



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2022

Dear Members,



From the Chair:



We slowly (or, rapidly . . . depending how many Christmas presents we've managed to buy so far!!) come to the end of the year. The last event is our annual Christmas get-together. I am really pleased to say I'm looking forward to our first foray into a dinner. The Crown in Manningtree seems keen for us to go there and we've kept our side of the bargain by filling the room!! Thirty-six of us! Perhaps we'll need a bigger venue next year . . .

Viv has organised a splendid raffle for a hamper (actually, two hampers) and a couple of other prizes. So, if you haven't had an opportunity to buy tickets and would still like to do so, please let me or Viv know. The draw will be at the Christmas Dinner and the winners notified afterwards if they aren't present.

So, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Merry Christmas and a happy New Year" to all our members. It's been a lovely first half as we all get used to being back in one place! We will have a couple of Zoom sessions still as Colin has booked two interesting presenters not from around here!! Dates are in the programme.

Remember, our first event back will be a workshop about print mounting . . .

Best wishes, Tim

Club Events in December:

8th – Christmas Dinner at The Crown
Manningtree – 7 for 7.30 pm.



Reminder from Ann:

Time to start preparing your 3 best prints and PDIs in readiness for external competition selection. These will be required in the new year.

Events which might be of interest in December:

2nd – 4th – Enchanted Audley. Explore the grounds and gardens to discover a magical world of illumination, sound and colour. More information at English-heritage.org.uk.

Ride the lights 2022 at East Anglian Transport Museum, Lowestoft – tram, trolleybus and train rides. More information at eatransportmuseum.co.uk.

3rd & 4th – Yule with Thengs (spelt correctly) of Mercia (living history and re-enactment group) – discover what the festive period meant to Anglia Saxons living 1500 years ago. More information at nationaltrust.org.uk/events.



Smile:

- What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?
Wait, there's myrrh.
- How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit?
Nurse them back to elf
- What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?
The Christmas alphabet has Noel.
- What do you call an elf who runs away from Santa's workshop? A
rebel without a Clause.

Inspiration:

- What is Christmas? It is the tenderness of the past, the courage for the present and hope for the future. *Agnes M Pahro.*
- Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas. *Peg Bracken.*
- Christmas magic is silent. You don't hear it – you feel it. You know it. You believe it.
Kevin Alan Milne.

Best wishes for a lovely Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and happy New Year. Take care.



May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve.