



Newsletter 1st December 2023

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Golden Lion changeover: Wednesday 6th December

The next changeover at The Golden Lion Inn, Dunston Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0EN, will be on **Wednesday 6th December, 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%.

Club Meeting: Wednesday 13th December 2023

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

This is the demonstration by **Charles Evans**, postponed last month because he was recovering from an operation. We are pleased to welcome him back.

Charlie was born in Yorkshire where he grew up as a country lad. During an early career in catering, he discovered a love of painting and was commissioned by the National Coal Board to paint pictures for their boardrooms. As soon as he could, Charlie went to Lincoln Art College but found it hard to make a living. A career in the RAF meant that he could develop his catering expertise while representing his regiment in 3-day eventing and motorcycle racing. Leaving the RAF and relocating to Northumberland gave Charlie the impetus to develop a career in art, painting and teaching. Appearing regularly for Tyne Tees TV regional programmes, painting out on location, gave him plenty of practice in working under all conditions. Today, Charlie still lives in Northumberland and travels the country, and abroad, taking his no-nonsense approach to painting to hundreds of amateur artists.

Charlie represents Daler-Rowney wherever he goes and believes they provide the best art materials available. The paints, brushes and papers he uses are available on-line. Charlie also writes how-to-paint books for Search Press and these are also available on-line.

Charlie has told us he intends to demonstrate painting seagulls in acrylic – but who knows what he might produce on the night!

This is our Christmas meeting, so mince pies, wine and soft drinks will be available.

£3 for Members and £6 for Guests.

Next Club Meeting: Wednesday 10th January 2024

We will have a demonstration of pet portraits in pastel by Mel Roberts.

Hartlepool Art Club: 76th Annual Exhibition

Our Annual Exhibition at Hartlepool Art Gallery is now well under way and receiving many very positive comments from members and visitors. The new gallery wall provides much more display space, enabling work to be exhibited without overcrowding. 17 paintings were sold in the first week! The exhibition runs

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until 13th January, with a break during Christmas week, and the Gallery is open from Tuesday until Saturday each week. Well worth a visit!

Regular activity:

Art Club Painting Group

Painting days are held on the second Saturday of every month. **This month it's Saturday 9th.** 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 9th December**. 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 Blacksmith's Arms

Held every Tuesday evening, 7 – 9pm in this popular and very old Hartlepool pub. All are welcome. Contact Keith on 07824971666 for more details. Volunteers to sit as models are always needed!

Other events:

If you know of an exhibition or art-related event which might be of interest to other members, it can be included in the newsletter or circulated separately. Send details to the email address below.

Best wishes

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