



Newsletter 1st December 2019

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Club meeting Wednesday 11th December

Hartlepool Art Gallery, Christ Church, Church Square, Hartlepool, 7.00pm to 9.00pm (doors open at 6.30) **Please note – you will need to use the side door opposite Tower Street, because of building works**

This month we welcome **Sarah Hill** to our meeting. Sarah is from Durham City. For most of her working life she was a medical research scientist but took a career break to have three children. She started experimenting with watercolour a few years ago when almost completely incapacitated with an asthmatic condition. Her friend [Jenny Ulyatt](#) was already an established watercolour artist and she started to teach her when she realised what a therapy it was and she never looked back. Painting original watercolour paintings in various sizes, Sarah really appreciates the beauty in the everyday, her children, the light in the trees, reflections in water and the absolute glory of all the seasons. She is particularly inspired by the amazing countryside in The North of England.

Sarah exhibits her work at local exhibitions, galleries and art shows, selling original paintings as well as giclee prints and cards of her images. She runs friendly, informal, watercolour workshops at the amazing [Ushaw](#) and at [Crook Hall](#) in Durham City and also continues to work with Jenny a great deal. They share a studio space in Durham city centre and together teach watercolour workshops to school children in schools across the North East and in Manchester.

Visitors are welcome at a charge of £5. As this is the **Christmas meeting, wine, soft drinks and mince pies** will be provided.

Next month's meeting – 8th January 2020

David Carless will demonstrate digital art.

72nd Annual Exhibition 16th November 2019 to 11th January 2020

This year's Annual Exhibition is under way. Over 130 original artworks by our members are on display in Hartlepool Art Gallery. The exhibition is well worth a visit. Most of the work is for sale and there are also opportunities in the Gallery shop to buy items made by local artists. Come in out of the dreadful weather and enjoy a snack in the Vestry Café!

Wintertide Festival 23/24 November

Thanks to those members who worked hard over the weekend to manage the club's exhibition in the Borough Hall; a good public relations effort to promote the club in the community.

Hartlepool Art Club Calendar 2020

This lovely calendar, which includes paintings and drawings by club members, is now available for £5, including envelope. The calendar is A4 size, opening to A3, with every month having a full-colour picture and useful calendar with plenty of space to jot down appointments and events. The paintings used were selected by a Committee panel to reflect the wide range of style and skill in the club. Printing was done by the staff and students of Catcote Futures and was a challenging and fulfilling commercial project for them. Copies will be on sale at the Golden Lion changeover on 4th December, at the club meeting on 11th, and are also available from Committee members and the Gallery shop. **Please contact any Committee member if you are able to take some copies to sell at other groups or classes you attend.**

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Golden Lion Exhibition change-over date

The next changeover is **Wed 4th December 2019 at 10.30am**. Paintings need cord for hanging. One painting per member (unless we have spare spaces). If you haven't exhibited here before, bring along a painting and we'll see if there's a spare hook! **As paintings are offered for sale, please ensure they are adequately and neatly framed (paintings on canvas can be left unframed) and are labelled on the back with your name, title of work, medium and price.**

Daisy & Bea's Café

Space on the walls of this popular town centre café is available for club members' use. Individual members can exhibit five paintings for a six-week period. Reservations are now being taken for available 'slots' from 9th March 2020. Please see attached details for further information.

Drink & Draw at The Causeway

Every Tuesday evening, 7 – 9pm, back room of The Causeway pub, Church Row, Hartlepool. Next session **Tuesday 3rd December 2019**. All are welcome. Just turn up, or contact Keith Robson for more details. Volunteers to sit as models are always needed!

Art Club Painting Group

The second Saturday of every month. Our long-established painting group meets at the Salvation Army Community Hall in Park Road, Hartlepool between 10-00 and 2-00. The next session is on **Saturday 14th December 2019**. Because this is the **Christmas meeting**, a **small buffet** is provided by the regulars and, as well as the usual tea, coffee and biscuits, a **hot mulled fruits drink** is available (add a splash of ginger cordial and you'd never guess it is non-alcoholic). There will also be a watercolour demonstration, that attendees can have a go at but, if that's not what floats your boat, feel free to just do your own thing. With Christmas music playing and our usual jolly banter (in a Brexit free zone) it's almost guaranteed to get you into the festive mood. Come and see what we do and **all for the usual price of £3**. An extra £1 for the blind card could see you winning a cash prize that will pay for your day.

The hall is easily accessible, and has a free car park. Get to know other members by joining them for a really friendly and relaxed, extended opportunity to create art in all media. You don't have to stay for the full session, so you could organise a couple of hours around your usual busy weekend.

Dabble in Art

Every other Saturday, every month, 10.00am – 12.00 at Hartlepool Art Gallery, next class **Saturday 7th December 2019**.. Organised and run by members of the Club with help from parents and grandparents, Dabble provides children with the opportunity to take part in exciting art activities in various media. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the session. For further details, contact the Gallery Information desk on 01429 869706 or Keith Robson on 01429 234397

Forthcoming events

If enough members are interested, we may organise visits to the following exhibitions:

Alan Davie & David Hockney 'Early Works' – Hepworth Gallery Wakefield (until 19 January)

Norman Cornish 'The Definitive Collection' – Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle (until 23 February)

JMW Turner 'Northern Exposure' – Harrogate (18 January until 18 April)

Look out for further details from Brian Nunn.

Kind regards,

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