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From the Chairman

We always seem to have so much time at the start of the year and an absolute determination to be more organised, however time has a habit of rushing on in spite of our good intentions and here it is again, on the horizon, our wonderful, and continually exhilarating "Summer exhibition".

We are so lucky as a group to have such a vehicle as this wonderful show to exhibit our work. People come from far and wide to see and to exhibit in it. In fifty three years it has remained strong and inspiring and something to be proud of, which is how I feel every year when I see all the works of art you have produced individually. So I know that your adrenaline is pumping and that excitement born of creating is racing through your veins, so amidst all this I must be the voice of reason.

- 1) Please read the rules booklet carefully. Remember when you frame your work, if painters, to abide by the guide lines set down.
- 2) Pay attention to price guides for cards, jewellery, pots and paintings.
- 3) If you are not going to be able to hand in on time or collect paintings etc at the end of the exhibition, please make sure you have someone who is able to bring or collect your work and they are sure of the correct times – remember the exhibition times and dates are on the back of your artists copy of the index card.

I am really happy that a number of associate members are taking part in the stewarding this year, I am sure you will find it incredibly rewarding. My excitement starts as I put together the catalogue – all those wonderful titles leaves me waiting with great anticipation to see the actual piece, it's great fun.

Remember also that on the Friday of hand in we have the members preview between 5pm and 6pm when you can come with family and friends and view the exhibition, before the preview in the evening.

All the best to painters, potters, jewellers and stained glass artists, let that creativity that you are all known for run riot and produce another wonderful show.

My best wishes to you all.

Chris.