



Press release on behalf of Sleaford Art Event 2008

The 2008 Sleaford Art Event, which took place over the weekend of 5th and 6th April, was once again a roaring success. Hundreds of people attended the event and the quality of the exhibits was, as usual, excellent.

There were over 135 paintings by artists from across Lincolnshire and further afield. The demonstrations by Mike Webster and Paul Howard were very popular and the Art Event Challenge had four contestants who did a fine job of interpreting two costumed figures from The Darling Buds of May currently running at The Playhouse, Sleaford.

The winning Challenger was **Mike Webster** from Melton Mowbray. He has kindly donated his interpretation of the scene to the models who sat and it will be on display in the Playhouse, Sleaford.

The Overall winner, as voted for by the public, was **Chris Jones** from Cranwell for **'Bad Hair Day'**

The Chairman's Prize went to **Laura-Jane Luff** of Sleaford for **'Mr Clark'**

Several paintings were sold, as were a lot of the Paintings on Postcards kindly donated by the Artists. Half of the proceeds from the postcards will be donated to a local charity.

The organisers would like to thank everybody who took part in the Event. These include:

North Kesteven District Council, for the use of the venue
Sleaford Town Council and Fanfare Ltd
Sleaford Art Group
Signs Express for sign writing
Paul Dunham Window Cleaning Services for banner hanging
Sleaford Tourist Information Centre
Phoenix Art and Crafts for the postcards
Society of All Artists
Event Catering by Key Katering
Local Press and Radio
US Navy Detachment based at RAF Digby
All Exhibitors, Featured Artists and Demonstrators
Sleaford Little Theatre, Darling Buds of May - Marietta (Jo), Pauline (Tina)

There is still one unclaimed Raffle prize - if you have yellow 435 could you please contact Debbie Scott on 01529 306605

We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Jenny Preston
Secretary, Sleaford Art Event