



# The Basel

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March's Meeting was a demonstration by **Matt Waruszynski**, who painted an energetic oil portrait of member Jenny Gore on the night.



April's meeting will be a presentation by **Michala Gyetvai**, award-winning painter, poet and thread-lover from Warwickshire.

Her work seeks to capture an emotive and evocative interpretation of nature.

Sketching is developed through paintings and then consolidated into textile pieces.

**We shall also be having our Easter RAFFLE, with many lovely & exciting prizes.**



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** is our **“Paint-In” at Houlton Barn**, 10 – 4. Bring along some work-in-progress and your favourite media, or work from a Still-Life. £5 to cover refreshments, bring your own lunch. **Sign up at April’s Meeting on the list, please.**

We shall also be encouraging Houlton locals to join in, by launching our **Postcard Art Competition** on the theme of **“Springtime in Rugby”** – this will be open to R&DAS Members as well! Prizes for Adult and Junior entries, and all will be exhibited at our Summer Exhibition at Houlton Barn in June.

**Could you please donate some spare art materials for the locals to use?** We’d also like to have **cakes for the refreshments** on the day – please let Sarais know if you can do this, & bring them on the morning. **Promote the event wherever you can.**



**Our Summer Exhibition will be held at Houlton Barn on 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June, 10 – 4.**

Entry Forms are available from our website. **Please send in your Entries as soon as possible.**

**The proposed R&DAS visit to the International Watercolour Masters Exhibition at Lilleshall on 15<sup>th</sup> May depends on numbers – currently there are not enough to make it economic. If you would like to join in, sign up and pay at the April Meeting, otherwise we shall need to cancel it.**

**We hope that Serendipity will be at our May Meeting with their art materials, so bring along your shopping list.**

We were saddened to hear that long-term R&DAS member **Frank Chandler** has died – many members will remember him well. His funeral will be held at Rainsbrook Cemetery, Rugby, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.

**Reminder that June’s R&DAS Dunchurch Meeting will be on the 10th, not the first Wednesday.**