

Highcliffe Art Fellowship – August 2022 Chairman’s Letter

Dear HAF Members,

Exhibition Month

This August has been a challenging month for HAF with our first Exhibition since 2019. Your committee worked really hard in the months leading up to the Exhibition. None of us had planned or run an Exhibition before so it was quite a learning curve. There were a few changes compared to previous Exhibitions in an attempt to make things easier for everyone. By far the majority of feedback has been very supportive of the more simplified approach.

At one point we were not sure if we would have enough artists and paintings to hold the Exhibition. In the end it all worked out very well. As always the quality of the paintings has been outstanding. I would like to thank all of those members who submitted paintings and carried out stewarding duties.

There are many others who I could mention but a special thanks should go to Dick Pearce and his wife Sue. They worked tirelessly in the period up to, and during, the Exhibition with a number of sleepless nights, but it all worked out in the end.

Membership – We need your help!

At the moment we have a significantly reduced membership compared to 2019. The impact of Covid and the related pandemic has had a big impact on many clubs and societies. Hopefully, with your help, that will change for 2023. If you have the opportunity to encourage more friends and relatives to come along to our demo meetings there is a chance that they will like what they see and perhaps join. That would be an enormous help!

7th September Demo meeting

We have a special treat in September with the return of Jake Winkle. He will be demonstrating how to paint exciting landscapes, reflections and skies in watercolour. Not one to miss!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our September Demo. In the meantime stay safe.

Kind regards,

Mike Daniels – Chairman, Highcliffe Art Fellowship.