



Hartlepool Art Club Newsletter

1st August 2025

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Club Meeting: Wednesday 13th August 2025

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

We are lucky this month to have fellow member **Ted Parker** as our demonstrator. Ted will show how to prepare and paint in oils on canvas, and how the painting develops in its stages to the finished article, using pre prepared examples of the same subject/ composition.

This will be based around painting a railway scene, avoiding the pitfalls of not having 'Railway Knowledge' and hopefully ending up with a factually correct picture. As Ted says, there are no hard & fast rules but he hopes to pass on what he has learned over several decades of painting his beloved steam engines and similar railway related subjects, showing how certain effects are produced using oil paint on canvas.

Born in Sheffield 1949, Ted won the school Art Prize 2 years running, but left school at the age of 15 with no qualifications! He started a career as an Industrial Scientific Photographer for British Steel Research in 1969 and moved to Teesside in 1977. It was around the early 1970s he began to do slightly more serious painting completing several commissions of sailing yachts and racing dinghies.

His first successful railway painting was in 1975 when he won a competition on Yorkshire Television of a scene in York Locomotive shed.

He joined the Guild of Railway Artists in 1978 for the first time and finally achieved getting a painting selected for 'Rail Art 1980' at the York NRM. Due to pressure of work he found little time to paint until, in 2007, he had a filming assignment working with the renowned railway and wildlife artist, the late and magnificent David Shepherd, who gave Ted a verbal kicking to get back to painting again!! Ted was very grateful to be so eloquently reprimanded for letting his skills lapse.

As a result, Ted's first solo exhibition was held at The Station at Richmond in 2018. His recent collaboration with Malcolm Davies and John Wigston in staging the 'Art of Locomotion' exhibition at the NRM 'Locomotion' in Shildon, was another great success.

Members £3, guests £6. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there.

If you need further information, please contact Liz Littlefair on 07774 624350

Next month's Club Meeting

We will hold our regular critique of members' new finished or unfinished work in preparation for the Annual Exhibition.

Golden Lion changeover: Wednesday 6th August 2025.

The next changeover at The Golden Lion Inn, Dunston Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0EN, will be on **Wednesday 6th August, 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%. **All paintings are exhibited at the artist's own risk.**

12th Coastal Cornucopia Exhibition – The Station, Richmond, 17th July – 13th August 2025

This year's exhibition is underway in the Artisan Gallery. A group of energetic members managed to hang 97 paintings and put 10 small models on display. At the time of writing, 3 paintings have been sold. The exhibition is on until 13th August and is well worth a visit. Have coffee or lunch in the café, buy something delicious to take home from the delicatessen or walk along the old railway line while enjoying a tasty ice cream!

Art Club Painting Group

Painting days are held on the second Saturday of every month. This month, the meeting is on **Saturday 9th August.** 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 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 Turnbull on **07866551460.**

Dabble in Art

Every other Saturday, every month, 10.00am – 12.00 noon at Hartlepool Art Gallery. **This month's sessions are on 2nd, 16th and 30th August.** 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.

Reminder: Annual Club Fees

Club fees (£25) are payable from 1st June each year (new members who have joined since March do not pay again until next year). Payment should be made (preferably) by bank transfer as follows:

Sort code: 55 81 04

Account: Hartlepool Art Club, A/c number: 84222891

You can also pay by cheque (made out to Hartlepool Art Club) through the post to our Treasurer, Malcolm Davies, 74 Ryehill Gardens, Hartlepool, TS26 0JJ, or by cash or card at the next Club meeting on 13th August.

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!

Alchemy - Artwave North

The Station, Richmond: 1st – 12th August 2025

The Darlington-based Artwave North collective return to **The Station, Richmond**, with their exhibition entitled "Alchemy". The exhibition features a range of different artistic elements including painting and ceramics, putting this group's creative talents on full display.

Much like alchemists of old, studying the natural world in order to imitate it, these artists seek to transform raw materials into objects of beauty and value by experimental discovery and practical skills. They work with a variety of media to create individual works of art; a seemingly magical process.

'Remember, Somewhere' – Laura and Rachel Lancaster, Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, NE8 3BA

Until 12th October 2025, a survey of works by **Laura and Rachel Lancaster**, twin daughters of the late Wilf Lancaster (member of our art club for many years). and prolific painters, the Lancasters have carved out distinct painting styles and have exhibited nationally and internationally. This exhibition at Baltic will be the first institutional exhibition showing their work side by side, and the exhibition location, in North East of England, where they were born and still live and work in their shared studio in Ouseburn, Newcastle. The Baltic is open Wed- Sun, 10.00am until 6.00pm.

For more information, visit www.baltic/lancasters

The Lake Artists Society Summer Exhibition: 2nd August–10th September 2025

This popular annual exhibition, held in the lovely Lakeland village of Grasmere, is open 7 days a week from 10.30am until 4.30 pm. Well worth a visit!

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.

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