

## Painting Group Report December 2023

The Christmas meeting began, as we all waddled in in penguins, wrapped in a multitude of layers to stave off the biting cold.

Anne had prepared a very festive task for us...which was to draw and paint a fox in watercolour. Not many of us had attempted to draw or paint any animal before, so again...another steep learning curve. However, Anne had brought a of the fox, should we need to use it. The bravest of us attempted the drawing without it, but I'm afraid I succumbed and utilised the tracing, and I must admit, I did understand the scale of the head to body better by doing this.

We became so engrossed in our task, that the tea, coffee and mince pies were served much later than half way, and clasping our hot mugs in both hands, we relished the heat, and sustenance.

We continued, using a cool colour palette for the winter landscape, and a contrasting warmer one for the fox itself, and, ultimately, we all created a piece that we felt might be worth using for next year's Christmas card!

The next two meetings fall on 12th January, and the 9th February, at Startforth Community Centre 10-12 am Please contact Val Hobbs on 07900497503 for more details.









