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Reading Guild of Artists 'go with the flow' at Henley art exhibition

Reading Guild of Artists' is hosting its 88th annual exhibition, with the title '*...and the waters flowing by...*', highlighting Henley's stunning location along the River Thames.

The exhibition runs from Saturday 17 March to Tuesday 27 March 2018, 10am-4pm daily. Entry is free. It takes place at The Old Fire Station, 66 Market Place, Henley-on-Thames.

The exhibition will feature artworks by RGA members, in a range of styles and media, many of whom are local to Henley. Some of the art reflects the theme of the exhibition and most artworks will be for sale. RGA artists have sought inspiration from Henley's life, as in '*Hooray Henley*', last year's very successful exhibition. This year our artists have turned to the idea of the flowing waters of the Thames which conjure up mystery, life, wildlife, movement and beauty.

One of our artists, Carole Stephens, is hoping to exhibit her artwork '*At the end all is dust*', which depicts an image of Henry I, who died in France and was transported back to Reading Abbey via the Thames and Kennett. She said: "In this mysterious print, Henry I is imagined floating below the surface, his face glowing through the dark, murky river water."

Anthony Wilder, chairman of Reading Guild of Artists, said: "We wanted to reflect Henley's stunning location by the River Thames and to incorporate this into the artwork and theme for our 88th annual exhibition."

"Many of our 170 members will bring works that encapsulate this theme. Their artistic talents will showcase the varied and diverse disciplines represented by RGA members.

"I am confident that this year's art exhibition will prove very popular and we very much look forward to welcoming everyone to our event."

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Further information on the Reading Guild of Artists, can be found by visiting <http://www.rga-artists.org.uk/> or <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingGuildofArtists/>

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Photos attached

Poster image for the art exhibition and image from Carole Stephens 'At the end all is dust' are attached.

Notes to Editors:

The Reading Guild of Artists was founded in 1930. It has a membership of over 170 artists and plays an active role in the development of artists in Reading and the surrounding area.