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NEXT MEETING Wed, 12th May, 8pm - Tom Hodgkinson, Editor of The Idler



Tom Hodgkinson is founder and editor of the Idler, a periodical which campaigns against the work ethic. He is the author of three books which outline his own brand of anarcho-idlerism, and they are: How to be Idle, How to be Free and the Idle Parent, all published by Penguin. The latest issue of the Idler is titled "Back to the Land". At Broomhill, he will be discussing his journalistic career to date, his move to North Devon, why he hates Facebook and why he hates Henry VIII. He will accompany his talk with a few songs on the ukulele. More info: www.idler.co.uk

Regular NDA meetings are free to members and are at 8pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Broomhill Art Hotel, Muddiford. Non-members are also welcome at a fee of £4.00. A buffet supper beforehand is at a special member rate of £5.50, thanks to Broomhill Art Hotel - please pre-book buffets which start at 7pm - 01271 850262.

FUTURE NDA MEETINGS – Wed 9th June, Martin Pailthorpe, Filmmaker

BBC Film maker and photographer, Martin Pailthorpe, will be talking about his career and how it evolved into camerawork, photography and editing. Illustrated with film clips and photos from his foreign trips (notably Tibet and South Western China) and closer to home - in North Devon and his current job in the Outer Hebrides.

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APRIL MEETING - CERAMICIST AMY COOPER

Amy Cooper is a successful ceramicist with two distinct bodies of work: large installation pieces and delicate porcelain work. She gave a fascinating talk about her large scale work - including the brick sofa at Broomhill and her brick armchair which she has taken to major events since. She sculpted the extruded bricks in situ at the brick works. The process of hollowing out each brick and numbering pieces for re-assembly after firing require an incredibly methodical approach to the work. A major frustration for Amy has been the politics surrounding the siting of the piece, which was never seen at the hospital the work was created for. However, she approached various sculpture gardens and the piece found its new home at Broomhill. The work took around a week to reassemble. Other brick sculptures have been created since and Amy has future plans for other pieces using bricks.

In the second part of the talk Amy provided an interesting insight into her delicate porcelain lamps in the form of sea urchins, lightly incised and exceptionally thin, almost transparent. Her exquisite pieces, combined with her obvious business-like and methodical approach has resulted in her showing regularly at craft design shows and major ceramics events, as well as supplying a host of galleries both at home and internationally. She brought in some example pieces and showed her moulds and methods. She has recently moved into creating sandblasted work, which has a dreamlike, and utterly unique quality. Thanks go to Amy for making this such a great evening.

Linda

NDA COMMITTEE - NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

NDA could be facing a crisis this year in that 4 members won't be re-standing at the July AGM, including our Chair Stella. In addition, we are looking for Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Minutes Secretary and Membership Secretary. The nomination form for new members will soon be available on our website. If you feel that you might be interested in joining our friendly and lively committee, and helping to take the organisation forward, then please contact Stella, for more information: chair@northdevonarts.co.uk

NDA SQUARE PICTURE SHOW - DEADLINE 21ST MAY

As announced in our April newsletter, the NDA Square Picture Show will take place 5th-30th June, as part of the North Devon Festival. NDA members are invited to exhibit a maximum of 3 pieces - all 35cm x 35cm (outside dimensions) and at £150 or less.

There is a theme this year - North Devon Coast Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to help Celebrate the 50 years this organisation has been in existence. Details of how to enter, canvas and frame suppliers are all in the April newsletter (on our website's newsletter section) and entry forms are also available on the website at <http://www.northdevonarts.co.uk/exhibitions.html>. The closing date is **Friday 21st May**, so please get your entry in soon if you wish to take part. Any further queries please contact Sarah Woolfenden Tel. 01237 479325 or email sarah1woolfenden@yahoo.co.uk.

Sarah and Alison

ARTIST URGENTLY SOUGHT BY NDA FOR SCHOOL PROJECT - MONDAY 5TH JULY, 9.30AM-3PM

NDA very much hope to be successful in their grant application to the AONB as the theme and sponsors of our Square Picture Show this year.

Part of our grant application looked at ways in which NDA could encourage young people to appreciate the area. We have agreed with Hartland Primary School to provide them with an artist for a day to work on the theme of 'Coastlines' with 20 young pupils aged 6/7, producing either a joint work or individual pieces in response to this theme.

We are asking for your proposals for working with the children, so you will need to have a current CRB check in evidence. A list of the interested artists, with these essential credentials, will be compiled by the NDA Committee, with the final choice being made by the School.

The chosen artist will receive payment of £250 for the day, to include travel, research and preparation, plus a further £100 towards materials. As part of the day, we will also be able to supply our new projector so images or artworks of the AONB coastline can be shown as inspiration for the children.

We would like to receive your proposal for the days work, evidence of successful work with young people in the past and a copy of your CRB check. Please send to: Sarah Woolfenden, (marked AONB Artist) Meadow Cottage, Weare Giffard, Bideford, Devon EX39 4QR. Deadline for entry: May 25th

NDA LIFE DRAWING

Untutored life Drawing - Weare Giffard village hall, 10-4pm, Monday 17th May and Monday 7th June, £15 to include tea and coffee. Please contact Rosie Burns rosie_burns@yahoo.com for more information and to reserve a place. Tutored life drawing available at extra charge.

SUCCESS OF NEW MEMBER - MARY CUNLIFFE

New member, Mary Cunliffe has had a really successful first exhibition with NDA, outselling every other member in our show. Mary's ceramic pieces on show included a group of ceramic birds, which proved incredibly popular and she sold four pieces during the show, with three in the first week. Mary has been invited to leave her work on permanent display at the gallery, which Rinus says is "affordable and sculptural". Congratulations go to Mary.

NDA MEMBER PAM WILLIAMS NEW APPLIEDORE SHOW 'SPINDRIFT & RHYME'

Pam has a solo show at Gallery 41, Bude Street, Appledore - until May 31st. The exhibition is open weekends between 12 & 4pm - & by appointment at any time: 01237 420439.

SUMMER EXHIBITION - WESTWARD HO! & BIDEFORD ARTS SOCIETY

Selection for new members will be on Saturday 8th May at the Burton. Six cohesive pieces of work to be delivered between 10.00am-11.30am with collection 2.30pm-3.30pm. Anyone interested in applying should e-mail the membership secretary Peter Steart the.stearts@talktalk.net

The exhibition itself will be earlier this year with the hand-in taking place on 2nd July and the Private View on 9th July - collection 9 August.

JOAN STRIBLING DE'LAUNAY NEW WORK

NDA member, Joan, who is a BAFTA-winning make-up artist has just been working with Timothy Davies as Howard Carter on an installation at Luxor Museum, Egypt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NDA MEMBER VANESSA MARSTON - NEW WORK IN ST HELENS



My sculpture of Keiron Cunningham, star Rugby League Player, of St Helens near Liverpool was unveiled last month. The bronze sculpture is one and half times life size. Keiron is running forward with just one foot on the ground. At the last minute we were delayed whilst we convinced the structural engineers that the sculpture was indeed safe. The unveiling was a happy occasion.

The people of St Helens are very fond of Keiron. The sculpture will eventually be sited on the new stadium which is yet to be built.

Vanessa Marston

CALL FOR ENTRIES - EXETER CONTEMPORARY OPEN 2010

Exeter Phoenix is inviting entries for exeter contemporary open 2010, a significant platform for emerging artists to exhibit alongside more established artists. Submissions are invited in all media.

Prizes for 2010: £1000 Overall award; two £500 additional awards; £200 Audience Choice Award. Closing date: Friday 18 June, 2010. Guidelines and application form available: www.exeterphoenix.org.uk/eco.php email: galleries@exeterphoenix.org.uk Or send sae to: exeter contemporary open, Exeter Phoenix, Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, EXETER, EX4 3LS

POLICY PAPER ON CULTURE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Government has confirmed the next steps in realising the ambition for every child and young person to experience at least five hours of high-quality cultural activities each week. This will transform the way in which youngsters relate to culture and the arts, and lay the foundations for future generations of creativity and cultural excellence.

A policy paper "A Place for Culture: Towards a local culture offer for all children and young people" published on 1st April, looks at what has been achieved so far and spells out ambitions for the future. Over the past 5 years there has been a huge investment in cultural education, with over £570m between 2008-2009, revised secondary programmes of study since 2007 covering art, literature, music and drama, an area of learning on understanding the arts in the new primary curriculum, as well as more and more primary school children getting the chance to learn an instrument.

The paper sets out the ways in which the DCMS will now make the offer universal by mainstreaming it into schools and local authorities, based on the learning from the successful Find Your Talent programme. This will include a review conducted by the Arts Council of its support for the delivery of the cultural offer. The paper is available at: http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/place_for_culture.pdf

JOHN HURFORD SUCCESS

North Devon Arts member John Hurford has three paintings in the upcoming South West Academy of Fine and Applied Arts (SWAc) Academicians show at Kennaway House, Sidmouth, Devon. The Exhibition will be open from 23rd May to 3rd June (including Sundays) 10am - 5pm daily.

NDA MEMBERS GO TO FALMOUTH

Two members have recently won places on two MA art courses in Falmouth - Duncan Hopkins and Pete Ward. Duncan is doing an MA Fine Art: Contemporary Practice for 1 year full-time and Pete is doing an MA in Art & Ecology part-time for 2 years. We wish them every success and hope that they will update us on their progress.

FACILITATORS WANTED BY BBC BLAST

BBC Blast is coming to Paignton in July and is being co-ordinated by Event Cornwall who are looking for the following facilitators.

Dates and times required are shown in brackets. Choreography (15.30 - 17.15, 15th July), Graf Art taster (15.45 - 17.15, 15th July), Design (13.45 - 15.15, 15th July), Street Dance (17.00 - 18.30, 16th July), Lifestyle photography (14.15 - 16.45, 17th July), Extreme Art (14.15 - 16.15, 17th July). More info on fees and details of how to apply can be found here <http://creativetorbay.com/advice-and-opportunity/jobs/?id=10026&page=2&view=list>

ARTISTS STUDIOS & WORKSHOPS TO RENT/SHARE

Inspirational building, stunning location, just 2 minutes from North Devon link road.

The 360° Trust based at the recently renovated Old Sawmills in Filleigh, Near South Molton, has 3 new studio/workshop spaces available suitable for artists and designer makers working in any media. Artists enjoy 24/7 access and use of all our facilities including fully equipped office and contemporary art gallery in a mutually supportive and creative environment. Each studio/workshop offers 320-400 sq ft, enjoys south facing views over the surrounding countryside and masses of natural light from all directions. Studios can be shared if desired for the same fully inclusive price of just £350 pm. See www.360trust.org or call Jonathan Kiff on 01598 760658 or 07740 701600 for more details.

COLIN ALLBROOK RI AT THE ART COOP

The Art Coop at Gallery 39, the local artists' co-operative, celebrated its first year of trading on 4 April. We think this is quite an achievement since we opened during the worst recession for decades and were told we were mad!

We are therefore holding a very special event during May. Colin Allbrook will be 'Artist of the Month' from 4 May - he is one of North Devon's most prestigious painters. Colin exhibits nationally and internationally and has won numerous awards and has had a book published. Colin will be in the gallery on Thursday 6 May demonstrating and talking about his work. A large body of Colin's work will be on display at the gallery for 2 weeks from the 4th.

INTERNS/VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR NEW DEVON OPERA

La Traviata on tour in Devon: 21 - 31 July 2010. Rehearsal period 10th-20th July 2010. New Devon Opera is looking for interns/volunteers for Stage Management, Wardrobe and Props. For more information, contact Linda: linda@newdevonopera.co.uk or phone 01626-365861.

ALAN BENNETT'S TALKING HEADS MONOLOGUES AT SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL

Monologues to be performed by The Torrington Players as part of their 30th anniversary: *A Cream Cracker under the Settee; A Chip in the Sugar; Lady of Letters.*

In their 30th year, the Torrington Players bring Alan Bennett's touching and insightful Talking Heads monologues to life. These productions won them best regional performances from the National Operatic & Dramatic Association judges on their first outing in 2003. The work will be performed on Friday 11th June at 7.00 pm. Suitable for adults.

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall, tickets: £12.50 - the ticket price includes supper, available from Julie Whitton 01271 830311 email julie@theyews.freereserve.co.uk More information: www.torringtonplayers.com

THE APPLIED CRAFTS COMPANY FESTIVAL EXHIBITION

Crazed and Marbled shows ceramics by Tony Worthington and hand-made books by Grizel Luttmann-Johnson. The exhibition runs 23rd May-13th June. Open daily 10.00am-5.00pm. The Appledore Crafts Company, 5 Bude Street, Appledore, Bideford, Devon EX39 1PS Tel 01237 423547 www.appledorecraftscompany.co.uk

WALKING ART WORKSHOPS BY INTERNATIONAL LAND ARTIST, LINDA GORDON

Celebrating 50 years' of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), these walks will enable you to respond intuitively to our coastal landscape with drawing, photography, ephemeral artworks or creative writing - or just watch!

'Early Bird' offer: book before May 14th for just £6. For Walk details, dates and to book go to: www.essentialnature.org.uk For details and for your invitation to be a blog writer on the website email Linda: lindagordon02@googlemail.com Part of Art Trek and the North Devon Festival.

ART BAZAAR - CALL FOR ARTISTS & MAKERS

If you are interested in this annual pre-Christmas selling event, please contact Stella Levy for further details and dates. Take up for this event is huge and only space for 50! stella@widgerystudios.com

UMBERLEIGH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - CALL FOR ARTISTS & MAKERS

Sunday, 21st November 2010. 10am - 4pm. A small, but highly successful event held in Umberleigh Village Hall. Numbers limited to 25 stalls. To apply, please email: stella@widgerystudios.com

ART @ DELAMORE 2010

The 2010 exhibition is open to the public every day in May, 10:30am-4:30pm, including weekends and bank holidays!

It is their 8th exhibition of painting and sculpture. More than 100 leading sculptors and painters are exhibiting new and exciting work. The magnificent gardens are only open to the public during the show and are seen at their best during May with rhododendrons in full bloom. Wander on the lawns where much of the sculpture is displayed, and view the indoor sculpture and paintings in the main rooms. Entry £5, under 16s, free. To order a copy of the Art @ Delamore 2010 catalogue, priced at £5 plus p&p, email or call them. Delamore Arts, Cornwood, Devon PL21 9QT email: admin@delamore.com tel: 01752 837711 website: www.delamore-art.co.uk

JURASSIC COAST PHD STUDENTSHIP THE PRACTICES OF CARNIVAL: COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND PLACE

The Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site Arts programme has entered into an exciting partnership with the University of Exeter to award an extended programme of AHRC Collaborative PhD Studentships.

The university is now seeking to appoint a suitably qualified applicant for a doctoral studentship for three years commencing on 1 October 2010. The overall theme of the extended programme is 'The Jurassic Coast and the arts of community engagement: heritage, science, policy and practice on a dynamic coastline'. Of the three PhD projects identified under this broad theme, this first studentship will address 'The practices of carnival: communities, culture and place'. For more information; please visit: www.jurassiccoast.com/350/category/job-opportunities-207.html

CULTURE24 WEBSITES

Culture24 is a government-funded, independent charity that publishes a free-to-use family of websites including: www.culture24.org.uk; www.show.me.uk; www.caboodle.org.uk. They offer news, features, games, interactive activities and resources from the UK museums, galleries, libraries, archives, heritage sites and science centres. You can subscribe to their newsletter which has information on art shows country-wide, galleries and museums.

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