

Newsletter 1st February 2020

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Club meeting Wednesday 12th February 2020

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 door will be locked from 7.10pm. If locked out, please phone 01429 869706 and speak to the answerphone, which hopefully will be heard by Gallery staff on the desk.

We welcome Clive Wiley, who will demonstrate watercolour landscapes.

Clive was not able to attend art school - he is entirely self-taught. A managing director of a London advertising agency spotted some of his work and gave him a chance in the business beginning at the bottom, washing out water pots etc. for an art director.

Eventually he was given an advert to design and produce for Max Factor which was printed. He gained further experience in other advertising agencies, gradually working his way up the ranks to Art Director and Creative Group Head. Some of the major accounts he worked on were Kodak, OXFAM, Max Factor, Churchill Tobaccos and MFI. He later set up his own advertising business dealing with some interesting accounts including International Distillers with their range of whiskies etc., PJB pharmaceutical publishers and Home Shoppe direct mail products.

After some years he decided to go long-term cruising with his wife, selling his paintings along the way. This turned out to be very successful. He was so busy painting commissions that they were able to extend their travels for two and a half years. They came back to the UK and he put up his paintings in Debenhams in Carlisle where again he got a lot of commissions.

From this he has moved on to weekly watercolour tuition classes on the Solway Coast attracting people from as far afield as Scotland and southern Cumbria. He now concentrates on giving watercolour demonstrations and workshops throughout the UK with the aim of helping people get more from their painting.

Visitors are welcome at a charge of £5.

Watercolour workshop - Thursday 13th February

Clive Wiley will lead a watercolour workshop, 10.00am until 4.00pm, at Home Farm, Hart Village. Tea and coffee included; bring your own packed lunch. Cost: Members £25, non-members £30. For further details or to book a place, contact Liz Littlefair on 07774 624350 or lizlittlefair@hotmail.com

Next month's meeting - 11th March

Jackie Hadwin will demonstrate painting animals using watercolour and pen. Jackie will also lead a workshop on Thursday 12th March. Further details in next month's newsletter or contact Liz Littlefair as above.

72nd Annual Exhibition

Thanks to all members who participated in or visited our exhibition. Ten paintings were sold but, more importantly, the exhibition was enjoyed by all who came along.

8th Coastal Cornucopia Exhibition, The Station Gallery, Richmond

Our popular exhibition in this lovely venue takes place from **14th March to 8th April 2020** (take-in day 13th March; collection day 9th April). The Club hires all the exhibition space on the ground floor of The Station and display cases are available for sculptures and other 3-D work.

An entry form, **including all instructions and relevant dates**, is attached.

Closing date for entries is Friday 21st February 2020. Entry forms must be accompanied by the entry fee (£5 per exhibit) and can be (Continued overleaf....)

- handed in at the Club meeting on 12th February
- emailed to sue_osbon@hotmail.com
- posted to Sue Osbon, Exhibition Secretary, 38 Wellington Drive, Wynyard, TS22 5QJ

Please contact Sue if you have any queries. Please also indicate clearly on your entry form if you can provide or need transport or can help with putting up the exhibition.

Drink & Draw at The Causeway

Every Tuesday evening, 7 – 9pm, back room of The Causeway pub, Church Row, Hartlepool. Next session **Tuesday 4th February 2020**. 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 8th February 2020. Coffee, tea and biscuits are available. Bring a packed lunch if you wish.

Come and see what we do and try out some new materials and media –for only £3. 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.

Advance notice: March 14th. 10-00 until 4-00. **Joe Hush** will lead a 'paint along' session, using Acrylics. The cost will be £5.00 for everyone. Contact Alan Turnbull on 01429 261420 or give your name in at one of the meetings. Further details in March newsletter.

Dabble in Art

Every other Saturday, every month, 10.00am – 12.00 at Hartlepool Art Gallery, next class **today or Saturday 15th February 2020.** 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

Golden Lion Exhibition change-over date

The next changeover is Wed 5th February 2020 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. For further details contact Sue Osbon 07841 097417 or sue osbon@hotmail.com.

Forthcoming events

Visits to the following exhibitions are being organised:

- Norman Cornish 'The Definitive Collection' Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle (Saturday 15 February; the bus is now full)
- JMW Turner 'Northern Exposure' Harrogate (Thursday, 2nd April)

Please email Brian Nunn as soon as possible (bwn@hotmail.co.uk) or text on 07803 609760.

Kind regards,

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