

WAREHAM ART CLUB - DEMONSTRATION - MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2014 – JILL MCKAY

This month we were treated to a demonstration by friendly local artist Jill McKay on "Watercolour and Mixed Media". Jill is a professional artist and runs art tuition workshops and courses at the Art Trail Centre in Bracken Road, Ferndown.

Jill demonstrated how she composes paintings combining various mediums - watercolour, pencil, pen and acrylic with associated gels and pastes. Her technique involved using various photographs on her i-pad, and bringing them together for the finished picture. During the evening Jill produced a painting of a sailing boat negotiating choppy waters near the Needles. Using 140 lb watercolour paper on which she had already drawn the image, she started by using watercolours to paint the sky and the water, and followed this up with acrylics for the boat and the waves; she added acrylic paste in order to give texture to the waves, which was very effective.



She recommended adding 'acrylic gloss medium' to acrylic paint instead of water to stop it going dull on the painting - she demonstrated this when painting the sails pale yellow.



She then used pencil lines for the rigging and lettering.



Before starting a painting, Jill advised us to think of three adjectives to describe why we want to paint a picture, and to paint it with that in mind.



A thoroughly enjoyable and instructive evening was had by all.