

## Newsletter May 2024

Hello Everybody! We had our AGM on Monday last, and a lot of forthcoming events were mentioned, this newsletter is to give you some of the details of these events. Please see below for details of the following:

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- 30<sup>th</sup> May Bury Photographic Society 'Teams' Evening
  - 4<sup>th</sup> June Coach trip to RHS Harlow Carr
  - 7<sup>th</sup> July Bury Art Festival
  - 24<sup>th</sup> August BAS Annual Exhibition
  - 28<sup>th</sup> September 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Jubilee Dinner
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30<sup>th</sup> May **Bury Photographic Society 'Teams' Evening** 7:30p.m.

In the spirit of community involvement BAS have agreed to judge the Photographic Society event.

- **Where it is:** Fishpool Liberal Club, Nelson St (between Gigg Lane and Parkhills Road), Bury BL9 9HX.
    - The car park entrance is on Woodley Street at the Nelson Street end. Use the back door to the club directly from the car park. If the car park is full just block cars in if necessary.
  - **Who is involved:** Our members Joe Denning and Neil McClung have agreed to be judges on behalf of BAS.
  - **Why you should attend:** members are invited to attend in the audience, and it would be great if members went along to support Joe and Neil.
    - We hope this event will be successful, and BAS may be able to collaborate on other projects with the Photographic Society in the future using our complementary skills.
  - **Anything else:** If anyone would also like to be a judge, as we can have three members to judge, please let me know.
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4<sup>th</sup> June **Coach trip to Harlow Carr**

Pam Stone told us about the upcoming coach trips, the first of which is to RHS Harlow Carr.

- **Who can go:** Anybody, if you would like to bring a friend or relative, that's fine.
- **Cost:** All trips this year are £25 for the coach. You can pay by bank transfer to BAS or give cash to Pam or Diane Finlay.
- **RHS membership:** If you intend going to Harlow Carr, please tell Pam as soon as possible (text on 07767605055 or email [buryartsoc@gmail.com](mailto:buryartsoc@gmail.com)) whether or not you are an RHS member. This is because BAS will pay the entry fee of non - RHS members but Pam needs to know the numbers for the group rate.
- **Other trips:** Knaresborough 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Chester 3<sup>rd</sup> September. You can book on now.

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7<sup>th</sup> July **Bury Art Festival** 10a.m. to 4p.m.

Bury is having the first ever Art Festival weekend and we are taking part as another way of being involved in the community and as a chance to exhibit our work and raise our Society's profile.

- **Where it is:** We will be exhibiting at Greenmount Old School on *Sunday* 7<sup>th</sup> July.
  - You will need to set up your work on *Saturday* 6<sup>th</sup> July between 2 and 4p.m. and collect your work on *Sunday* from 3:45p.m. or arrange with someone else to do so for you.
- **What you can exhibit:** Any art is permissible, including ceramics, textiles, cards and prints etc. There is no selection process or limits on number of artworks per member.
  - You can sell your work but must manage your own sales.
- **Anything else:** BAS will be able to provide some stands to display work, but you may need to bring your own if you have several pieces of work.
  - I took some names at the AGM but if you weren't there, please let me know if you are interested in taking part.
  - If you are a member of another group taking part in the Art Festival, you can still exhibit your work with BAS.

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24<sup>th</sup> August **Annual Exhibition 2024**

Our annual exhibition will go ahead as usual but will also include a special 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary element comprising works and information about former members.

- **Who can exhibit:** As usual, all paid up members can submit up to **four** works for selection by the judges.
  - This year you may exhibit a ceramic or sculpture as one of your pieces, subject to the selection process.
  - The gallery endeavours to accept one piece from each member.
- **Length of exhibition:** The exhibition will run for a minimum of 5 weeks (to 28<sup>th</sup> September inclusive) a short extension of 2 weeks is likely taking it to a normal length of 7 weeks. However, a longer extension is possible because the building works at Bury Art and Sculpture Museum are beginning in the autumn following our exhibition's closing, and the date for their starting is not yet finalised (but will be after 28<sup>th</sup> September).
  - Your work needs to be available for the entire period.
- **Submissions week:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Hanging fees:** will remain at £5.50 per accepted artwork.
- **Anything else:** I will of course send out entry forms and any extra details including the judges and details of the launch, nearer the time.

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28<sup>th</sup> September **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee Dinner** at 6p.m.

This is our 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party, so we have endeavoured to arrange a meal which will appeal to as many of our members as possible and reflect our heritage in some way.

- **Where it is:** The Minden Suite at the Fusiliers Museum on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6p.m. for a 6.30p.m. meal.
  - This the room is where L. S. Lowry (our 2<sup>nd</sup> president) used to teach.
  - There is level access and a lift to the Minden Suite.
- **The meal:** The menu is three courses, including a chicken main, which we hope will appeal most members.
  - There will also be a **vegan** and a **gluten-free** option available. Please tell us when you buy your ticket if you want either of these options.
- **Cost:** £30 and includes a welcome drink on arrival (BAS are subsidising the costs).
  - Tickets are available now.
  - You can pay by bank transfer or give cash to Pam Stone or Diane Finlay.
  - If you would prefer to pay a deposit to ensure your place, we will accept a £15 deposit per ticket *up to the end of June*, but this will be non-refundable.
- **Who can attend:** members can buy **one extra ticket** and bring a family member or friend as a 'plus one'.
  - Numbers are limited so tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis, but there should be enough room for everyone.
- **Anything else:** The dress code for the meal will be 'smart casual', so you can dress up as much or as little as you wish.

If you have any queries about anything mentioned above, please ask,

Best wishes,

Judy