

# The Archie Sutter Watt Trust

## Newsletter 4 (January 2015)

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

After a couple of quieter years, activities were ramped up in 2014. Here are some highlights:

- A new outdoor classroom bench was purchased for **Kirkgunzeon Primary School** and we are planning a commemorative plaque to Archie to go with this
- In addition, we have heard that Kirkgunzeon Church is to be sold and we are hoping that one of Archie's paintings, which had been donated to the church, can be reclaimed and offered to the school
- **School equipment.** Last year we awarded funding to Annan Academy, and Maxwelltown HS for printing presses and materials (in addition to similar previous awards to St. Andrew's RC, Lochside and Laurieknow primary schools)
- **Spring Fling 2014.** The Trust contributed £6100 to Spring Fling 2014, and has made a commitment to do the same for 2015 and 2016 to support two key projects:
  - 1) a **Young Graduate Mentoring Award**, in which a young graduate (18/25) is supported by a professional artist. Last year, the selected graduate was Fraser Irvine, mentored by Patricia Cain. Work from this scheme and from other bursary award winners will be included in an exhibition to be run at Gracefield Studios at the same time as Archie's exhibition in the early spring of this year (see below)
  - 2) the **Schools Poster Competition**, with our Trustee, Hazel Campbell, as one of the judges. Over 240 young artists took part in 2014, and there were 19 school

winners, 2 runners up and one overall winner. Huge congratulations to Naomi McCreath, age 6, from Carsphairn Primary whose Belted Galloway was used as the official Spring Fling 2014 poster and was circulated around the UK and online.



Above are the schools' winners and below is the winning poster...!



For more illustrations, see: <http://www.spring-fling.co.uk/programme/spring-fling-schools-poster-competition-2014>

- And plans are already advanced for another poster competition during **Spring Fling 2015**, with the theme this time being food and drink
- **Art Teachers' Residential Weekend.** The Trust funded this event held in Hospitalfield House near Arbroath in March last year. Our Trustee, Hugh Bryden, was instrumental in organising what turned out to be a highly successful event much valued by the participants.



Alan Watt addressed the Group at the opening of the Hospitalfield weekend event

### FUTURE PLANS

We are now undertaking our most ambitious projects to date to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Archie's birth and the 10<sup>th</sup> year since his death, namely a **major exhibition** in the early spring, and later in the year the **publication of a book** on Archie's work. Here are the details:

- The ASW Exhibition at Gracefield will be opened on 28th February 2015. At this event we hope to give further details about the publication of the book, including a talk by the author
- **Christopher Andreae** has been commissioned to produce a 10-12,000 word essay about Archie and his work for the book which will be richly illustrated.

The book would be further promoted at an exhibition planned for Bankend during Spring Fling in May 2016, and at a possible launch at the Whitehouse Gallery in July.

We are also looking into the possibility of an additional book launch at Wigtown Book Festival in September.

We are excited by this project which will leave a lasting legacy for Archie, and we will keep you posted on progress.

### WEBSITE

We are currently updating the website and planning further work on other social media namely Facebook and Twitter.

See: <http://www.archiesutterwatt.co.uk>

### FINANCE

The fund currently stands at just under £30,000



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