



Newsletter 1st December 2021

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Club meeting: Wednesday 8th December 2021

Hartlepool Art Gallery, Christ Church, Church Square, Hartlepool, **7.00pm to 9.00pm (doors open 6.40pm)**. Note: this is **not** an afternoon meeting, as previously advised.

We are pleased to welcome club member **Ted Parker** to talk to us about **The Art of Steam**.

Ted always seemed to do well in art at school to the point where his art teacher recommended he go to Chesterfield College of Art, but unfortunately it was not to be! He did, however, take up photography in the mid-1960s and became a professional industrial/ scientific photographer for British Steel Research in Sheffield in 1969. Moving to Teesside in 1977 he worked at the strategic/process labs in Grangetown, developing his skills as a film-maker and video producer, until 1989 when he took a big gamble and went freelance to form his own production company 'Action TV and Video Production'.

He returned to painting in the early 1970s doing both railway and marine art projects and, as a keen sailor, commissions of people's sailing yachts and dinghies. His success led to him being invited to join the Guild of Railway artists and he exhibited one of his paintings in the very prestigious 'Rail Art' exhibition at the National Railway Museum in York in 1980 after having a small exhibition of his own in 1979 at Darlington Railway Museum. Due to heavy commitments running his TV & video company, he gave up painting and his membership of the Guild for nearly 30 years until about 2010 when he met up with wildlife and railway artist, the late David Shepherd, who rejuvenated Ted's interest. At this time he produced/wrote and published with an old friend from Sheffield the first of 3 Railway Photography Books, which were very successful.

He held his own one-man exhibition at Richmond Station Gallery in 2015 and earlier this year was once again accepted into the now much larger Guild of Railway Artists

Visitors are welcome at £5.00 per head. As this is our last meeting before Christmas, wine and snacks will be provided.

Next month's meeting: Wednesday 12th January 2022

Details are still to be finalised.

Hartlepool Art Club 74th Annual Exhibition update

Our exhibition of 129 paintings (and one sculpture) is in full swing and receiving some very good comments and reviews. At the time of compiling this newsletter, just over two weeks since opening, 15 paintings had been sold and visitor numbers are encouraging. Do make the effort to visit!

Golden Lion changeover

Changeover is **today - Wednesday 1st December 2021, between 10.00 and 11.00am.**

Just turn up 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%.

The next changeover is on Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Dabble in Art

Every other Saturday, every month, 10.00am – 12.00 at Hartlepool Art Gallery, next class **Saturday 4th December 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 07824971666.

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 07824971666 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 11th**. 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

Following the success of our first on-line auction, we are currently auctioning a collection of pastels and pastel papers. Further details can be found on our Facebook page. The items will be on view at the Club night and bids, sealed in an envelope may be made. If the reserve of £25 is not met, the lot will be withdrawn.

Casual work opportunity – Hartlepool Art Gallery

Hartlepool Council is looking to recruit a number of casual workers to support Gallery staff by providing cover during staff absences, holidays and busy periods. As the work is casual, as and when required, there are no guaranteed hours. Applications are subject to the Council's normal recruitment processes. If interested, please contact the Gallery on 01429 869706 for further information.

Best wishes to everyone!

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