



Marjorie Bateman- A5 Drawing and Painting Batley Town Hall.

Marjorie started with Dewsbury and District Third Age in 1992 when her next door but one neighbour suggested it after she retired from work. She became a member of the Drawing and Painting class and took over as tutor in 1993 when her predecessor retired.

The class met at that time in Dewsbury Town Hall, but the room was in the basement and had very little natural light.

Soon afterwards, they moved across the road to the Longcauseway Church Hall where for a time they shared the room with another Third Age class, Tapestry and Decoupage, run by the late Victor Oldroyd.

The class eventually moved to Batley Town Hall where they occupied the concert room as their numbers had swelled to 35.

Marjorie said that at the start the class would all paint the same picture working on techniques following instruction from herself but as the years went on the members began to need less direct teaching and more encouragement and suggestions for improvements to their own choice of subjects. Those who have attended the Third Age Annual Exhibition at Oakwell Hall will have seen the quality and variety of results from the group's exploits.

Marjorie also mentioned that for several years she organised a five-day painting holiday in the summer to Cober Hill, Cloughton, near Scarborough, a Rowntree Trust Centre.

Marjorie has eventually decided to retire from her role as tutor due to failing health, but she said that she viewed the group as like "a big family". She is still in contact with some members of the group.