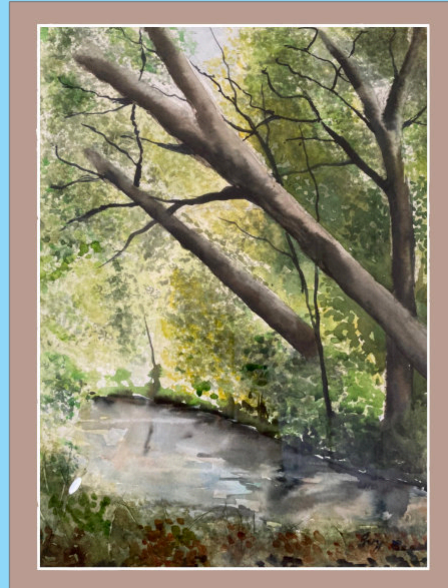


Ivy Beard

My early painting interest started in my school days painting doilies, just kid's stuff really. Art lessons were not considered of prime importance or helpful during the early years of the Second World War, therefore my interest was put on the back burner.

Having moved to Devon and meeting a friend also interested in art, we went to art classes at Newport Church Hall with Ian Hudson for a couple of years. We then tried to find a class nearer to home and found an advertisement in a local free magazine offering art classes with an artist Jonathan Holloway, who had recently moved from London to Devon. Jonathan subsequently obtained a teaching place locally and had to give up his weekly classes. Then he started a Saturday class at Fremington which we attended for a while but alas, due to domestic circumstances beyond my control I had to stop these too, although I had made good progress with my art.

We then heard of a group at St Johns Community Hall (ALP) and joined that group, which has been most helpful. I have been a member for a number of years and exhibited regularly with the group at Barnstaple Museum, Art Trek at the Library, ND Hospital and also at St Johns Community Hall for the 2022 exhibition.



Woodland River
Watercolour



A Letter Sent
Watercolour



River Reflections
Watercolour