

Newsletter 1st May 2022

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Club Meeting: Wednesday 11th May 2022

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

We are delighted to welcome our very own Keith Robson, who will be organising an interactive demonstration using inks and coffee!

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 £5.00per head.

Please note: at this year's AGM, members voted to impose a £2.00 charge for members' attendance at those monthly meetings for which there is a cost to the club (for hiring the venue and/or paying a demonstrator). This charge will be introduced from 1st June 2022, the start of our membership year.

Next meeting

Club member Jodi Shadforth has offered her farm near Crookfoot Reservoir as a painting and sketching venue for our June meeting. This of course is subject to weather conditions! Further details in our next newsletter.

Golden Lion changeover

The next changeover at The Golden Lion Inn, Dunston Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0EN, will be on Wednesday 1st June.

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%.

9th Coastal Cornucopia Exhibition, The Station, Richmond, Thursday 9th June (take-in)- Wednesday 6th July (dismantle) 2022

Entry forms and guidance notes for this exhibition have been emailed out but are also attached to this newsletter.

Closing date for entries is Friday 20th May 2022. Please read the guidance notes before completing and submitting entries.

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The Station has already begun to advertise the exhibition on its website and has provided the following link:

https://www.thestation.co.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/9th-coastal-cornucopia-hartlepool-art-club/

Art Club Painting Group

Painting days are held on the second Saturday of every month. **This month it's Saturday 14th.** 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

Dabble in Art

Every other Saturday, every month, 10.00am – 12.00 noon at Hartlepool Art Gallery. The next class is on **Saturday 14th May**. 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!

Patchings 2022

The Patchings Art Festival is back! Based at the Patchings Art Centre, Calverton, near Nottingham, from 14th to 17th July 2022 this is one of our club's favourite festivals, which has been missing from the calendar since 2019. Packed with art materials, demonstrations from suppliers and manufacturers, guest artists and marquees devoted to original art and hand-made craft items, it provides a very enjoyable day out in a lovely rural setting. Brian Nunn will be sending out a separate communication about organising a visit, likely to be on Thursday 14th July.

Best wishes

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