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Hi Everyone

Things have been a bit quiet since our exhibition in September, partly because your committee was exhausted, but mostly because, both, Quilliam and Ngaire were on extended holidays in Europe. However we're both back and things might start hotting up again.

### Coming up:

This years **Christmas party** will be held on **Tuesday 13 December** in the Gospel Hall with activities starting at around 10.30am. Connie Shepherd has kindly agreed to run a fun art activity for us again this year. The plan is that we should dine around midday. We will be asking attendees to contribute to our shared meal and Mary Overtoom (Ph 3135740) will have a list of required dishes (i.e. salads, desserts etc) to ensure that we don't end up with 30 pavlovas. The list will be at our Tuesday sessions in the weeks leading up to the party but please call Mary if you are planning to come and have been unable to catch her on a Tuesday. We'd be delighted to catch up with any members who are able to come.

Our **2012 AGM** is scheduled for **Tuesday 7 February** in the Gospel Hall. This is always a fun evening and we are in the process of finalizing a very interesting speaker for next year. We usually induct new life members at our AGM, the criteria being 20 years of active membership but, unfortunately, we don't have membership records. If you are aware of members we may have missed please contact Quilliam.

### Newsletter Distribution:

Your committee are aware that some members are not getting their newsletters, so if you know of anyone in this situation please get them to contact Ruby Whitty (Ph (03) 3279571) who manages our membership list. It is cheaper (and less work) for us to distribute newsletters by email but we find that we don't have correct addresses for some members who have elected to get theirs this way. We are, also, very happy to post newsletters to those who prefer a written copy, but, again, we also have some incorrect postal addresses. Remember that our latest newsletter is always available on the web site.

### Painting Weekend

Last year's weekend trip to Kaikoura was disrupted by the February earthquake but, following the success of the previous two years we are hoping to have a weekend away in late February or early March. We are undecided on a destination although Kaikoura is a possibility. If you are keen to join us, or have any suggestions please let Quilliam (Ph 3138465) know.

### Town and Country Day

This annual painting day was held a few weeks ago at the Cust Community Centre with a good turn out of RAS members and the day was pronounced a success. Thanks go to **Rosie Pack** for organizing this day, and for her work the previous weekend in organizing and judging the Art section at the Rangiora A and P show.

## **Rangiora A and P Show**

The art section of the show has not been well supported over the last few years, but it does offer us an opportunity to show (although not to sell) our work. Next year we will try to remember to promote this event in the hope of building it up.

## **Volunteers for Committee**

Your committee is an active and enthusiastic group but many of us have now been serving for quite a few years. It is always great to welcome new committee members and meetings are great fun. If you think you may be interested please discuss it with one of the current committee.

## **Our Web Site**

Our website is usually worth a look and offers members information and support. As well as providing access to current and previous newsletters, it includes:

- Contact information
- A members work section where members can show up to 5 of their works and a brief bio. If you are interested in being included in this section (or updating your work) just email Quilliam some photos of your paintings and a bio
- A list of our weekly workshop programmes
- Some information about your society
- A calendar showing coming events
- Links to members websites and (coming up) to other sites of interest
- Photos of people and events which we have been unable to include in our newsletter because of the difficulties in emailing documents with photos

If you have any ideas how we could improve our site please talk to Quilliam

## **Portraiture Workshop**

Although there has been support for these proposed evening sessions your committee must apologise for overlooking these and feel that there is too little time left to run these this year. We hope to get these underway early in the New Year.

## **Christmas Break**

Our last Tuesday session this year will be the Christmas party on Tuesday 13 December. 2012 sessions start on Tuesday 14 February.