



The Basel

May 2025
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April's Meeting was an unusual one! **Henry Lees** showed us how he uses a variety of gears and other tools to make Spirograph Art on a whole different plane than the childhood toy. He works with ink, pencil, pastel and watercolour, producing some intricate abstract work, and he gave all members a chance to try it for themselves. R&DAS members, never unwilling to have-a-go, took part enthusiastically.





May's Meeting will be a demonstration by **Jack Astbury**, joiner and contemporary Woodturner based in Northampton.

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Now that Abbeycraft Artworld have closed, we have asked **Heather Hindle** from **Serendipity Art Studio** at Bottom Lock, Braunston, to come to our meetings with a range of art materials for sale.

Initially she will be coming to the June and August meetings, so bring along your shopping lists!

If you would like anything in particular brought, she asks you to let her know beforehand so that she can augment the stock she brings:

Email: heathersportraitsuk@gmail.com

Coming Events:

Sat 10th May - Paint In/Urban Sketching Community Event at Houlton Barn
All-day paint your house/urban sketch with Houlton Adults & Children.
Bring your usual gear & lunch. List available at May Meeting.

4th June – Monthly Meeting - Darren Awang watercolour & pen artist.
Also – Closing date for **Entries to our Summer Exhibition**. Entering earlier will be a big help to admin.

Sat & Sun 7th/8th June – **Summer Exhibition** at Houlton Barn 10-4.
Hand work in on Friday 6th, 6.30 – 7.30
Collect on Sunday 8th, 4 – 5. Don't forget to volunteer some stewarding.

Sat 14th June – Urban Sketching in Rugby Centre, come along with your sketch book & join in.

2nd July – Monthly Meeting - Cat Croxford, Landscape Artist.

Sat July 12th – Outing to the Canal Museum at Stoke Bruerne, lots of sketching opportunities.
Further details & booking list available from May's Meeting.

6th August – Monthly Meeting In-House "Paint-In" for all Members.
Subject to be announced.

Weds 20th August – Outing to Coventry Transport Museum for a day's sketching.
Further details & booking list available from May's meeting.

3rd September – Monthly Meeting AGM plus Jamie Gray Photography.

1st October – Monthly Meeting - Mark Curtis, Paper Artist.

5th November – Monthly Meeting – Jennie Fletcher Oil Painter.