



Newsletter

Welcome to June 2025

Our Summer Exhibition is now being organised and I am looking forward to receiving all your entries for what, I'm sure, will become an exciting display. Will helpers who have offered their assistance for various tasks, please do become active, but if anyone finds themselves in difficulty, please let me know, for example: I need some help with emailing our invitations (past helpers unable to continue) and would a member with a computer please contact me with an offer of help.

We also need members with a home or other suitable frontage onto a through-road, to offer to display an exhibition sign. This may be as attached to a post, fixed to a gate, or to a tree and can be double sided or single sided sign, as needed. The poster would remain in place for July until exhibition end on 9th August. For this assistance you will receive one free picture entry for the exhibition.

After several years in the post, I shall be stepping down as Chairman at the next AGM. I am satisfied that BDAG is soundly managed and that our committee is strong and has wonderful, interested people at its heart. I have asked Juanita Gouws, who has been an active exhibition supporter and a committed BDAG stalwart, to take over from me and she has been unanimously voted-in by the committee. Juanita will be present at the next AGM and I'm sure will be happy to answer any questions you may wish to put to her. I have complete confidence in Juanita and she has my unequivocal support. I shall stay on the committee looking after the exhibition(s) and will also assume the role of Vice-Chairman for at least 2026, enabling smooth transition.

There we are! Send me your exhibition entries as soon as possible, as you previously have and if you have any queries, I will be happy to help, as usual.

Happy Summer,

CHAIRMAN

PETER SHERWOOD

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SUMMER EXHIBITION

KEY DATES:

Closing date for your entry form and stewarding rota is **6th July 2025**

Handing in date for artwork is Sunday morning **27th July 10.00-12.00**

Preview night is **Tuesday 29th July**

The public exhibition is running from **30th July to 9th August.**

Please note that printed tickets are now available for you to issue to anyone you would like to include as a guest at our Summer Exhibition. Although you can email tickets, it always feels much more personal to me to offer a card invitation. So here we are, please let me know how many you would like: peterdsherwood@gmail.com

SUPERNATURAL ART EXHIBITION AT THE STABLES

A couple of our members - Claire Thompson and Melissa Hall - are exhibiting in an art show on the Supernatural at the Stables running 23rd June – 2nd August and thought it would be lovely for members to go and see it (and they would certainly appreciate your support!).

The exhibition delves into the haunting themes of Henry James's classic horror novella, *The Turn of the Screw*. This unique showcase features the work of 20 talented artists, each offering their interpretation of the chilling narrative that explores the boundaries between innocence and malevolence,

presenting a captivating array of artworks, including paintings, collages, prints, cyanotypes, photography, and ceramics. Each piece invites you to encounter the unseen forces that linger in the shadows of the story.

The exhibition explores the psychological tension and ambiguity found in James's tale, challenging viewers to confront their own perceptions of fear, desire, and the supernatural.

Whether you're a longtime fan of Henry James or new to his work, this exhibition promises to be a thought-provoking and visually stunning exploration of one of literature's most enduring horror stories. Don't miss this chance to see how art can illuminate the depths of human experience as it intertwines with the world of theatre.

OUTDOOR PAINTING SESSION 3RD JULY

Mark Fisher is willing to give a lesson/demonstration and advice on painting plein air for the group during the next outdoor event on Thursday 3rd July at St Oswald's Church, Hooe. Near Ninfield TN33 9HB

If you've never attempted 'plein air', or would like some help, then this is a golden opportunity to pick up tips from our professional guru at a lovely location.

You don't have to register or apply for the event, just turn up at 10.00am, bring your art kit, lunch and enjoy the event until 3pm.

Any queries, please contact Ruth (our outdoor event organiser) on 07552616010