

Launton Annual Parish Meeting 19th April 2018

Report of Launton Watercolour Art Group

This will have been our thirteenth year. Patsy started the group in 2005 and we have maintained a regular attendance of 10 - 11 eager artists, meeting on Monday afternoons in the Parish Hall.

At present we have 14 names on the register, although we should always be happy to have one or two more to join us.

Unfortunately, Patsy has not been able to attend our meetings for the last year as she has been recovering from a major operation, so I have written this report on her behalf.

Once again during the last year, under our tutor David Meeks, we have covered a range of subjects, flowers, Christmas cards, landscapes which included scenes in local villages and a landscape in Chinese style. We again exhibited some work in the Launton Fete Arts and Crafts Show. The Fete was themed on Teddy Bears so our work included some pictures of Teddy Bears.

Sadly, we end this report with news of the death of one of our members. Nigel Pearce, who had been with us since 2014, had been suffering from cancer and died on 13th March. He had been told some weeks earlier that his illness was terminal but his attitude was exemplary. He just kept on painting with enthusiasm and his daughter told us that painting was the highlight of his week. We like to think that we helped him through those last difficult weeks. The Group made a collection of £80 which was given to the Hummingbird Centre at his daughter's request.

John Stephens