



# The Basel

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**April's** Meeting was a presentation by **Michala Gyetvai**. Her large fabric pieces are made from recycled wool blankets, inspired by music and poetry, may take 2 years to evolve, and contain free machine stitching.

At **May's** Meeting we will welcome **Sarah Miles**, whose textured watercolours and whimsical oil paintings are inspired by nature.



Our **Summer Exhibition** in June at **Houlton Barn** is coming up soon. You can hand in your Entry Forms at the May Meeting, or post them to Tony Keech by 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the latest to:  
Tony Keech, 14 Ashmore, Long Buckby, Northants. NN6 7RT - or – [tonypkeech@gmail.com](mailto:tonypkeech@gmail.com)

Browser & Greetings Cards Forms will be available at the May Meeting or on the Hand-in Friday. Please fill in to do some **Stewarding** over the weekend, and/or volunteer to help setup/take down.

Please pay your Fees by Card at our May Meeting, or preferably by BACS to:  
**HSBC, Rugby and District Arts Society, 40-39-11, 61674846**

**Serendipity will be at our May Meeting with all their lovely Art Materials – so bring along your shopping list!**



**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. Sign the list at May’s meeting, please.

We shall be encouraging Houlton Locals to join us, 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 & Junior entries, and all postcards will be exhibited at our Summer Exhibition at Houlton Barn in June, and Judged by the Public.

**Could you please lend some spare art materials for the locals to have-a-go?**

We’d also like to have **cakes** for refreshments on the day – please let Sarais know if you can do this, & bring them on the day.

**Promote the Event wherever you can.**

**Georgia Stanley**, our youngest R&DAS member, has won an Art Scholarship and full bursary to Rugby School, and will be joining them in September – **Congratulations, Georgia!!**

**Don’t forget that our June meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> June, NOT the first Wednesday.**  
**We shall be welcoming back Darren Awang with his illustrative watercolours.**

On the morning of **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, we shall be in Rugby centre, doing some **Urban Sketching** together, meeting up at about 10.30, and finishing off with a coffee & a chat. This will be during the “**Love Rugby Festival**”, and we hope to create interest and maybe encourage some new members.

The Winter **Sketching Evenings** will return this year in November & January 2027, at Bilton Methodist Church Hall, giving us a chance to sketch together, if we can persuade some models! If you have a family member willing to “sit” for a while, they’ll be very welcome! Cost approximately £15 per 3 sessions. There will be an interest list later in the year.

Why not visit the **Rugby Art Gallery & Museum** soon, to see the **Rugby Collection Exhibition** – this is on until 6<sup>th</sup> June, and is a wonderful chance to be amazed by the wealth of Rugby’s collection of art over the years.

Is there somewhere you’d like us to visit? – perhaps a Gallery or Exhibition, or a National Trust or other property which would make a good day out for sketching? – suggestions please.