



## Newsletter 1st March 2024

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### **Club Meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

We are extremely fortunate to welcome Dr. Narbi Price, who is giving a talk about his work illustrated with slides. He will speak candidly about his work, sharing the false starts and cul-de-sacs as well as the successes. Narbi was born in Hartlepool and achieved his BA, MFA and PhD in Newcastle. He now lives and works in Gateshead and Newcastle. Narbi has exhibited extensively around the UK and in London, and also internationally in Milan, Bologna, Berlin and New York. One reviewer in the Evening Standard a few years ago commented:

*"Qualities of skill and imagination, as well as a sympathetic feel for the ordinary, make Narbi Price's pictures eerily noticeable. One is a rendering of bare earth on municipal grass. It appears photographic but up close it jumps into a completely different dimension, becoming dancing loose dots and blips, free of any representation whatsoever. Even once the painting's double nature is absorbed, it is hard to comprehend how on earth he did it."*

Narbi's Lockdown Paintings of taped-up benches and his Flowers Paintings - quiet contemporary reflections on loss, memorial and love - are notable from recent years. He is a trustee of the Ashington Group Collection and his Ashington Paintings follow in the footsteps of the Pitmen Painters.

**£3 for Members and £6 for Guests.**

### **Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Hartlepool Art Gallery, Church Square (doors open at 6.40pm) The agenda and papers for this meeting will be sent out by the Club Secretary on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Those members attending should, as far as possible, bring along their own copies. The usual refreshments will be available.

### **Questionnaire**

A questionnaire seeking members' views on future club activities has been circulated and early replies are encouraged in order to give the Committee time to consider and compile options before the AGM in April. The questionnaire is also attached to this newsletter. Many thanks to those members who have already replied. Paper copies will be available at the club meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March and those wishing to reply confidentially can place completed questionnaires in the large envelope on the signing-in table.

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## **Golden Lion changeover: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

The next changeover at The Golden Lion Inn, Dunston Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0EN, will be on **Wednesday 3rd April, 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%.

## **11<sup>th</sup> Coastal Cornucopia Exhibition – The Station, Richmond - reminder**

Our regular, yearly exhibition at The Station will run this year from **11<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. We will use the same arrangements as last year in terms of exhibition space, entry requirements and fees. Copies of the entry form and entry rules are attached. Please print your own if you can. Limited paper copies will be available at the March club meeting. Relevant dates are:

Closing date for entries: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Take-in day: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Exhibition closes: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Collection of unsold work: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Please read the exhibition rules carefully for all details of framing requirements and entry fees.**

## **Patchings Art Festival: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

The annual art festival at Patchings Art Centre near Nottingham is the largest outdoor art festival in the country. Marquees full of craft stalls, artwork and every piece of equipment an artist might need, run alongside demonstrations by well-known artists. There are usually jazz musicians (and I think there's a choir this year) and plenty of places to eat, whether formally or informally. If you are interested in attending, either by coach or car-share, please contact Brian Nunn on 07803 609760. Costs and arrangements will depend on how many are interested.

## **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](mailto:info@hartlepool-art-club.co.uk) or ring / text Alan Turnbull on **07866 551460**

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## **Dabble in Art**

**Every other Saturday, every month**, 10.00am – 12.00 noon at Hartlepool Art Gallery. 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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