



Newsletter 1st February 2023

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Club Meeting: Wednesday 8th February 2023

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

We are pleased to welcome **Alan Reed**, who will demonstrate in watercolour.

Alan was born in Northumberland, into a family with a history of painting and fell in love with watercolours at the age of 15. He trained in art and design at Newcastle College and spent the early part of his career producing artist impressions of new building projects for architects.

Over the last 35 years he has developed his own distinctive painting style capturing the atmosphere of different settings from the drama of city life to the serenity and beauty of a rural landscape.

Although specialising in watercolour, Alan has also worked in oil paints, charcoal, pencil, gold leaf and acrylic, and opened the Alan Reed Art Gallery in Ponteland in 1996. He has exhibited throughout the UK and overseas in the USA, Italy, Oman and Kuwait.

His subjects are varied including landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, architecture and portraits. Recent commissions include the Lakes Distillery and ancient Roman architecture. The quality of Alan's work received national recognition with the selection of a number of his cityscapes in the Sunday Times watercolour competition for three successive years.

He was also shortlisted for "Artist of the Year" for Artists & Illustrators Magazine in 2014. He has over 30 years experience in teaching Art & Design. He gives private lessons in drawing and painting to children and adults and runs painting holidays in Italy.

£2 for Members and £5 for Guests.

Golden Lion changeover

The next changeover at The Golden Lion Inn, Dunston Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0EN, is **today, Wednesday 1st February 2023, from 10.00 to 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%.

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.

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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 11th February**. 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 Blacksmiths

Held every Tuesday evening, 7 – 9pm in its new venue at The Blacksmiths Arms, Stranton, Hartlepool, TS24 7QT. All are welcome. Contact Keith on 07824971666 for more details. Volunteers to sit as models are always needed!

The Station, Richmond – early information

We will be holding our regular Coastal Cornucopia exhibition at The Station from **1st to 28th June 2023**. The cost of exhibiting has risen significantly this year so we will be hiring less wall space. We will, however, be using browsers for the first time, allowing members to 'exhibit' some of their work unframed at a lower entry fee. The detail will be explained in a later newsletter but this is early advice, hopefully to save some framing costs for those who wish to do so.

Best wishes

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