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# NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone

A.G.M. Our meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March was well attended and business concluded within 45 minutes, maybe because tea and cakes awaited us. New Council members John Hunt, Paul Hewson and Peter Allen were welcomed. Our Chairman Bryn Davis retired and received a gift, and warm thanks for his hard work over the years. Carol Owen is now Chairman and our Exhibition organiser Ian Wright is now Vice Chairman. Our Treasurer, Linda Wright, detailed the club's finances, which are healthy. She also told members present that she would be unable to continue as Treasurer for much longer. If you have book-keeping skills and would be willing to take on the role next year please have a chat to Carol Owen or our Secretary Nicky Wells.

Spring Exhibition at Quarr Abbey. The exhibition was held between 15<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March, although the "Beast from the East" brought snow again, preventing opening on the Sunday. The preview evening and, overall, the exhibition was a success despite very cold weather. You can view a full exhibition report on the Club's website. For those of you without access, receiving this by post, a copy is attached.

Quarr Abbey has also been booked for our Late Summer Exhibition, between 30<sup>th</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> September. Maybe we can expect a heatwave next time!

Summer Programme. Please join us in the great outdoors for this year's Summer Programme, prepared again by Carol Owen, which has various and interesting venues for outdoor painting. A copy is enclosed. Carol has kindly offered to give on-site tuition at 3 of the summer meetings - Back of Carisbrooke Castle on 1<sup>st</sup> May – Litten Park, Newport on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and West Bank of the Medina on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

The final day of our winter programme is on 24<sup>th</sup> April at Riverside. Members are encouraged to bring samples of their winter work and Carol Owen will carry out a friendly critique of as much works as possible that afternoon.