**Bexhill Art Society AGM and Meeting Saturday 3 February 2024**

It was heartening to see so many members at the BAS AGM and it was lovely to have both the founder of BAS, Terry Carter and the Patron, Jayne Ingles present as well.

Val Sprott as Acting Chair presented a generally upbeat report.

During 2023, membership figures had grown. Demonstrations had been well attended, workshops less so.

The BAS Summer Exhibition at the De La Warr Studio had been very successful. resulting in a profit despite the high cost of hiring the De La Warr.

The Christmas Social had been well attended, a wide range of entries were submitted for the Members Competition and both the Quiz and buffet went down very well.

BAS at the moment, is in a good position to continue into 2024, both financially and practically. However, there will be challenges ahead as Rother Council had indicated that the Grant applied for in former years to help fund the annual exhibition would no longer be available due to cutbacks.

Val thanked the Committee for the work that they had undertaken during 2023 and also expressed gratitude to the volunteers who had supported BAS and the Committee throughout 2023 including during the exhibition.

The Treasurer’s Report, presented by Marilia Whittome, confirmed that the year ended with a healthy balance of £3,879.26, a surplus of £113.91 on the previous year’s closing accounts.

Val stated that, speaking personally it had been a privilege to have the opportunity to serve on the Committee during 2022 and 2023. The Outgoing Committee then stepped down and a new Committee headed by Dennis Philpott as Interim Chair has now taken up the reins!

After all the excitement of the AGM, Bill Greenhead, a BAS member, provided a lively, fast paced, witty and instructional demonstration on the art of drawing successful cartoons, discussing techniques and animation effects. His audience spent much time chortling over the way he created expressions and comic effects with just a few swift, well placed lines.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday 2 March. This will also be membership renewal time so members will be encouraged to start arriving a little earlier, from 1.30pm. It’s going to be very busy – and – following this, there will be a demonstration of still life using charcoal, by Sarah Flack, with an option for members to join in.

The location is, as usual, St Augustine’s Church Hall. Doors open 2pm. Meeting 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Non-members are welcome to attend the meetings for a nominal charge. No experience is necessary. Do feel free to get in touch with us via our email bexhillartsociety@hotmail.com