

**POOLE and EAST DORSET ART SOCIETY  
Annual General Meeting  
July 11 2021 @ 2.15pm**

**ON "ZOOM"**

**An additional item for consideration**

**The Hayloff Art Gallery, Christchurch.**

It came to our notice in mid June that The Hayloff Art Gallery is up for sale. CADArts (Christchurch and District Arts), who run the gallery, are seeking financial help to enable them to purchase the building. If they fail to raise enough of the £38,000 they are seeking, by mid August, the gallery will be lost.

CADArts is a charity that has run the Hayloff for 20 years with the purpose of "promoting the arts and for the love of creativity". Though not an art club like us, they run a not-for-profit gallery that is a venue for many artists and clubs in the locality, much as is the case at The Gallery Upstairs. This and their regular publication of local arts events makes CADArts an important element in the local art community. The loss of the Hayloff and possibly even CADArts would be a serious blow to the local art scene.

There is nothing in Charity Commission rules or the law that prohibits us from supporting another charity, especially where, as in this case, their operation is compatible with our charitable objectives.

We feel sure that CADArts would be among the first to help PEDAS if we were to face similar difficulties.

Given the similarities between PEDAS and CADArts, your Trustees feel that it behoves us to offer a significant financial donation to CADArts' appeal for funds. At this stage that would mean the pledge of a specific sum that would only be taken if CADArts were successful in securing the purchase of the Hayloff. The current level of the combined funds of PEDAS and GUS is around £13,000. The pledge of the sum of £1,000 was agreed in a telephone vote by your Trustees.

**Vote on the Motion:**

Members agree to pledge the sum of £1,000 to CADArts towards their appeal to purchase The Hayloff.

Members' attention is drawn to the link below and are urged to make their own contribution, however small to the cause of the Hayloff.

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/stevedocherty/save-the-hayloff>

