



S P O N S O R S

Dear Members

At last Summer has arrived - in most places - even Scotland has had a heat wave! - in this country one is never sure just what tomorrows weather will be like –I believe that’s why I like being English-so much variety.

I hope you have all enjoyed the sunshine and have managed to sit outside a while and draw or paint or just relax.

We have had some interesting reports. Groups have been visiting all sorts of Exhibitions and I am pleased that at least two Groups will be visiting our Exhibition at Southwark Cathedral in London. I hope they enjoy their day.

I have seen a few Christmas cards for the competition and I hope that many Groups will be sending in their selection. Sue Cook our Trustee is attending the A.G.M. and will select a Group of cards, ready to be made into S.O.D.A. Christmas Cards, so everyone will have the chance to see and buy the Results

Have a good summer everyone and do write and tell me all about it, including drawings and pictures ready for our Autumn magazine.

Editor

ICKENHAM SODA REPORT



Ickenham SODA members and guide at the National Gallery

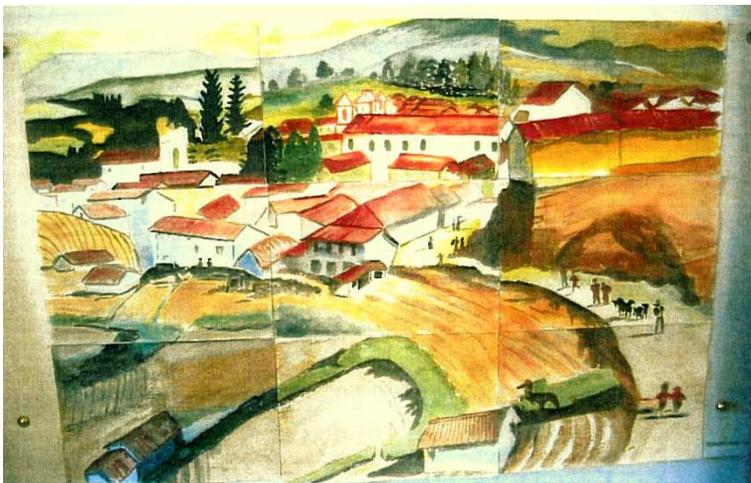
On the 11th May a group of us went to the National Gallery primarily to see the portrait of the Duchess of Cambridge and I think without exception we all agreed what an amazing depiction it was and could not understand, what appeared to us unwarranted criticism of a very true likeness of the Duchess. We spent approximately three hours wandering around the various rooms, looking at the Tudors, past statesmen, along with more recent members, self portraits and members of the many Royal households

During the spring, one of our art helpers brought us yet another picture puzzle to complete. We were each given a section of the picture 5" x 3.5/8ths and transfer the painting

of that section onto water colour paper measuring 7 x 5" so the completed picture measures 21 3/4 x 15 a picture which is enclosed. This is the third we have completed in this fashion and the great fun is we none of us know what the finished article looks like until we have finished our small picture. I remember the first one I did I thought I was painting a garden shed but it transpired I was painting the chimney on a house in the winter, the truly amazing thing is, we all manage to achieve the same shades of colour.

We are all now looking forward to our Art Holiday and preparing our pictures for selection to the exhibition in Southwick Cathedral which we shall be attending on the 16th September.

We hope everyone has a good summer
Nina Otty- Ickenham SODA



The finished picture, made up of nine small pictures