



Newsletter August 2020  
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## Welcome to the Lower Midlands Arts (LMA)

Hello members,  
We hope you have all got through the recent lockdown comfortably and found lots to keep you occupied at home.  
As you realise, because of covid19 social distancing rules, we have been unable to bring you the events we had planned for 2020, but with the easing of regulations, we can offer a few things.

### LOWER MIDLANDS COLLECTION

Leasing of artwork from the lower midlands collection has gone online. We missed not having our Sunday Roast after leasing, but we still needed to offer our artwork for lease and as Kelly Woodward offered to spend her 'working from home' time on setting up our collection online for us, we jumped at it. Kelly has arranged for the catalogue and other information to be added to SMC website and facebook.

LMA also has facebook via [www.greenpondsprogress.com](http://www.greenpondsprogress.com)

Leasing can be accepted any time online, but the lease period will end June 2021 as normal. Leasing fee will be \$25 from January to June 2021.

### ARTLANDS

Old Kempton Distillery at Dysart House has offered to host Artlands again this year, with restricted numbers at any one time in each room.

Opening date is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm and will be by invitation only. Exhibition goes from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 25<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are putting in an entry, hand in day is 20<sup>th</sup> September.

We thank Jenni Chapman from Blenheim Gallery and Gardens, Longford...which we visited on our last bus trip, who has organised our three Feature Sculptors. Their work looks amazing, so get saving if you want a unique sculpture at your home.

Our thanks go to Old Kempton Brewery for their ongoing support and sponsorship. Their new CEO, Martin, Erin and staff are very supportive of the exhibition and help in every way they can. Thanks also to our other sponsors, SMC Arts Advisory Committee, Green Ponds Progress Association for including us in their insurance and Artery for the \$100 voucher for the Peoples Choice Prize.

LMA usually purchases a work from Artlands to add to the Lower Midlands Collection. Carolyn, Catherine and Sandra are the organisers of Artlands and are the go-to people if you want any information.

### WORKSHOPS - Let's do it!

Workshops are allowed to go ahead, providing we allow space between participants and don't have more people than the space allows. Our workshops don't have to be art-related, we can workshop anything, so please offer some idea on things you'd like to do and let's do it!

*Jennie, Joy and Fran at the Paint pouring workshop we held at the hall.*





## THE KEMPTON MURAL

Do you remember me asking in the October 2018 newsletter "Have you seen the terracotta mosaic that has been installed on the wall of the Football Club at Kempton Oval?"

Well, have we come a long way since then.

Stages 1 and 2 have been completed and the silhouette that was outside the Wilmot Arms has been moved in front of stage 2 as it is an integral part of the design.

We are now planning stage 3, but have to overcome a few hiccups, namely proposed work on the lower internal structure of the club rooms, and a big air-con machine placed on the wall facing the road.

Meanwhile, your committee of three thought it would be a nice thing to donate a seat in front of the mural (not showing off of course)

What are your thoughts?

## MEMBERSHIP

Your committee trio hope you are still interested in being a member of Lower Midlands Arts. Everyone's membership fee is due now and it's still only \$5.00 per head. Please pay our Treasurer, Sandra, but online payment is preferred

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## KEMPTON FESTIVAL

Green Ponds Progress Association, the parent committee of the Kempton Festival decided at its meeting last week that because of the difficulty in running a festival with the social distancing requirements, they would cancel the festival in 2021.

A raffle will still go ahead around October, with some profits going towards running the Kempton Community Bus.

Hopefully, some type of event for the residents of Kempton will happen, suggestions:- long table lunch, BBQ with music. Put your thinking caps on and offer up your suggestions to Karine, Festival Chairperson;  
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KEMPTON  
COMMUNITY  
BUS

Green Ponds Progress Association has a Community Bus available for hire at reasonable rates. You do have to provide your own responsible driver.

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