



Newsletter 1st November 2021

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Club meeting: Wednesday 10th November 2021

Hartlepool Art Gallery, Christ Church, Church Square, Hartlepool, 7.00pm to 9.00pm (doors open 6.40pm). We are very pleased that our own **Keith Robson** has agreed to bring along his sketchbooks and Dr Martin's inks in the hope that the audience will be interested in some interactive activity (if the Gallery allows this).

Following Art College in Hartlepool Keith was employed in the art department of Dundee comic publishers D.C.Thomson, working on most of their comics.

Becoming freelance in 1974, he has tackled a huge diversity of jobs including school textbooks, pre-school television, children's storybooks, and model-making for animated TV series. **He has, however, stayed with comics throughout, latterly writing and drawing 'Jonah' in 'Dandy' and 'General Jumbo' for 'Beano'.** While illustrating a Heritage Lottery Funded history of Dundee, he made many local school visits, which inspired him to become a teacher. He qualified as a Cert Ed in 2008, initially working with special needs children and teenagers with emotional issues. He currently teaches in local primary schools, running several drawing groups, including 'Dabble in Art' for the Art Club. Keith continues to work as an illustrator.

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 December

Details are still to be finalised. In response to suggestions received, **this is likely to be an afternoon meeting** in Hartlepool Art Gallery.

Hartlepool Art Club 74th Annual Exhibition is here!

Our long-awaited exhibition is finally about to open!

We have a Preview Evening on Friday 12th November at Hartlepool Art Gallery, allowing members, family, friends and supporters the opportunity for an early viewing and purchase of exhibits. A separate email and Flyer is being sent out about this. Please read it, as **places at the Preview will need to be reserved**. The usual refreshments will be available.

The exhibition then opens to the public on Saturday 13th November and carries on until Saturday 15th January 2022, with a break during Christmas week when the Gallery is closed.

If you have any questions about the exhibition, please contact Sue Osbon, Exhibition Secretary.

Golden Lion changeover

The next changeover will be on **Wednesday 1st December 2021, between 10.00 and 11.00am.**

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Just turn up on the day with your painting. We currently have 28 hanging spaces available to us and we give priority to members exhibiting for the first time. 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. A supply will be available at the changeover. Golden Lion commission on sales is 10% and the Club also takes 10%. **If you are unable to come along, either to remove or hang work, please call or text Sue Osbon on 07841 097417 by lunchtime on Tuesday 30th November, so appropriate arrangements can be made.**

Dabble in Art

Every other Saturday, every month, 10.00am – 12.00 at Hartlepool Art Gallery, next class **Saturday 6th November 2021**. Organised and run by members of the Club with help from parents and grandparents, Dabble provides children of all ages 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

Drink & Draw at The Causeway

Held every Tuesday evening, 7 – 9pm in the back room of The Causeway pub, Church Row, Hartlepool. All are welcome. Contact Keith on 01429 234397 for more details. Volunteers to sit as models are always needed!

Art Club Painting Group

Painting days are held on the second Saturday of every month. **This month it's Saturday 13th**. Sessions are held at the Salvation Army Community Hall in Park Road Hartlepool TS26 9HT between 10am and 2pm. Beverages are available and you may bring a packed lunch if you wish. We have use of the private car park, although it is only about 400 yards from York Road bus stops. There is a **£4 per head contribution**, to help pay for the accommodation and non-members are welcome. Please note that there is no tutor at most sessions, although we do sometimes hold workshops with renowned artists, when a higher contribution is payable, towards their fees. You will need to bring your own materials, although there is a limited stock of paints, pencils and paper, for people who fancy trying different media and help is willingly given by other members. It is a lively, friendly group and you can decide how long you care to stay.

If you would like further information email info@hartlepool-art-club.co.uk or ring / text Alan on **07866 551460**

On-line auction

Our first on-line auction was a success, resulting in the sale of an unframed watercolour by Joe Hush, which he painted as a demonstration piece at our July meeting. Keep your eyes open for future auctions.

Best wishes to everyone!

Sue Osbon

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