



# The Easel

September 2025  
Sarais Crawshaw

**August's** Meeting was a **Members' Paint-In**, and we all enjoyed working together on the theme of Summer. There was much chat as well as work, and we displayed our work together at the end. A wide variety of styles, ideas and media used made it an enthralling and interesting evening.



Also in August, a group of us went by minibus to **Coventry's Transport Museum** for an interesting sketching visit organized by Margaret Linnett.

What an outstanding collection of vehicles awaited us, it was hard to choose where to look, but we all took the opportunity to sit and sketch.

So many wheels and such proportions presented some of us with problems, but we persevered, and enjoyed the challenge. Many thanks to Margaret and the minibus driver.



**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Monthly Meeting - AGM & Membership Renewal.**

Reminder – RDAS can no longer accept Cheques in payment, please pay by Card/BACS or Cash.

**Call for Nominations/Volunteers for the Committee.**

Followed by talk from **Jamie Gray – Photographer.**

In **November, Serendipity** will be joining us again for our top-up of art materials. Don't forget, you can ask for anything particular to be brought by contacting Heather at: [heathersportraitsuk@gmail.com](mailto:heathersportraitsuk@gmail.com)

### **R&DAS AUTUMN AWARDS EXHIBITION AT HOULTON.**

Our Awards Exhibition will be taking place on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Houlton Barn. Full details and Entry Forms available later – for now, get your best work ready to show!

### **R&DAS 2025/2026 Programme:**

3<sup>rd</sup> September - Jamie Gray Photographer.

1<sup>st</sup> October – Mark Curtis Hughes, Papercut Artist who draws with a scalpel.

5<sup>th</sup> November – Jennie Fletcher, Painter in oil & wax medium.

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Exhibition Awards & Surprise Guest.

7<sup>th</sup> January – Belinda Edwards, slab-built Ceramics inspired by nature.

4<sup>th</sup> February – Critique/Advice evening.

4<sup>th</sup> March – Matt Warnszynski, who will do an oil portrait of a R&DAS Member!

1<sup>st</sup> April – Michala Gyetvai, Poet & thread lover from Warwickshire.

6<sup>th</sup> May – Sarah Miles, Wildlife Artist.

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Darren Awang, Illustrative Watercolours, picking up where he left it in June 2025.

1<sup>st</sup> July – TBA.

5<sup>th</sup> August – Members' Activity Evening.

Well done and thanks to **Clare Pentlow** for arranging such an interesting and diverse collection of speakers!

## **RUGBY & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY - AGM AGENDA – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

### **1. Apologies –**

### **2. Minutes of last AGM 04/09/24 at Dunchurch Village Hall read & signed.**

Proposed

Seconded

### **3. Matters Arising:**

### **4. President's Report** for last season.

### **5. Treasurer's Report** for last season

### **6. Committee elections & Re-Elections**

These Committee Members are retiring –

Margaret Linnett

Ralph de la Croix

Sue Bond

Jan Watts

Jim Watson

Vote of Thanks for many years' Service.

Nomination & Election to Committee

Sam Basnett

Proposed: Margaret Linnett

Seconded: Sarais Crawshaw

Re-Election to Committee – Sarais Crawshaw as President

- Tony Keech as Exhibition Organiser

- Clare Pentlow as Programme Diary

Group Proposal: Sam Basnett

Seconded: Sarais Crawshaw

Other Nominations/Volunteers to Committee:

### **7. AOB.**

Vote of thanks to Committee & Jane Archer, who deals with our financial matters at Meetings.

Is there a Member who would be interested in making an Archive of past R&DAS Members (such as L.S.Lowry) from documents?

**Volunteers appreciated** - to carry IT equipment upstairs, design Exhibition Posters/Leaflets, operate the Video Camera.

Comments from the floor.

**Meeting ended at:**

Followed by talk from **Jamie Gray**, Photographer.