



Newsletter

Welcome to September 2025

Exhibition over and heading for autumn - seems to happen every year! This last exhibition was somewhat different to previous and in several ways improved, though the quality of pictures for hanging were, as usual, excellent - some comments even being that this was the best show ever! I believe we always put on a classy show, with decorous entries at all levels.

Financially this year, we are only just short of covering our costs and considering the increased cost of the hall and other aspects of curating such a show, this is well done. Some changes were made in both presentation and administration, but this latter is where our Stewards felt most impact.

Accounting was easier though we are always looking for improvements, but this year thanks to Richard, our finance administrator, his hard work provided a system making Stewards tasks more logical and easier to manage. The number of art pieces sold was similar to last year, but revenue was lower due to individual picture values, but some contribution was made by card, calendar and merchandise sales.

All in all, thank you to everyone who showed their lovely pictures, helped with the exhibition, making it a success and I hope you all enjoyed it, it really is a keystone of BDAG.

CHAIRMAN

PETER SHERWOOD

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Monthly Art Challenge

We've been running this activity for well over a year now, having started in January 2024, and we've accumulated quite a 'gallery' on our website. We would like to encourage more members to join in so we can expand the offering even more. As ever, it's not a competition and there's no critique plus, it's open to all levels using any medium you like. So, if you haven't participated so far, why not have a go? Take a look at all the amazing entries to date on our website [Monthly Art Challenge | Battle & District Arts Group](#) . If you missed the note regarding September's topic, it is '**capturing light**', and entries via email and .jpg by Sept 29th pls. Full instructions on the website.

Membership

Delighted to report that so far this year, we have welcomed 25 new members and now have a total of 144 creatives in BDAG! Do please continue to encourage friends and neighbours to join – we offer a wide range of benefits and activities for an extremely reasonable annual membership fee. Full details of our membership offerings, and info on how to join, are on our website. However, if you want us to continue to develop the art group and its offerings, the Committee needs your help.....

BDAG NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Be part of the team: to offer the wide range of benefits and activities to our members, we need to fill 2 key roles within BDAG's Committee so this note is by way of calling for help from our members. The roles are as follows:

Secretary to the Committee – this is purely an admin role and can be filled by either a BDAG member or friend. We will offer 'free BDAG membership' to anyone taking on this role. The main duties include:

1. Attending 4 committee meetings per year of approximately 2 hrs duration (5 – 7pm). Currently held in Kerry's studio, Battle.
2. Attending the annual AGM
3. Preparing and distributing the agenda and any supporting papers for both meetings
4. Taking concise minutes of meetings, highlighting key action points; obtaining approval from the Chair on draft minutes
5. Sending out agenda/minutes of committee meetings to committee members ahead/post meeting
6. Sending final approved AGM minutes to DW for distribution to all members

Publicity Officer – this is a key Committee role which needs a BDAG member to fill. The main duties include, but are not limited to,:

1. Attending 4 committee meetings per year (duration/location as per above)
2. Developing and organising publicity for BDAG's annual exhibition.
3. Handling the signage for the exhibition, including signs used by members to promote the event
4. Contacting local organisations to promote BDAG through articles, stories, adverts, etc.

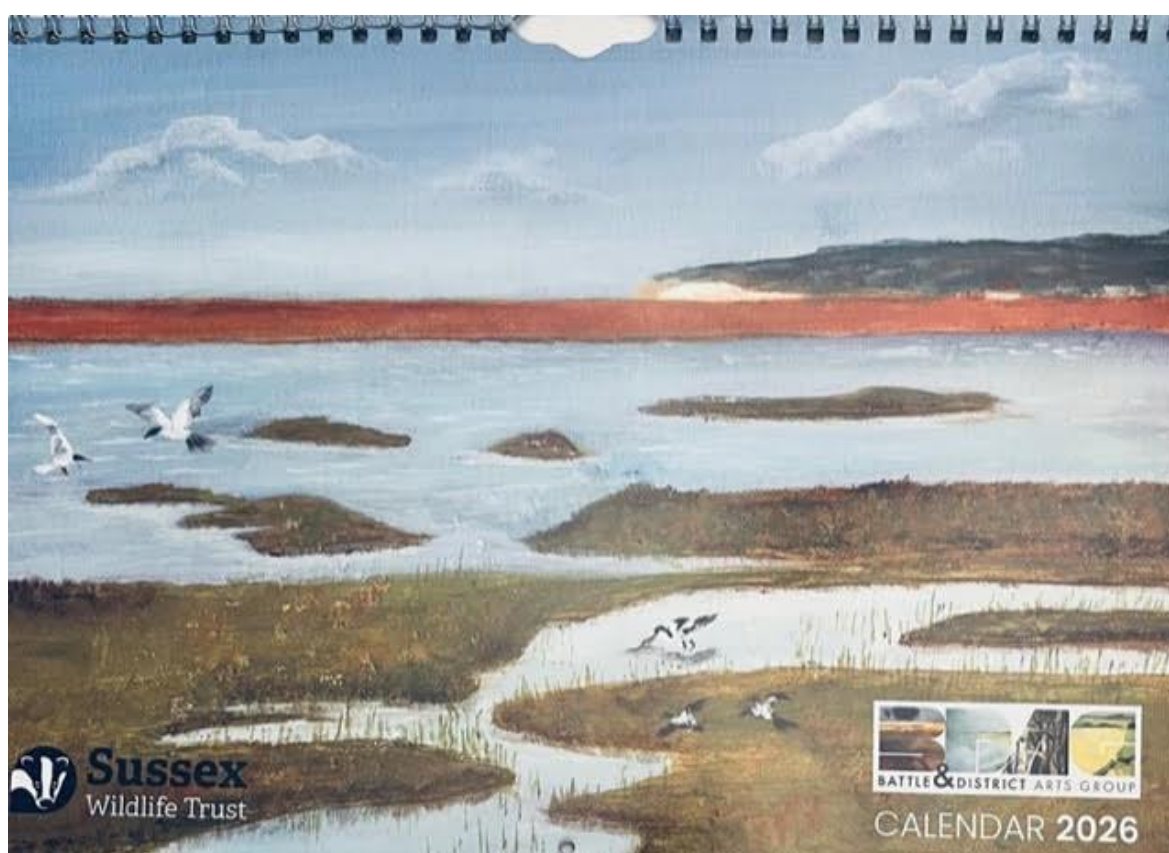
If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in taking on either of these roles, then **please get in touch**. Dorothy Worrall - Dorothyw15@outlook.com
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***Battle and District Art Group can only continue to exist and develop with the continued hard work of its members and volunteer committee.
To provide the benefits that all members enjoy,
We Need You to be Part of that Team!***

BDAG 2026 Calendar

The 2026 BDAG Calendar is available, but they are disappearing fast. At just £5 each (BDAG member special price) they make wonderful gifts and really help BDAG keep costs down.

Phone Peter 07950 914409 and order yours now, before they all go!



End of Year Exhibition

Advance notice of a special opportunity for the end of this year!

BDAG have booked an End of Year Exhibition space at Battle Almonry for this year. You will be receiving details as soon as we can get matters sorted out, perhaps towards the end of September early October, so look out for the information in a special email release.

Workshop September

This is a reminder for members, book soon as places are filling up.

Our next workshop is on the 27th September, where we will be using new techniques for a watercolour painting, tutored by Kerry Bennett in the morning, and acrylics in the afternoon tutored by Mark Fisher.

Watercolour session: we will be painting a scene with water reflections. I will show you the techniques on how to create the reflection effect in water, the brush strokes, keeping the light, colours and materials used. Mark will be doing Autumn Leaves panels in acrylics



All the materials and refreshments are provided, just bring yourself and a packed lunch if you are staying for both sessions. Feel free to bring your favourite brush if you wish to.

Look forward to seeing you in Mountfield Village Hall.

All the best, Kerry