

## **Web Site Co-ordinator: Barbara Wade**

I joined the Art Club in 2011, having been gently persuaded to do so by Morag and Maryse (the then President). I hadn't long retired, very early I hasten to add 😊, after working for BT in property for 38 years, and was looking for a hobby!

I started work in the Post Office Drawing Office in Edinburgh in 1973...and my early training was completed at Bletchley Park. I had a variety of jobs all property related and especially loved my Project Client Relationship role which took me across the UK, Northern Ireland and Europe.

My Dad was an artist, my brother, sister and I had all got our love of art from him. I remember walking into Alan Ross' Friday morning class and that was when realised I wanted to learn more. Everyone was so welcoming and eager to share what they knew with each other. Over the years I have enjoyed the various classes, demos and workshops.

I was on the Committee from 2012 until 2021. I also took on the role of web site co-ordinator in 2013.

I continued looking after the web site until end of August 2025. However 2 months later in October 2025 I rejoined the Committee primarily to continue with the web site as I was actually missing it 😊.

I am currently the Session leader for the Friday morning session having attended that session since I first started.

I love creating pet portraits using Pastels of cats, dogs, and rabbits as well as birds, Scottish wildcats, and more.

My other passions are travel and photography.

It was during Covid that I started taking photographs of ships. All types of ships!! Small and large - cruise ships, tugs, aircraft carriers, heavy load ships, ferries, canoes!

Time of day holds no barrier 😊. If there is a particular ship on my radar, I will be out and about with my camera. Luckily I have a supportive husband!!!!

When I'm not out on the wee tour boats spotting wildlife on the River Forth, I am undertaking my 'meet and greet' duties at Rosyth Cruise Terminal.

I really enjoy being part of the art club and the many friends I have made during the years.