

PEDAS is 100 next year!



The Newsletter in July introduced members to a first draft of the annual programme of activities and events we are planning to celebrate this milestone. Things have moved on a lot since that introduction several months ago. You will receive more detail as it all unfolds, but I would like to give you some exciting highlights at this stage:

- 1** We will be launching the celebrations in April with a big Centenary Dinner. This will now take place at the Quay Hotel in Poole on Friday 19th April. See feature below for details. We need you to start thinking about your attendance at this important event as we will need deposits by the end of November.
- 2** We have 2 landmark exhibitions planned for May to July.
 - 1** As it will be a Dorset Art Week year, our members' exhibition in the Gallery Upstairs will carry a celebration theme, lots of publicity, and will be opened by a dignitary.
 - 2** Secondly, we have been invited by the Lighthouse Poole to hold a month long exhibition over June and July. This will be a 'Best of PEDAS' theme and will be selected. It will include past and present members' work, from 1995. Planning is already well under way! John Biggs has written more about this below.
- 3** In June we will be going to Brownsea Island for a cream tea and 'en plein air' event.
- 4** Over the summer we will partner with Upton Country Park to hold a community 'Art in the Park' one day event. Special invitations to other local art groups will be given to join us for this celebratory event. We are looking to secure a well known artist to be a tutor and judge for the day.
- 5**

Further activities will take place before the end of the year, including a 'special' PEDAS Holiday. We need your help with this one, so please see the write up and contact details below.

Read on!

Jacqui Gush

INVITING ALL MEMBERS

to

Our PEDAS Centenary Dinner

This will be the launch for all the celebration events during our Centenary Year in 2024! It will be fantastic event for all PEDAS members to enjoy with their friends and partners. We would like to also invite past members.

Friday 19th April 2024

Quay Hotel, Poole

7pm for 7.30pm



The event includes:

- ✓ 3 course meal and coffee
- ✓ Evening compere
- ✓ Live music
- ✓ After dinner speaker.

The room is booked. Now we need your participation and commitment.

The cost will be £35 for members, and £40 for non-members.

We need your deposit of £20pp by 30th November, and the full amount to be paid by the PEDAS AGM in early March next year.

Carole Gadsby will be sending a booking form with full details of how to reserve a place, along with the meal options and your choices by course.

Watch this space!

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO WITH PEDAS ON HOLIDAY NEXT YEAR?



Carole Gadsby and John Biggs are eager to get planning our special PEDAS 100 holiday!

We need your input.

Please let us have your choice of answers to the following questions and email your replies asap to

Pedaspoole@gmail.com

What would you like to do?

1. Do you want a trip to visit galleries and places
2. Would you like a painting holiday (not tutored).
3. Would you like to combine these 2 options somewhere for 4-5 days

Where would you like to do this?

- a) Somewhere in the UK? Where?
- b) Somewhere abroad? Where?

Reply to the email above stating your choices, eg. 2a. St Ives