



June Newsletter

Annual General Meeting

Please take this as the notice of the meeting which will take place at 11.00am for 11.30am on 18 June at the home of our Chairman, Rory McShane at 2 Stone Cottages, Wymondham Road, Wramplingham and, for those of you with sat-nav, NR18 0RZ. There are less technological directions below.

If you wish to make a proposal for a change in the Constitution would you please send the precise wording for this together with the name of the seconder to Derek Rae, 63 Helena Road, Norwich NR2 3BY or derek.rae@gmail.com by 5 June. If you wish to raise a matter for discussion under Any Other Business, would you please let Derek know by the same dates so that it can be included on the agenda to be sent to all members before the meeting. I apologise for the very short notice but you will appreciate that the Forum exhibition has taken most of our attention until now.

We hope to have finished the formal business of the meeting in time for lunch at 1.00pm. As usual you are invited to bring your partner, a bottle of drink, alcoholic or otherwise, together with a plate of food and a chair. This year we are delighted, by this letter, to invite our Friends and their partners to join us for lunch. In view of the increased numbers we would ask them also to bring food, drink and chair as outlined above.

Directions to Rory's

On the A11 heading south take the first exit for Wymondham. This takes you under the A11 to a roundabout where you turn right - then turn right at the roundabout by the Police station.

Go straight over at the next roundabout (by Waitrose) onto 'Tuttles Lane'. After ½ mile take the first right hand turn, signposted to 'Great Melton and Barford'. After ½ mile turn left where the road forks, by a post-box. The signpost indicates 'Wramplingham'. The road veers sharply to the right. Carry on for a further mile. There are farms and houses on the left but our house is the first house you come to on the right, after you have passed the sign which says 'Wramplingham'. We are

the left hand house of a pair of semi-detached cottages. Please park in the field just beyond our house.

New Members

At the members meeting in May, Felicity Cary, Richard Cleland, David Lindsay, Chris Loukes and John Midgley were elected to membership of the Group. They are most welcome and we look forward to their participation in the Group and to seeing their work in future exhibitions.

Koblenz

The background to this invitation from the City of Koblenz Cultural Department was the connection the Norwich 20 Group has made to their artist group; Arbeitsgemeinschaft bilender Kunstler am Mittelrhein (AKM). This connection was fostered along with the other Twin City artist groups in 2005 with an invitation to join our 60-year anniversary exhibition at the Bally Shoe Factory.

Three members of the Norwich Twenty Group set out at 5am on Friday 1st April with a van full of paintings and sculptures. The journey to Koblenz was via the Channel Tunnel and after 14 hours they arrived at the Haus Metternich to be greeted by Helka Stiebel, a senior member of the AKM group.

Haus Metternich is a substantial three story building situated in a square in the city centre. It was rebuilt after its destruction in the second world war and has been fully equipped, including excellent lighting, to be used. we understand, solely as an art gallery.

Sunday was the day of the exhibition's opening by the Mayor of Koblenz Professor. Dr. Joachim Hofmann-Gottig. He gave a speech followed by Gunter Hahn of the Norwich-Koblenz Friendship Association and Mike Chapman for the Norwich Twenty Group. The local television was present to record this event and a reporter from the local paper wrote an article commenting on the work of many of the 18 artists/sculptors. The occasion went very well and everybody seemed very pleased about this Twinning activity and how the exhibition looked.

A fuller version of this interesting report by David woods and Mike Chapman will be available at the AGM

During all the arrangements for this show, we relied heavily on Monika Wesselmann, one of our Friends, who translated all the artist's statements and was in constant communication with our friends in Koblenz. We are most grateful to her for this help, without which we would have struggled.

Twin Visions

This exhibition, in which we were joined by artists from Koblenz, was our first venture in the Forum and it must be said that the committee was somewhat apprehensive about it. We need not have been. It was opened by Caroline Jarrold at the private view which was well attended. It was subsequently well received by the public in general, and the German work integrated well with Twenty Group work. It was encouraging to see people who were going to the library or the coffee shop and the restaurant, stopping to have a close look at our work and to be ready to talk about it with members who were on the desk. Despite the difficult financial climate 15 artists sold work to the total value of £10320, the commission on which ensures that we will have covered our costs. We hope to have the space for longer next year.

Dance exhibition at the Theatre Royal

This to remind you that the private view of this themed exhibition of member's work is on Thursday 2 June in the Adnams bar at the theatre 5 - 7pm.

Naked in Norwich 2

The private view of this show, at St Margaret's "Church of Art" St Benedict's Street Norwich, is on Monday 27th June from 7 pm until 9 pm and continues daily between 10.00am and 5pm until 2 July.

The Installation day is Sunday 26th June from 9 am and will comprise work by participants in the Group's Life Worksop at Wensum Lodge. It is organised by one of our new members, Richard Cleland, assisted by Mike and Linda Chapman who run the workshop.

The work will be taken down on Saturday 2nd July from 5 pm.

Future Programme

This will be set by the new committee but in July we will meet at the chapel and it will be an open meeting.

Rory