

# Friends Bulletin: March 2019

President: Professor Eric Cross

## From the Friends Committee

Welcome to the March Bulletin. With the Annual General Meeting set for 6<sup>th</sup> April (full details of the AGM are in this edition) this is the last issue before the annual committee elections.

There have been many successful and well attended talks and events over the last twelve months. Thanks for organising these go to Tomke Kossen-Veenhuis, Jo Cousin and Maggie Bassendine. These included at least one new venture – a Christmas Market in December which, despite taking place on a day that had one of the worst weather forecasts of the year enjoyed a good attendance with an excellent seasonal atmosphere.

Our latest on-going venture is the *Contemporary Art Club at the Hatton* and more information about this burgeoning initiative is set out in this edition.

The 2018 Members *Summer Exhibition* in the Long Gallery saw a return to a format in which member's artwork were not restricted to *small works*. Previously, for several years, the format had been limited to a size that might not necessarily have suited all practitioners' methods of working. The Exhibition, in which Members artwork filled the gallery space, was very well attended over several open weeks in July and August.

Finally, our Events Organiser, Tomke, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Henrietta, on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We all send our very best wishes to Tomke, Hanno and Henrietta on this happy event.

### 2018-19 Committee

Chair	Geoff Mills
Secretary	Richard Thompson
Treasurer	John Dance
Events Organiser	Tomke Kossen-Veenhuis
Talks/Lectures Organisers	Jo Cousin and Maggie Bassendine
On-Line Media Co-ordinator	Roger Newbrook
Editor – Bulletin	Heather Baker

#### Other Committee Members

- Bob Young
- Simon Court
- Pamela Parrish

The committee are always appreciative of members' comments, ideas and contributions. Please contact the current Secretary, Richard Thompson by emailing [richard.r.thompson@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.r.thompson@btinternet.com)

## Missed Opportunities?

Have you missed any of these events in recent months? These are just a few things you might not have heard about: All of these were free to Friends of the Hatton.

- Talk by Antony Gormley at the University
- 'Rediscovering the Past and Celebrating the Future: The Redevelopment of the Hatton Gallery'. Talk by Richard Talbot – Professor of Fine Art, Newcastle University.
- Laura Edgar. Talk on working with textiles and mixed media.

### Why have you not heard about these?

It's probably because you have not let us have your email address for the specific purpose of informing you about such events. Some events, like these can be last minute opportunities or fall outside the deadlines for the Friends Bulletin which we aim to publish every two months.

Don't miss out in future. Simply email [richard.r.thompson@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.r.thompson@btinternet.com) to have your contact details put on our news flash data base.

*(Your contact details are protected under the General Data Protection Regulations, details of which were sent out on all membership renewal forms in January this year).*

## Some important dates for your 2019 Diary:

- **6th April. Annual General meeting.** Agenda in this issue. While it is not necessary to book for the AGM, it is necessary to let us know if you wish to stay for a complementary lunch afterwards (about 12.30pm). Please use the booking form on the AGM papers at the end of this bulletin.
- **13th July to 3rd August. Summer Exhibition.** As in previous years, the opportunity to show work in the 2019 Summer Exhibition will be restricted to Members of Friends of the Hatton. It is hoped that this advanced notice will help some artists, who prefer a good lead in period, to plan their work. In 2018 we accepted work without specifying sizes and this worked well. However, we did add the caveat that there may be space restrictions and therefore some limitation on entry numbers. We expect to be doing the same this year. Entry forms and full details will be set out in the May Bulletin.

Richard Thompson

## Contemporary Art Club at the Hatton (CACH) Exclusive to Friends of the Hatton

The next meeting is **Saturday 23 March** 11am to 1pm in the Learning Room of the Hatton Gallery. This will include a group discussion about drawing. Please bring along one of your own drawings or images which you have strong feelings about or have responded to in anyway.

The idea behind CACH is to give an opportunity for Friends of the Hatton who are interested in meeting informally to talk about art. 'Contemporary' was added to the title to encourage exploration of art produced now.

There have been three meetings so far in November, January and February. At the February meeting we were pleased to welcome Richard Talbot, Professor of Fine art at the University. Richards talk was entitled 'Rediscovering the Past and Celebrating the Future, the Redevelopment of the Hatton Gallery'. This fascinating talk was very well attended and provided a well-informed insight in to the development of the Hatton Gallery over the years. Many thanks to Richard Talbot and also to Maggie Bassendine for organizing it.

CACH is a new venture and we are gradually evolving an informal structure for the meetings, for example, breaking into smaller groups if a large number attend. Everyone then can have the opportunity to discuss interests and hear what is being said. At each meeting we will decide on an idea to talk about at the following meeting.

In addition, we aim to have a guest speaker every alternate month when all members of the Friends would be invited to attend. These events will be advertised in the Bulletin or through 'Updates by Email' depending on time constraints.

If you are interested in joining CACH or want more details please contact Marion at [marion.c.thompson.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:marion.c.thompson.t21@btinternet.com) Remember, this is only accessible to Friends of the Hatton.

Marion Thompson

### What's on at the Gallery?

- Francis Bacon | Ellen Gallagher. *Until 18<sup>th</sup> May*
- A Philosophy for Teaching Art. The Development of the Hatton Gallery. *Until 18<sup>th</sup> May*
- The Loud and the Soft Speakers. *Until 11<sup>th</sup> May*

Gallery Opening Times: Monday to Saturday. 10am to 5pm

**Friends of the Hatton  
Annual General Meeting  
The Learning Room in the Hatton Gallery  
6th April 2019, 10.00am for 10.15am**

**Show and Talk**

We are again inviting members to bring in items from their collection which they can share with other members and explain their feelings about it. Please complete the box at the bottom of the AGM notice if you wish to show an item

**Programme**

Please sign the attendance sheet in circulation.

- 10.00 Coffee and biscuits
- 10.15 Show and Talk
- 10.45 Friends website redesign. Roger Newbrook will present a new version of the website (created using WordPress) and demonstrate how it works.
- 11.00 Meeting commences
- 12.30 Lunch (please complete the booking form below if you wish to stay for lunch)

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Professor Eric Cross. President
3. Apologies for absence
4. To receive the minutes of the 2018 AGM
5. Zoe Allen, Hatton Participation Officer: Gallery report
6. Chairs Report
7. Treasurers Report
8. Secretarys Report
9. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, Officers\* and Committee Members\*\* for 2019-20
10. Other Business
  - a. Proposal by 2018-19 Committee.  
With effect from today, committee post holders are exempt from paying membership fees during the period they occupy the post.
11. Closing Remarks

**\*Offices in addition to Chair and Vice-Chair**

NB posts marked (2) can be a single post or a shared role for two people

1. Secretary
2. Treasurer
3. Events Co-ordinator
4. Talks and lectures Co-ordinator (2)
5. On-Line Media Co-ordinator.
6. Editor – Bulletin
7. \*\*Other committee Members:  
Two vacancies.

Complete any section if it applies to you. All forms to be returned to: **Richard Thompson, 3, Callaly Road, Whittingham, NE66 4SL** to be received by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Alternatively, you can email me the information at [richard.r.thompson@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.r.thompson@btinternet.com)

**Friends of the Hatton. AGM 6th April 2019. Proxy Voting**

If you cannot attend the AGM and wish the Chair to vote on your behalf, please complete this proxy form.

Friends of the Hatton: AGM 2019. Proxy Vote

I..... (Name in Block Letters) hereby appoint the Chair of the meeting, or ..... (Name of Member) to vote on my behalf at the AGM.

Signed..... Date.....

Email.....

**Friends of the Hatton. AGM 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Lunch Booking**

I/we will be taking lunch at the AGM:

Name(s).....

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Address.....Tel.....

Email.....

**Friends of the Hatton. AGM 6th April 2019. Show and Talk Presentation**

I would like to give a short talk/presentation about an item in my collection which I will bring to the meeting:

Name.....

Address.....Tel.....

Email.....