014/2015**

The following demonstrations have been agreed for Autumn 2014 and 2015:-

**Whitchurch Art Club**

Thursday 27th November 7-9pm

Hengrove Community Centre

Fortfield Road

Whitchurch

Bristol BS14 9NX

Contact: Jo McKenna 01275 833333

**Lansdown Art Club**

Tuesday 14th April 7.30-9.30pm

St Matthews Church Hall

Caincross

Stroud

GL5 4JE

Contact Gerard Atkinson: 01453 827083

**Waterside Art Group**

Tuesday 26th May 7.30-9.30pm

Hythe Community Centre

Brinton Lane

Hythe

Southampton SO45 6DU

Contact: Christine Jones 02380 847489

**Guildford Art Society**

Saturday 3rd October 2.30-4.30pm

St Catherine’s Hall

Chestnut Avenue

Guildford

Contact: John Nichols 01483 564273

**A few memories of the great times we had painting together in the summer of2014**



Taking time out to relax at the Swan hotel, Wells – ‘must keep our strength up you know’



Our friends from across the pond – Geri Dunne and Diane Klock



Gwen Callaghan leading the smiles at Scarborough

**Painting Competition**

Must have been the long hot summer, but we only received 3 entries for this one, all of which are shown below. The winner was Barry Hulme, who receives a copy of my latest DVD. Congratulations Barry



Barry Hulme



Ron May



Chris Gaymer

This time the competition picture is taken from the Vietnam War and provides an opportunity to capture some great shapes. The winner will receive a copy of Jack Merriott’s book ‘Discovering Watercolour’



**On line art sale**

Over the last couple of years I have been tempted back into the world of football. This time I have been persuaded by one of my many cousins who live in the Bath area to help with the fundraising of his club – Larkhall athletic, who play semi-professional football in the Southern League.

I am currently offering a number of my paintings for sale on line, with all the proceeds going towards the club. So’ here is the chance of that special Christmas present. Simply click on the link on the home page of [www.stevehallartist](http://www.stevehallartist) and you will see what’s on offer. Each picture is £95 and included postage and packing to any UK address.

That’s all for now

Steve