

# Bulletin January 2024

Our full programme of activities for 2023-24 and venue addresses can be seen on the website: [www.stalbans-artsociety.org.uk](http://www.stalbans-artsociety.org.uk)



## A Happy New Year to all Our Members!

Looking forward to a 2024 that is full of art, creativity and fun.

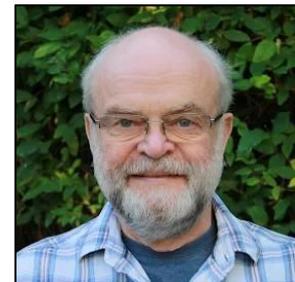
Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership for 2023/24. If you still wish to be part of the Society, please make sure you renew now by completing the online form that can be found on the website and making a bank transfer payment. Please contact Steph on 07738 762820 if you do not use the internet.

Wishing all St Albans Art Society members a very happy New Year!  
From Chairman Stephanie Benbow and SAAS Committee

### Peter Osbourne

Chair Steph Benbow writes:

I am sorry to share the very sad news that Peter Osbourne, former treasurer and chairman of our society, passed away on Christmas Day morning. His wife Heather was with him and wanted the society to know of his passing via Janet King. Anyone who knew Peter will be aware of the considerable contribution that he made to the society and that as an artist he was talented and generous in the sharing of his skills. In addition he was a very kind and considerate gentleman. We have sent condolences from the society to Heather and Peter's family.



Editor: Several members have already paid tribute to Peter, remembering him as an upbeat, positive and kind leader, an ardent sketcher and a huge part of the society for many years. We will email members with details of Peter's funeral once known.

### A big thank you to Jane Hollins

As the year comes to a close, Jane Hollins will be stepping down from her post as Membership Secretary. On behalf of the Society, the Committee would like to thank Jane for all her hard work in keeping membership records up to date and ensuring that new members have been warmly welcomed into the Society. A token of appreciation will be sent to Jane in the New Year on behalf of all members. Jane remains a very active member of the Society and hopefully will now enjoy some additional time for her artistic pastimes.

Steph will manage the membership records and enquiries temporarily. If any member of the Society is interested in joining the Committee as a Membership Secretary, please contact Steph on 07738 762820.

### New members:

SAAS welcomes the following new members:

Lisa Campbell, Christine Cowlard, Catriona Ferguson

## Recent Events



**Jim Morgan's Demo on painting in oils using palette knives (6 December)** was very well attended. Those present were enthralled by Jim's technique and ability to create swiftly an impactful painting using knives. We look forward to the follow-up workshop on 20 January.

### Upcoming SAAS Events:

❖ **Wednesday 17 January, 19.30 – 21.30 Marshalswick Community Centre**

**DEMO: Drawing animals in a dry medium with Becky Gouverneur**  
FREE to members, visitors £5. Just turn up.



❖ **Saturday 20 January, 10.00 – 16.00 Charles Morris Hall**

**WORKSHOP: Painting with oils using palette knife with Jim Morgan**

(Fully booked – contact [SAAS.workshops@outlook.com](mailto:SAAS.workshops@outlook.com) if you wish to be considered for cancelled places)

❖ **Monday 22 January, 13.30 – 15.30 Charles Morris Hall**

**Daytime Clothed Life Drawing with tutor Bridget Tompkins**

Tutored session (£10 members, no booking required – just turn up)

❖ **Wednesdays 24 + 31 January 19.30 – 21.30 Marshalswick Community Centre**

**Life Drawing Non-tutored sessions.** Members only. Members aged 16/17 need to have parental permission (please contact Membership Secretary). £8 (£5 student members). Just turn up.

### February events in brief (more details – see website):

7 February: Demo/Critique: Composition with Gary Spencer MCC 19.30 – 21.30

13 February: Daytime clothed life drawing CMH 13.30 – 15.30

21 February: Life Drawing MCC 19.30 – 21.30

24 February: Workshop Drawing animals Becky Gouverneur. Booking will open soon

28 February: Life drawing MCC 17.30 – 19.30

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