

# Bulletin June 2024

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



**Don't forget to enter your submissions for our 2024 Summer Exhibition!**

**Venue: Upper Dagnall Street, Baptist Church, St Albans, AL3 5EE**

**Key Dates:**

**Entries due by end of Saturday, 22 June 2024**

**Handing in - Monday, 22 July 2024, 15:00-18:30**

**Private view - Tuesday, 23 July 2024, 19:00-21:00**

**Exhibition open - 24 - 27 July 2024, 10:00-17:30**

**Collection of work - Sunday, 28 July 2024, 14:00-16:00**

**Go to : [www.stalbans-artsociety.org.uk](http://www.stalbans-artsociety.org.uk) for full details of entry, fees and rules**

This year's extra challenge is to create one or more 12 " x 12" paintings for sale between £50 - £120, 10% of which will go to St Albans charity Youth Talk and 10% to SAAS.

Help SAAS raise a good contribution towards this worthwhile charity, which provides free, confidential counselling for 13 to 25 year olds.

Please be aware that photos will be taken of exhibited work and that the pictures will be used on the website

A printable leaflet advertising the exhibition is attached to this email. Please display it anywhere where people will see it.

## **Urgent message ref SAAS Bank Account - please check!**

As members should be aware, we changed our bank account last year. We are still getting the occasional payment into the old account that we need to close. Please delete any old account details and check that the correct account is being used for payments.

Please use your name as a reference on any payment to SAAS. Details are on the website but are as follows:

**Santander Account name: St Albans Art Society**

**Sort code: 09-01-29**

**Account number: 86836852**

## Programme

JUNE 2024	
<b>5</b>	Weds (19.30-21.30) (Marshalswick Community Centre) <b>DEMO:</b> Impressionistic landscapes in oil - Peter Keegan
<b>13</b>	Thurs Plein Air event Hatfield House 11am*
<b>19</b>	Weds (19.30-21.30) (Marshalswick Community Centre) <b>LIFE DRAWING</b> Non tutored session
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<b>27</b>	Thurs Plein Air event Wheathampstead 11am*
JULY 2024	
<b>2</b>	Tues Plein Air event Digswell Viaduct 11am*
<b>20</b>	Sat Plein Air event Panshanger Park 11 am*

\*For full details of plein air events see attached programme at end of this Bulletin

### Upcoming Events:

#### **DEMO: Impressionistic landscapes in oil - Peter Keegan (Wednesday 5 June) FREE**



A welcome return to SAAS for Peter, a popular and well-known tutor for both his face-to-face and Zoom courses and events. Don't miss the chance to see Peter demonstrating how to



create beautiful landscapes in an impressionistic style. [Peter Keegan Artist](#)

### Recent Events: Acrylic Landscape Workshop

On 25 May 16 eager learners showed up at the Charles Morris Hall for an all-day workshop



with Jan Munro. Jan shared with us the techniques she uses to create her beautiful, atmospheric landscapes, characterised by skilful design and use of colour. This was a liberating event which showed us how to move away from an over-emphasis on detail. We created texture in the foreground, painted shapes via negative space and used colour layers to give the impression of receding distance. Jan's step-by-step method ensured we all achieved a satisfying result at the end of the day.

Photos: Centre left and right: Peter Keegan Below: Steph Benbow



### **Do you attend Life Drawing - or would you like to? SAAS needs you!**

We are looking for a small number of members who regularly take part in life drawing to be part of a team to oversee the running of the twice monthly sessions. This is not an onerous duty - no experience is required and you would be expected to open and close the centre, help members set up/put away their tables, welcome the model and time the sketching sessions. The idea is for no one person to be required to do the duty every week but to work as a team member to spread the required attendance. Please note: The life drawing programme and booking of the hall and models and programme advertising is already done!

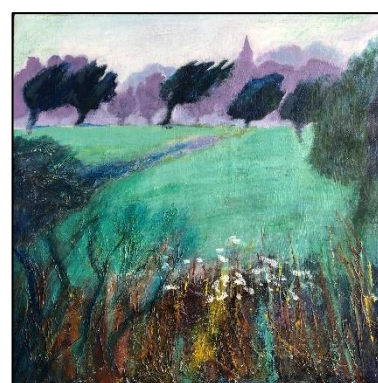
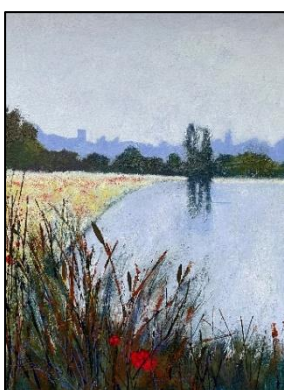
Life drawing is one of the most popular SAAS activities and we want to ensure that we can continue to run a full programme next year - please offer your help even if it is limited! If you can offer help, or want to find out more, please contact Steph on 07738 762820. *Sketch (left): Jim Morgan*

### **Market Stall: Saturday 7th July: a chance to show and sell your work!**

Ahead of the annual exhibition we have secured a market stall on St Albans market for Saturday 7th July. The idea is that the stall can be used for sale of SAAS members' art work as well as promotion of the exhibition.

If you would like to sell your work through the stall, you will be asked for a small contribution towards the cost of the stall. The amount will depend on the number of members wishing to participate.

If you would like to display your art work for sale, or help run the stall during the session (without showing art), then please contact Steph on [benbow26@btinternet.com](mailto:benbow26@btinternet.com) or 07738 762820.



*Landscapes from Jan Munro's acrylic workshop by Jane Hollins (left), Steph Benbow (centre) and Vivien Bailey (right)*

### **Welcome to New Members:**

Anne-Marie Whitton, Arthur Tompkins

## **AGM - 1st May 2024**

Thank you to all members who came to the AGM and social. In particular the committee appreciates contributions of ideas for the 2024/25 programme. It was a good occasion to catch up with members and discuss ideas for our activities. The draft minutes are attached separately in this email. The key outcomes of the meeting for members' attention are:

- The SAAS accounting year will be aligned with the annual membership start date and activity programme which will all now be in October
- Membership fees will remain the same for 2024/25 (Note: There is very likely to be an increase for 2025/26)
- New members joining after 1st April will pay a reduced fee of £15 for 1st April 2025 to Sept 2025 (not applicable to previous members)
- Emergency contact information will be collected from members when joining/renewing membership
- The SAAS Safeguarding Policy was adopted and will be published on the website.
- Minor updates/adjustments were agreed to the SAAS Rules (Constitution). These will now be published on the website.
- A new 2024 exhibition entry category (12" x 12" Panel) is available - see exhibition info previously distributed/on website
- Honorary lifetime membership was given to Margaret Channon in appreciation of over 20 years' service to the SAAS committee.

A request was made for the details of the accounts to be provided. These are now available but due to the fact that they contain members' personal data, they cannot be distributed out to all members. If you wish to see a copy of the accounts detail, please contact Steph who will organise a meeting to review in person.

Please contact Steph using [Benbow26@btinternet.com](mailto:Benbow26@btinternet.com) or 07738 762820 if there are any queries about the AGM.

Donations to SAAS from the sale of previously loved art materials/ resources made £102. A great success and good to see members able to give a good home to unused materials. This is definitely something to do again - watch this space!

**Steph Benbow - Chair**

## St Albans Art Society: Plein Air Programme Summer 2024

*Note all sessions are untutored. Participants bring along materials as they wish. Suggested materials might include paints, pencils and paper and board/sketch pad (to lean on) and a stool/folding chair.*

Date – proposed and subject to confirmation	Location	Parking	Refreshment Availability	Toilets
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	Hatfield House – whilst a ticket (£14) is required to get into the gardens, the Stable Yard area is free	St George's Gate, AL9 5HX (Free)	Coach House Kitchen (in Stable Yard) open 9am-5pm (closed Monday)	Coach house kitchen Public loos in Stable Yard
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	Wheathampstead	East Lane Car Park, East Lane, AL4 8SB (Free)	Lots of choice Marleys Cafe The Bull (Miller & Carter) opens 12pm Brewhouse (Short drive up hill but worth it!)	Local cafes/pub Public toilet in East Lane Car Park
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 11am	Digswell Viaduct, Digswell AL8 7LU	Digswell Park Road Car Park, Digswell Park Road AL6 0BB (Free for 2 hours between 9am - 1pm but unrestricted use at other times)	Nothing on site but Cowper Arms AL6 0EA serves food 12-3pm (Fri 12noon – 11pm) Red Lion AL6 9AJ Opens 11am The Hedgehog AL8 7RH Opens 12noon	No local ones – pubs short drive
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	Panshanger Park (on way to Hertford (riverside/lakeside views, ancient trees, ruined building))	Car parking £2.50	White Horse Pub – 5 min drive	White Horse Pub – 5 min drive
Possible future locations (ideas welcome!)				
Only open with parking on Thursday 2-5pm – but still 0.5 mile walk	Old Gorehambury House	Gorhambury Drive AL3 6AE	Inn on the park (Park Café) Six Bells pub opens 12 noon – has own small car park Fighting Cocks Pub	Nearest toilets in Verulamium Park next to Roman Museum.

**Whatsapp group:** Anyone interested in Plein Air sessions can join a WhatsApp group that has been set up to facilitate easy communications particularly if adverse weather or meeting in different places etc. Please use 077782 762820 to request adding your number to the WhatsApp Group

**Who Can Attend?:** All SAAS Plein Air sessions are open to SAAS members and to the public. Anyone wishing to receive more information about joining SAAS, or the Plein Air sessions can contact Steph on 07738 762820 or email [membership.saasgmail.com](mailto:membership.saasgmail.com)

**Reminder:** U18/students participants may have limited access to pubs and/or need identification.