



Newsletter 1st August 2021

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Dear members

Club meeting: Wednesday 11th August 2021

Hartlepool Art Gallery, Christ Church, Church Square, Hartlepool, 7.00pm to 9.00pm (doors open 6.40pm). We are very pleased to welcome **Bruce Mulcahy**, who has recently joined our club and will demonstrate painting with gouache.

Bruce was born in Dewsbury and became interested in painting at an early age. He gained an honours degree in Fine Art at University of Newcastle Upon Tyne in 1978 - receiving his first commission later that year - and he began painting full-time shortly afterwards. Inspired by painters who have worked outdoors from the Impressionists onwards, all Bruce's work is produced *en plein air*. The practical difficulties of working outdoors in all seasons are put to one side as the important thing for him is to react directly to the landscape and the particular colours, textures and light of the moment. Bruce has exhibited in numerous galleries across the country and his paintings are held in collections throughout the UK and in fourteen other countries to date, including New Zealand, USA, Canada and Japan.

Bruce is a member of several art societies and in 2007 was elected a full member of the Royal Society of Marine Artists.

Visitors are welcome at £5.00 per head.

Please note: Covid measures are still not entirely lifted, so the Gallery has asked that we restrict numbers to 24 attendees. Please confirm beforehand with Liz Littlefair (07774 624350) if you are attending.

Next month's meeting: Wednesday 8th September 2021

Let's have a look at some of the work you've been doing during the various lockdowns and restrictions of the last 18 months! Bring one or two paintings (finished or in progress) which you might be thinking of entering into this year's Annual Exhibition and **Ian Lightfoot** will provide a useful critique. He is always honest but gentle!

Golden Lion changeover

Our first formal changeover at the Golden Lion is **this week**, on **Wednesday 4th August 2021, between 10.00 and 11.00am**. All work currently on the walls will be removed to provide a fresh start, in line with our hopes for life in general, and members with artwork displayed will be emailed separately as a reminder. We currently have 28 hanging spaces available to us. These will be allocated on the basis of one painting per member unless there are spare spaces. All work exhibited should be available for sale, so should be adequately framed and corded for hanging. Art Club cards should be used to describe the painting. New cards have been obtained and a supply will be available at the changeover.

If you are unable to come along, either to remove or hang work, please call or text Sue Osbon on 07841 097417 by Tuesday lunchtime, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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2021 Annual Exhibition – dates for your diary

A meeting has been arranged this month with the management of the Art Gallery to finalise dates and arrangements for this year's exhibition. These are the dates subject to confirmation:

Wed. 8 th Sept. 2021	Critique of members' work by Ian Lightfoot
Wed. 13 th Oct. 2021	Closing date for entries
Fri. 5 th Nov. 2021	Take-in and selection of work
Tues. 9 th Nov. 2021	Collection of unselected work
Fri. 12 th Nov. 2021	Preview evening
Sat. 13 th Nov. 2021	Exhibition opens
Sat. 15 th Jan. 2022	Exhibition closes
Tues. 18 th Jan. 2022	Collection of unsold work

Entry forms and guidelines will be available with the September newsletter.

Other regular club activities:

Art Club Painting Group
Dabble in Art
Drink & Draw at The Causeway

Unfortunately, we are still waiting to hear when we will be able to start up these regular activities. We will contact all members as soon as we know.

Club fees 2021-22

As we move back to a full programme of activities, the annual membership fee of £25 is now payable for the club year starting 1st June 2021. **New members, and past members returning after a break, need to pay this as soon as possible and must pay by the end of August 2021** if intending to submit entries for the Annual Exhibition.

Because of the severely curtailed programme in the past year, however, the Committee has agreed that **current members who paid fees for 2020-21 will not be required to pay for the coming year.** Subs can be paid at any Club meeting. Direct payments can also be made to:

Hartlepool Art Club
Sort Code: 55-81-04
Acc num: 84222891
Reference: memb fees

A receipt number will be sent by email after 3rd of the following month.

Best wishes to everyone!

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