



"You never know what you can achieve until you try" and "You're never too old to learn" are two phrases that are often done to death, but have a lot of truth about them, *writes Dave Morgan*.

I found that out only too well two years ago when, with several other novices, I joined Pam McGregor's Art for Beginners group in Alvechurch Village Hall.

Since then, my attempts at drawing people, previously limited to stick men, now actually look like people (well, sometimes). I know my acrylics from my pastels (which I didn't before) and I have actually created something that isn't an embarrassment when hung on the wall.

And I'm not the only one. Pam teaches a class of about a dozen beginners on Thursday mornings during term time (where I started) and then

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half-teaches and half-supports those she calls improvers (and believe it or not that includes me!) on a Thursday afternoon.

This group really is an eclectic mix, from supposed new artists who are already exhibiting their work in other places, to those who have been painting for years but still value both the social aspect and technical support.

The two groups will be holding their second exhibition in Alvechurch Village Hall on Thursday and Friday July 25 and 26 from 10am to 6pm, and

on Saturday 27 from 10am to 5pm. The first exhibition, held last August, attracted some excellent comments from visitors and several paintings were sold.

This year there will be more paintings for sale, at a range of prices, and also a special section celebrating summer where most of the artists will be presenting at least one painting or drawing. There will also be refreshments available plus craft work on display as well as the art, and entry to the exhibition is free.



Dave improving his stick men!



Beginners' group