



Newsletter 1st March 2022

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Club meeting: Wednesday 9th March 2022

Hartlepool Art Gallery, Christ Church, Church Square, Hartlepool, **7.00pm to 9.00pm (doors open 6.40pm).**

We are happy to welcome Geoff Hewitt as our demonstrator this month.

Born in Stoke-on-Trent, Geoff has been an artist for as long as he can remember. However, he holds no formal art qualifications, his training being scientific, and his career founded in industry and academia, where he worked variously as a research scientist, consultant, author and editor. His decision to leave mainstream science in the early 1990's allowed him to expand his practice as an artist and he has worked as a full-time professional painter since. He has exhibited his work since 1980 including solo or shared shows across the north of England and has received awards in numerous competitions.

His work is figurative, emerging from commonplace events. He favours using his own photographs as a source, in a process of dismantling and rebuilding, often with the incorporation of new images, to explore his connection with the subjects.

He uses a variety of media, mainly oils, but drawing informs everything that he does, and visual remnants of under-drawing and early brushstrokes have become an integral part, adding perspective and strengthening focus while emphasising the craft and, in some cases, the transience of the work.

Visitors are welcome at £5.00 per head.

Acrylic workshop with Geoff Hewitt: Thursday 10th March 2022

Geoff has agreed to facilitate a figurative workshop, using acrylics, which will take place from 10.00am until 4.00pm in the Salvation Army Community Hall in Park Road Hartlepool TS26 9HT. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring your own lunch. The cost is £25.00. To reserve a place, please contact Liz Littlefair on 07774624350 or email lizlittlefair@hotmail.com.

Next month's meeting: AGM - Wednesday 13th April 2022

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April 2022, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Art Gallery, Church Square (doors open at 6.40pm) The agenda and papers, plus nomination forms for the Committee, will be emailed or posted out during the next week. Nominations should be returned to Alys Delafield, Club Secretary, by 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th March.

Early notice: 9th Coastal Cornucopia Exhibition, The Station, Richmond, 9th June (take-in)– 6th July (dismantle) 2022

We are delighted to confirm the dates for our popular exhibition at The Station in Richmond. Our last exhibition in 2020 had to be abandoned after a week because of Covid (we still managed to sell several

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paintings!) Further details and entry form will be sent out at a later date but the arrangements are essentially the same as in previous years i.e. a maximum of ten paintings per member; entry fee £5.00 per painting; The Station takes 10% commission on sales; the Art Club takes no commission because of the entry fee.

Golden Lion changeover

The next changeover is on Wednesday 6th April 2022 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%.

Dabble in Art

Every other Saturday, every month, 10.00am – 12.00 noon at Hartlepool Art Gallery. The next class is on **Saturday 5th March**. For further information please contact the Gallery Information desk on 01429 869706 or Keith Robson on 07824971666. 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.

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 12th**. 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**

Blind Auction - reminder

Details and rules for the latest Blind Auction can be found on our Facebook page. **We are offering a lovely framed still-life watercolour 'Put Your Old Boot on the Shelf' by Peterlee artist Joan Sample**. Sealed bids exceeding £20 may be made online and must be made before or at the next club meeting on 9th March.

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