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## NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone

This is just a quick update following our last committee meeting and also a reminder of what is happening in the next few weeks.

Firstly welcome to our new members. The Gallery is looking really good and I have received several complimentary comments, praising the quality of work on display, which is certainly true.

The 'Enterprise 4 Inclusion' project is now completed and for once our finances are fairly healthy. We have also received our second payment from the Lincolnshire Cooperative Ltd. of £750.00, a very welcome amount.

Many customers are interested in what the artist is like if they buy one of the pictures on display. Would it be possible for any artist exhibiting their work, to provide a short profile to go with their work? This can be handwritten, or in rough, as I can always help with the typing if required. Why not add a 'photo and we could laminate these profiles, to make them look good. An A5 size should be big enough, unless you have had a very eventful time and wish to include everything.

It was mentioned that a potential buyer may ask to contact the artist themselves, but we have a policy of never giving anyone an artist's telephone number. If you have a fan we will ring you and give you the option of contacting the potential customer yourself. This is also how we handle any commission requests.

I haven't heard any more from the solicitor in Lincoln regarding the issue of parking permits. It may be possible that they are waiting for a list of our member's car numbers. If I leave a sheet of paper on change-over day would you mind writing your car registration number down for me and these can then go on the list as belonging to the Welland Gallery. I have made some temporary ones, some have been given out already, and they are kept in the Gallery drawer. If you are stewarding do put this on your dashboard, so you will be safe from clamping. They did warn me though, that we only have 2 spaces, so if three Welland Gallery cars are there, one will be clamped. I have conveyed our thanks to Lincs. Coop. for the two places as these should cost us £200 each, and we have them free.

The plans are going ahead to buy display wires for the window, and these should be arriving shortly. This will allow more paintings to be hung and should look professional. All our members seem to be happy that they can now exhibit up to five paintings and the gallery looks full. Keep up the good work, especially of local scenes which seem very popular in the Summer with passing tourists.

### Fundraising

Janet Barnes is still holding her Monday Club every two weeks. The attendance is growing. Also each Friday morning you can join in two hours of painting or drawing together, which is also fun, followed by coffee in a variety of venues.

**Change-over day is next week on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.** Angela has her pen at the ready and the paintings will be hung by Janet and myself later that evening. The display should look fresh for the Flower Festival and that weekend we will be open Saturday am and Sunday all day. We have received free advertising in the 'Flower Festival' guide and the 'Welcome to Spalding' guide 2006 to advertise this. Any help to steward gratefully received.

16<sup>th</sup> July Angela has arranged a stall on the market for any interested parties. A day workshop, painting in the garden, plus special lunch at chez Barnes one hot Sunday in the Summer sounds really relaxing and something to look forward to

Patchings is on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The super David Bellamy will be there and Hazel Sloane will be offering a workshop at some cost. Please contact the Arts Society or Angela at the Gallery if you are interested.

Lastly thank you all for all the help over the last few weeks, things I hope will soon return to normal for me. My regards to you all. Pat