



Newsletter 1st March 2020

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Club meeting Wednesday 11th March 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 **Jackie Hadwin** as our demonstrator this month. Jackie has painted with watercolour for about 25 years, taking an evening course with the late and very amazing Jill Aldersley, after which she was hooked and never looked back.

She now runs watercolour workshops from her Undercrag Studio in Torver, Cumbria. She has joined Made in Cumbria, attending a lot of outdoor events and exhibitions and has retail outlets for her cards and artwork. She finds her small business rewarding and very fulfilling. She also runs projects with the local primary school and youth groups.

Her enthusiasm for watercolour is infectious, she finds it an amazing medium probably one of the most difficult to work with, but its ability to move and mix on the paper is fascinating and addictive. When she paints she tries to capture the essence of the subject, always interested in creating an atmosphere and a connection to the viewer. Jackie's demonstration is entitled *Animals in Watercolour & Pen*; she is also leading a workshop the day after her demonstration.

Visitors are welcome at a charge of £5.

Animals in Watercolour workshop – Thursday 12th March

Jackie Hadwin 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

Early notice - Annual General Meeting – 8th April

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th April 2020, 7.00pm to 9.00pm at the Gallery (doors open at 6.40) The agenda and papers, plus nomination forms for the Committee, will be emailed or posted out by 10th March. Nominations for officer posts should be returned to Alys Delafield, Club Secretary, by 7.00pm on Wednesday 18th March; nominations for general committee members can be returned up to and including the AGM.

8th Coastal Cornucopia Exhibition, The Station Gallery, Richmond

Entries for this exhibition (**14th March to 8th April 2020**) have now closed. **23 of our members will be exhibiting 110 paintings and drawings.** Those exhibiting, helping to hang the exhibition and transporting their own and others' work will be contacted during the next week by phone or email, and arrangements will be made to collect paintings from those unable to transport their own.

Meanwhile please contact Sue Osbon if you have any queries.

Drink & Draw at The Causeway

Every Tuesday evening, 7 – 9pm, back room of The Causeway pub, Church Row, Hartlepool. Next session **Tuesday 3rd March 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

Hartlepool Art Club runs painting sessions every second Saturday of the month at The Salvation Army Hall in Park Road, Hartlepool from 10 am to 2 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone, including absolute beginners, who has an interest in painting, to join a group of like-minded friendly regular attendees who are experienced in all types of practical painting media and who are happy to offer advice and support. These sessions also provide the opportunity to try out an unfamiliar medium. £3 is normally charged to cover the hire of the hall.

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The session on 14th March is being extended to 6 hours (10am – 4pm). We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to work alongside professional artist and teacher **Joe Hush** who has agreed to lead a workshop for the Group. This is open to anyone who would like to come along and will cost £5. Coffee, tea and biscuits are available. Bring a packed lunch if you wish.

Joe Hush was born in Northumberland but now lives in Washington, County Durham. He is a traditional landscape artist who likes to paint in Acrylic, Oils and Watercolour and has painted for pleasure for most of his life. The countryside of Northern England has certainly inspired him. Joe primarily paints landscapes where the light interests him, and with a good eye for detail he tries to capture the atmosphere and his feelings on a particular day.

He says 'I am inspired by the landscape but I am not a slave to it. Often she will show you little gems. These, along with compositions, I take, to utilise in my paintings. I am always mesmerised when the painting gradually appears on the paper as I paint. I hope I never lose that feeling. Paintings are developed from pencil tonal sketches and painted sketches. This preliminary work is an important first stage to get down what I see in my mind.'

He turned professional in 1993 and initially established himself by painting landscapes and farmsteads then selling his work to the farmers themselves. He is entirely self-taught and now enjoys teaching others. He also does demonstrations and workshops for art clubs/societies throughout the North East. He has had a number of exhibitions and his work is in many collections.

Contact Alan Turnbull on 01429 261420 or 07866 551460 or give your name in at the club meeting.

Dabble in Art

Every other Saturday, every month, 10.00am – 12.00 at Hartlepool Art Gallery, next class **today or Saturday 14th March 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 1st April 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

A visit has been organised to the JMW Turner 'Northern Exposure' in Harrogate on **Thursday, 2nd April. The bus for this is now full.**

Kind regards,

Sue Osbon, Exhibition Secretary

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