

Chiltern Art Club

BOUGHTON ON THE WATER 2013



Here we are arriving in Boughton on the Water, ready for a cup of coffee..



After a refreshing coffee & teacake at the church cafe we were all ready to visit Terry & Fiona's open studio.



When we arrived at the studio Terry demonstrated a watercolour of a bluebell woods and eagerly showed us his new acquisition of a "Snoopy" hairdryer too!



Fiona explained the importance of planning a painting, to study your chosen subject and decide how you will translate a photo into a painting. This ensures you have all the necessary equipment & materials to hand. Her subject was of boats on a beach which meant she had to use masking fluid across her sketch to retain the light, as she wanted to use dark watercolours to contrast.



To create a dark background Fiona had to add layers of wet in wet washes. Some special paints by Daniel Smith were also used, creating textural effects, some changed colour when dry, some which were called Interference Colours changed existing wet colours when dropped in, others shimmered and added lights. We left the studio to have our lunch to enable the washes to dry before returning to watch Fiona remove the masking fluid and complete her painting..

Back to the studio to watch Fiona assess her painting and decide where to add her darkest colours before removing the masking fluid and revealing the retained light.



Fiona's amazing finished painting! We were fortunate to be able to watch this lengthy procedure (due to delays waiting for layers of washes to dry) before carrying on with the next process. Therefore this would not have been possible to demonstrate at club due to the time constraints. Luckily we were able to leave and return several times during the day in order to view each stage undertaken. We think it was all worthwhile!

Carole Brown..

I can only add that we had an enjoyable day. Terry and Fiona made us very welcome at their studio, we felt like old friends. Well not so much of the old! In between visiting the studio there was time to wander around Boughton and have some lunch. Some of us once again visited the restaurant that Fiona and Terry recommended last year.

All somewhat tired returned to the coach, the raffle and the journey home.

Many thanks to our driver, Richard...

Jane Lingham