

ISLE OF WIGHT ART CLUB SUMMER 2018

All meetings are at 10am.

Carol Owen will be offering free tuition on May 1st, July 3rd, and September 1th. We will decide as a group on the day what we're going to draw or paint together. Carol is a qualified and experienced art teacher.

MAY 1ST BACK OF THE CASTLE From the roundabout at the bottom of Carisbrooke village, turn up Cedar Hill. At the next mini-roundabout take the second exit, Whitcombe Road. Before the top of the hill, and just after the business park sign on the left, turn right into a rough-surfaced car park which is the corner of a field (It can be muddy if wet). A few minutes' walk will take us to the North-East corner of the castle perimeter where we'll have a non-standard view of the castle. **TUITION**

MAY 8th FORT VICTORIA From the Western end of Yarmouth follow the A3054 inland, then turn right into Westhill Lane and follow it all the way to the end. Meet at the car park at the fort. There's a café and toilets.

MAY 15th MOTTISTONE BLUEBELL WOOD AND THE LONGSTONE The hamlet of Mottistone is about a mile inland from the South-West coast, half way between Chale and Freshwater. It's on the B3399, a mile west of Brighstone. If you're coming from this direction the car park is on the right, a few hundred yards past Mottistone Manor. We'll meet at the farthest end of the car park, close to the wood. The Longstone is a mysterious megalithic monument, a ten-to-fifteen minute uphill walk from the car park. It's a very short walk to the bluebells. Also close by is a long wisteria-covered wall, and a medieval church. There are toilets, a pub, and a tearoom in Brighstone.

MAY 22nd LANE END, BEMBRIDGE At the sea end of Lane End Road, which is off the B3395, is a car park. Meet here. There are public toilets in the High Street.

MAY 29th TENNYSON DOWN AND FRESHWATER BAY FROM THE CLIFF-TOP Leaving Freshwater Bay, drive up the hill heading East, following the coast road. Park and meet in the car park on the left about ¼ of a mile up from the bay. It's a short walk down to the cliff edge which is unfenced. **WARNING** The ground at cliff-tops can be very unstable so don't go too close. There are public toilets a couple of minutes' drive down the hill and round the bay.

JUNE 5th NORTHCOURT MANOR, SHORWELL courtesy of Mr and Mrs Harrison. From the roundabout in the centre of Shorwell go up the road towards Newport. The modest entrance to Northcourt Manor is a few hundred yards further on, on the left after a left-hand bend. There is so much to paint here that Mrs Harrison suggests we come twice, giving us an opportunity to complete work we began the previous week or begin something else.

JUNE 12th NORTHCOURT MANOR, SHORWELL courtesy of Mr and Mrs Harrison. See above.

JUNE 19th CASTLEHAVEN Castlehaven is a small, picturesque harbour near St Catherine's lighthouse on the southernmost tip of the island. It has to be accessed from Niton because landslides have destroyed the road between Niton and Ventnor. Heading south towards the coast from the village of Niton, turn right from Undercliff Drive onto St Catherine's Road. Park in the road as close to the Buddle Inn as possible, and meet in the Buddle car park on the seaward side of the road. Warning: this location involves a ten-minute walk and a long flight of steep stone steps. It's possible to drive down the rough track to the harbour to drop off and collect.

AN OPPORTUNITY ON Saturday JUNE 23RD TO HELP PUBLICISE OUR CLUB FOR FREE AT THE SHORWELL MIDSUMMER FAIR. We are invited to Northcourt Manor at 1.30pm to paint in the grounds as something of additional interest for visitors to see. We will have passes for free entry. We'll be able to tell people about the Club. Mrs Harrison would like us to bring samples of our work, whether finished/framed or not, to show visitors. Sales may be agreed privately but not completed on the day because the Fair is a non-profit charity fundraiser.

JUNE 26th VENTNOR PARK Ventnor Park is on the Western edge of Ventnor, on Park Avenue. There are toilets, and a kiosk for drinks and ice creams.

JULY 3rd LITTEN PARK, NEWPORT We'll meet in the little low-walled rose garden at the Northern end of Litten Park near the bus station. There are several public car parks in Newport, and two-hour free parking in Morrison's across the road from the garden. **TUITION**

JULY 10th BRADING On the Eastern side of the High Street at the Northern end of the village is a car park. Meet here. There are public toilets.

JULY 17th MONKS' BAY, BONCHURCH Bonchurch is off the B3327 East of Ventnor. Opposite the village pond, turn into Shore Road and follow it for a few hundred yards. We'll meet in the car park on the right overlooking the sea. There's a public toilet down at the beach.

JULY 24th THE LAVENDER FARM The entrance to the Lavender Farm is on the brow of the hill on Staplers Road half-way between Newport and Wootton. There's a café, toilets, and free parking.

JULY 31st PAINTERS' PICNIC AT SHEAT CORNER COTTAGE From the roundabout at the bottom of Carisbrooke Village turn up Cedar Hill. At the next mini-roundabout take the second exit, Whitcombe Road. After 2½ miles, just before the sharp right-hand bend into Chillerton, look for balloons in Sheat Corner Cottage's Hedge. Park on the verge opposite. Arrive any time from 10am onwards. Bring a picnic for 12.30 when tea, coffee and cake will be served.

AUG 7th STEEPHILL COVE The cove is on the Western border of Ventnor. A few hundred yards East of the Botanic Gardens, on the A3055, is a house called 'Pinjarra' where they allow parking on their property. It's on the seaward side of the road, fronted by a low stone wall. Payment is by 'honesty box' (a slot in their garage door). Meet by the wall. A level-ish 200-yard walk leads to the top of the cove, after which there are two steep ways down, via path or steps. There are public toilets in the cove.

AUG 14th NEWTOWN TOWN HALL From the A3054 Newport-to -Yarmouth Road turn right (if coming from Newport) into Whitehouse Road, then left into Coleman's Lane. Turn left at the end, then fork right where it's signposted to Newtown. Meet in the free National Trust car park, which has toilets, near the town hall.

AUG 21st GURNARD Gurnard can be accessed by driving West along the shore from Cowes. Park in Prince's Esplanade. There's the Watersedge Café, and toilets, and a shelter in case of rain.

AUG 28th THE DUVER, SEAVIEW The Duver is the shore road West of Seaview. There are parking spaces at intervals along the road. Public toilets are available in the Sea View Hotel.

SEPT 4th QUARR ABBEY Quarr Abbey is a monastery off the main road (Northern side) between Wootton and Binstead. There's a lovely tea garden, and toilets. Don't go into the private area behind the monastery. Meet in the car park.

SEPT 11th WEST BANK OF THE MEDINA Meet in the car park indicated by the Rowing Club sign on the Riverway Industrial Estate, just below Pet Doctors. The nearest toilets are in B&Q five minutes drive up the road. **TUITION**

SEPT 18th RYDE BEACH We'll meet in the car park next to the Hovercraft Terminal on Ryde sea front. We'll walk East past the funfair till we get to the beach. There are toilets in the Hovercraft terminal.

SEPT 25th THE GARLIC FARM The farm is signposted from Newchurch, and can be accessed from Mersley Down. Free parking. There's a café and toilets.