

The Archie Sutter Watt Trust

Newsletter 3 (1st November 2009)

Many thanks for your ongoing interest in the work of the late Archie Sutter Watt which we continue to celebrate through the Trust set up in his memory. These newsletters endeavour to keep you up to date on Trust activities.

NEWS

Since our last newsletter, we have held two **Annual General Meetings**. At our 2008 event held at Bankend on 20th September, we formally adopted Hugh Bryden, Hazel Campbell and Catriona Watt (Archie's grandniece) as trustees. They join Dawn Henderby, Valerie Sadler, John and Alan Watt to make up the Board.



Our 2009 AGM was an electronic affair, held via videoconference, with Alan and John in Dunblane with Valerie and Dawn in Bankend. We are pleased to report that the Trust funds currently stand at £39,000. We have been watching helplessly like everyone else as the income from our carefully invested Fund has shrunk alarmingly as the banking system continues, hopefully, to recover.

New arrival at Bankend!!!!

The Trust, and everybody else, is pleased to announce the birth of Alexander, a brother for Katie and Lily. Warm congratulations to Dawn and Mike and best wishes for this exciting stage in your family life. It is great to see Bankend such a hive of energetic activity!

AWARDS

The Trust has the twin aim of promoting arts projects, especially those involving watercolour painting, and encouraging artists to work and teach in the community in South West Scotland.

We were pleased to offer **printing presses** to Kirkcudbright Academy and Castle Douglas High School. The picture shows Valery and Hugh presenting one of these to Chris Johnston of Kirkcudbright Academy.



Young Art Scotland is a link between young people, their art, and helping to raise money for research into children's cancers in Scotland. Young people submit art on a particular theme (for 2010 it is *Postcard from Galloway*). This is then judged, in three age groups, with the best 50-60 making up an exciting exhibition. The venue next year is DG One in Dumfries. The Trust is offering a £200 prize to the school of each of the winners in the 3 categories. Look out for details of the exhibition, probably in late March 2010.

The Trust is talking to **Kirkgunzeon Primary School** about an award to the value of £1000 for playground and/or art equipment. More details in next newsletter

Exhibitions

CatStrand Gallery, New Galloway: A small exhibition was held here in May 2009.

Coast Road Diaries. This exhibition included 4 or 5 of Archie's paintings and was held in the **Scottish Gallery** in Edinburgh on 7-31 October 2009. It is intended that it will tour and should appear at Gracefield in January/February 2010. Kate Downie will produce an accompanying booklet and the Trust has provided some financial support to include a researched section on Archie's work.

The Whitehouse Gallery in Kirkcudbright is planning an exhibition of Archie's work to coincide with 'Spring Fling' in May 2010.

Spring Fling, 2010. Another Spring Fling event; following previous success, Dawn is mounting a display of prints at Bankend during the 2010 event. Look out for details in the Spring Fling guide.



Above: Towards Mabie Hill

The **Archie Sutter Watt Trust Fund** was first suggested by David Mabbs when he hosted Archie's 90th Birthday lunch in the Baron's Craig Hotel, Rockcliffe in April 2005 shortly before Archie's death.

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