

# KINETON ART GROUP



## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER - 2021

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### WELCOME BACK

At long last, after 18 months we can all meet face to face once again. Sessions begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 12.30 – 3.00 afternoons and 7.00 – 9.30 evenings. I am sure you have all been busy during the various lockdowns and have plenty of work which you will want to exhibit at our Exhibition.

### KAG EVENTS

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due. Please bring a cheque for £25 and your renewal form to a session and give to Gaynor Van Dijk (afternoons) or Alison Hart (evening) or send to Graeme Bassett. We should be grateful if you are intent on returning even if you do not wish to do so just yet to send in your renewal form and

subs so we can see just how many will be returning and can plan accordingly.

## **EXHIBITION - 9th October 2021**

We will be holding a one day Exhibition on Saturday 9th October, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. All are welcome to submit paintings It will be run on slightly different lines this year. Members would be invited to hire a side of a board for £5.00 to display their work. This could be shared if required. There will be no catalogue and prices will be displayed alongside their work. Cards and prints will also be available. There will also be a raffle and teas. More details nearer the time.

## **PROFILE**

### **Graeme Bassett**

I joined Kineton Art Group about 20 years ago and have enjoyed the evening sessions over this time very much. I have learned from other members and appreciate the friendly and helpful nature of their advice. I was born in Huntingdonshire and attended Ramsey Abbey Grammar School, being inspired in art lessons by Mr Colin Chalk (what a name for an art teacher). My interest in painting and sculpture blossomed at Bretton Hall Teacher Training College now the home of The Yorkshire Sculpture Park near Wakefield.

I became a primary school teacher and eventually head teacher at Wilmcote school and then at Brookhurst primary in Leamington Spa. I have always been interested in art being encouraged by my mum who gave me my first box of, yes you guessed it, watercolour paints. I recently discovered a painting I



did with these paints when I was 7 years old of Mrs Wakefield's house which was down the road from my childhood house. I painted this sitting in bed from the bedroom window one day when I was ill. I now usually paint with oil paints, sometime with acrylic and pastels but very rarely in watercolours although I've still got that first box. I enjoy painting buildings especially castles and mills. Recently turn to painting triptych across three canvasses.



I was founder chairman of the Kineton Camera Club in the mid 1990s and I still enjoy photography using it now mainly as a tool to help with my painting. I encouraged the establishment of the afternoon session for Kineton Art Group and this is now in its fourth year. It gives me great pleasure meeting with so many interesting and talented members each Monday afternoon. I

enjoy researching different artists and also collect a few paintings by local artists from the early 1900's.

I have found coping with the Covid restrictions difficult but cheered up by the many images sent to me throughout the lock down by members. I come to the end of my chairmanship in November and I am pleased to say that I hand over the post to the very capable and conscientious leadership of Alison Hart.



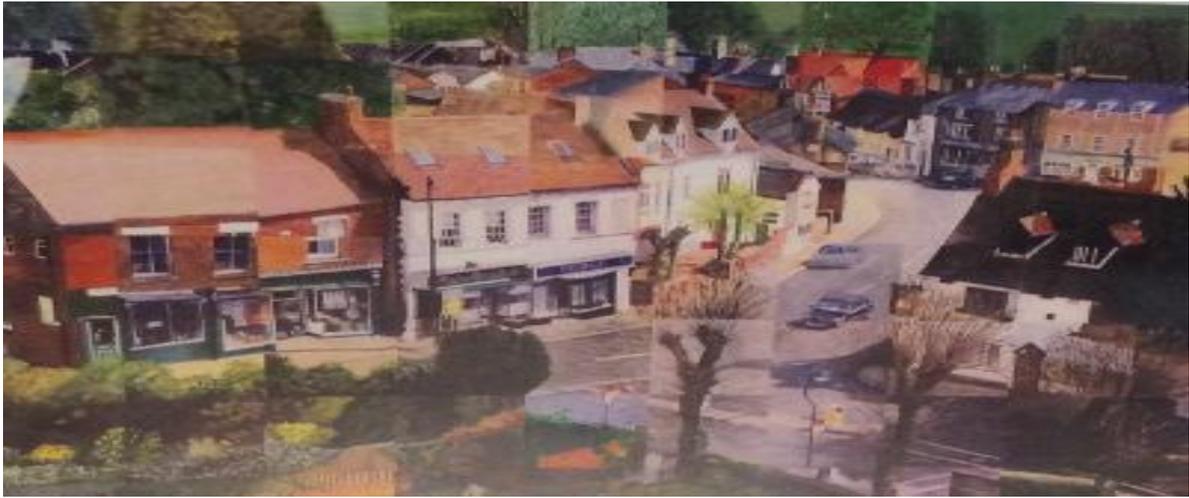
## WHAT'S ON

### Coventry – City of Culture 2021

Check out [coventry2021.co.uk](http://coventry2021.co.uk) for events

Highlights include 'The Shop Windows' and 'In Paint we Trust' from May 2021. The Turner Prize 2021 will be held in Coventry's Herbert Art Gallery and Museum in September.

Check out BBC iplayer for Landscape Artist of the Year. This is an old programme but well worth a visit.



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Members Exhibition  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Kington Village Hall  
10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Original Art, Cards, Prints  
Raffle and Teas