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Still locked down – but what a chance to do some painting!

Unsurprisingly, the club is subject to the same restrictions this month as previously. Just to repeat the position outlined by your Chairman John Mennear in his message last month:

- All Club activities are suspended until further notice.
- The AGM has been held over to a future date, so your current Committee will remain in position until that happens.
- Paintings currently in exhibitions will remain in place until premises reopen.
- The earliest Club meeting will possibly be June 2020 but please be prepared for a longer break.
- Your club finances remain healthy and as we are not meeting then we are not expending funds on Gallery hire and Speaker expenses.
- However you will be wondering about 'value for money' in regard to your Annual Subscriptions. Your Committee have therefore recommended an automatic extension or 'roll-over' for as long as this national crisis exists. Please allow the Committee to finalise this detail in due course.
- You will be kept up to date with developments via the monthly newsletter and information will be uploaded onto the new Club website and Facebook page.

Good news!

Club Website and Facebook page

You should all have received an email from Alan Turnbull with the address of our new updated and improved website (see top of page) which has now gone live. If you have photographs of your paintings, especially if you have any of the stages of 'work in progress', you can share these on Facebook at Hartlepool Art Club or email the pics to Nichola Miles (nichola_miles@hotmail.com) so they can be added to FB or the website.

Thanks to all those who have sent in photos of work so far!

It is more important than ever to keep connected these days, so why not use the power of technology to stay in touch and talk about what we love – Art.

Please see overleaf for further details about the cancelled or postponed activities this month...

Golden Lion – The next changeover is scheduled for 3rd June. As things stand, please assume this will not go ahead. The venue is closed, so paintings and other artwork will stay in place. If the situation changes, an email or letter will be sent out.

Drink and Draw at The Causeway – The Tuesday meetings (next one scheduled for 5th May) are cancelled until further notice. The venue is closed.

Club Meeting – This month's meeting, scheduled for 13th May, is cancelled. Hartlepool Art Gallery is closed.

Exhibition at The Station, Richmond – The venue was closed after only one week of this exhibition. We are not able to gain entry in order to remove paintings, so they will remain in place until further notice. Payment for sold work and partial refunds of entry fees are being organised and a separate email / letter is being sent to exhibitors.

Salvation Army Painting Day – The meeting scheduled for Saturday 9th May has been cancelled.

Dabble in Art – The scheduled sessions for 9th and 23rd May are cancelled.

Daisy & Bea's - The café is closed until further notice. Members will be advised of new arrangements for hanging pictures once these can be organised.

With best wishes to all of you. Keep safe!

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