

Art Director's Report

Gordon reported that the Art Exhibition had been successful again but not as good as previous years. There were 234 submissions this year (35 less paintings than last year) Fewer paintings sold – 16 about 7%. (In previous years 21 and 32 sales). Also the value of the Art sold is going down, £1490 this year. (£1933 and £1979 in previous years.) Thus the commission is less. Comments were good and the work was considered to be of a high standard.

There was a profit of £893 from the exhibition and the footfall was around 310.

Awards – given at the finale –

Public Vote Lydia Graham – 3D Illusions £100

John Harris – Landscape £50

Sandy Sayer – Erupting Volcano £25.

The prize money has been increased – before £75, £15, £10.

Skylight Publishing Award – Davina Kemble

Children's Art: 9 Primary Schools exhibited. We were pleased to receive work from Springfield,s School. All a good standard. Gill and David Reeves were thanked for judging the competition and for sponsoring two of the four prizes.

Gordon thanked all who had helped with the Atrt exhibitions especially Lydia and Mick Graham, David Bowker Praed and Lesley Hunt.

Gordon re-iterated his need for someone to take over the Art Directors role as he has too many work commitments. A new person will need good technology skills and an ability to do spreadsheets comfortably. Sandy Sayer has volunteered to help along with David Bowker Praed.

Carole thanked all for their hard work.

The report was accepted Proposer Glenis Ansell

Seconded Carole Browne.

Chairman's Report:

Glenis reported that the 2015 Festival celebrated talent. She reported on the success of David White's evening which had revised memories and insight into the early years of the festival. It also served as a reminder of hwta has been achieved. The success she acknowledged was the result of a hard working committee. Glenis thanked our sponsors ' in particular Chilvester Finance. Glenis expressed her hope for a future event in the Chapel at Bowood and was pleased we have an event with Calne Choral. Glenis is to step aside as Chairman but will be staying on the committee. She thanked the Festival Friends who loyally support the Festival and hoped we would find more. Glenis said she had enjoyed her time as Chairman and hoped her successor would have as much fun. Carole thanked Glenis for all her hard work and her invaluable connection to the Town Council.

Nominations:

Ann Seymour has volunteered

Proposed Joan Woodman

Seconded Hilary Wright.

Election of Committee

All the committee has agreed to stay.

Carole Browne, Glenis Ansell, Lesley Hunt, Paul Woodman, Anne Davey, Simon Parker, Gordon Burns, Joan Woodman, Peter Grant, Hilary Wright, Adrian Wright.

Glenis proposed that the committee should be re-elected on block.

Seconded Paul Woodman.

AOB.

David Gillett reported that Calne Choral is delighted to be back as part of the Festival. A vote had been taken and the whole choir had voted to join again.

The meeting closed at 8-15 with a big thanks to Carole Browne – Madam President.