Harborough Artists Cluster 2025

18th March, 7pm – 9pm,
Location: Methodist Youth Wing, Northampton Road (Opposite Bus Station) LE16 9HE

Meeting Leader: Allie Whelan, Meeting Notes: Clare Staveley Key Holder: Allie Whelan,

Apologies: Michael Edwards, Ruby Tomes, Emily Twomlow, Henrietta Corbett, Kelly Gardiner, Barbara Hatton, John Parker, Sarah Luke, Chrissy Wilson, Kay Carpenter, Katy Dynes, Gaby Read

1. **Finances - New Meeting Space Required:**
    a. Discussion on Foxton Village Hall, Lubenham Village Hall (£20-£32 for 2 hour meeting), Octagonal Hall (£35) for meeting venues. Stacey offered the use of Left 2 Draw, free of charge but with purchasing of coffee. Vote taken for Stacey's kind offer and agreed. In instances where she is on holiday, a location such as Louisa's in town will be used. **SB**
    b. There are no penalties for cancelling the existing bookings with the Methodist Church. **AW to cancel and return keys.**
2. **Open Studios**
    a. **Who is taking part and where**? looking like approximately 7 venues:
        i. Henrietta is planning on working with previous group, may be unavailable to steward
        ii. Kelly G is with Mick Henson (Braybrooke)
        iii. Barbara Hatton, John Parker & Michael Edwards (Lubenham)
        iv. Sarah Luke, Chrissy Wilson, Sally, Zoe at Allie's (MH)
        v. Becky Bennett with Stacey @ Left 2 Draw (MH Basin)
        vi. Annie at her house (Foxton) or with Lis (as below)
        vii. David with Vicky (MH Basin)
        viii. Kath, Sarah Boddy, Birgit, Lois, Clare at Lis' in (Tur Langton)
    b. **OS Event team**
        i. Lois and Derek volunteered to contribute to organising!
        ii. everyone to do publicity!
        iii. Mini groups to be formed (as above) to promote each event location.
    c. **Leaflet design and deadlines**
        i. Birgit will make a map and use the existing bifold template.
        ii. B will send out a google doc asking for: Address details, contact and an image. Will have be sent out Friday **21/03** and **needs to be returned 25/03.**
    d. **Event Promo ideas**:
        i. At least one person from a village to post an 'Event' on their village facebook group

ii. **DD** to make official announcements to Harborough FM, Swift Flash, Harborough Mail & Kibworth Chronicle
iii. **AW** to inform MaHa and LocalLiving
iv. Birgit still has A3 templates, if anyone wants for printing off at home posters.
v. **KT** will do a drip feed for Instagram and countdown - any other Instagrammers to join in!
vi. Private Viewings suggested; each group to decide and organise.
vii. Discussion on everyone participating doing an A5 original, that will be displayed on a board for sale at Left 2 Draw promoting event and giving address of Open Studio to promote in the period before. Agreed to sell these at £20. Do we need this to be a fundraiser for HAC? AW has contacted Sarah who will advise re bank account situation when she gets April statement.
SB to take small commission for the space usage and effort involved.
viii. Ideas for a trail to encourage people to visit all the Open Studios. Possible prizes: a t-shirt, word puzzle, entry into prize draw for one of the A5 images, nothing decided – Max to advise please xxxxx (thanks, love from Allie xx).

e. **Budget**:
   i. SL not present to confirm total budget
   ii. For maps looking at approx £100. tbc **BL**
   iii. Small flyers approx £40 for 1000 - **AW**
   iv. MD noted that previously HAC had sponsorship for flyers from places like On the Edge. Agreement that this yr those taking part in OS will contribute to costs of flyers. HAC to cover cost of maps.
f. **Date/Venue for interim meeting (social?)**
   i. Goody bags of flyers/ maps to be given out at start of May **BL to confirm when prints ready and a social event to collect will be organised. CK** offered to take to areas further south

3. **Any Other Business**
   a. Discussion on the purpose of Open Studios, clarified it is designed as a community event to showcase and discuss art.
   b. Fundraising also discussed and to be put on next agenda as a separate event if needed when bank situation is known (Sarah will know at start of April).
   c. Carnival is the 14th June, if anyone wants to take part. Aspects of Stitch will be doing sewing, AW to be painting.

4. **Next Meeting**: 20th May 2025, 7pm a**t** Left to Draw Studios, Union Wharf, Market Harborough, LE16 7UW **-** Zoë Laughton to Chair, Allie Whelan to minute.