



Hartlepool Art Club Newsletter

2nd October 2025

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Club Meeting: Wednesday 8th October 2025

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

We are pleased to welcome **Jo Pickering** to our club once again.

Jo trained at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee. She has been a Head of Art in various secondary schools. After COVID she set up her own business teaching adult groups how to paint. Her work has been exhibited in the Mall galleries in London and Bankside and at the Baltic in Newcastle. She also teaches watercolour painting on cruise ships. She tends to focus on portraits and sometimes still life.

Her demonstration at our October club meeting will be a re-creation of an old master in oils.

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

Christine Cave will be our demonstrator in November. Christine is a North East artist well-known for landscapes in pastel and paint.

Golden Lion changeover: Wednesday 3rd December 2025.

The next changeover at The Golden Lion Inn, Dunston Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0EN, will be on **Wednesday 3rd 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%. **All paintings are exhibited at the artist's own risk.**

Hartlepool Art Club 78th Annual Exhibition: 15th November 2025 – 17th January 2026, Hartlepool Art Gallery

Here are the dates and preliminary details of this year's Annual Exhibition. The entry form and rules for entering are attached. Dates are as follows:

Closing date for entries:	Friday 10 th October 2025
Take-in and selection:	Friday 7 th November 2025
Collection of unselected work:	Tue 11 th & Wed 12 th November 2025
Preview Evening:	Friday 14 th November 2025
Exhibition opens:	Saturday 15 th November 2025
Exhibition closes:	Saturday 17 th January 2026
Collection of unsold work:	Tuesday 20 th January 2026

Please keep a note of these dates and read the attached rules carefully.

Mr Leo Gillen, a supporter of our Art Club for many years, has agreed to open the exhibition during the Preview Evening

To recognise the outstanding contribution to the club made by our President, **Margaret Wiles**, Hartlepool Council and Margaret's family have agreed to allow the Club to use one of her paintings, currently in Council ownership, as the feature painting for this year's exhibition.

Art Club Painting Group

Painting days are held on the second Saturday of every month. Sessions are held at the Salvation Army Community Hall in Park Road Hartlepool TS26 9HT.

This month, the "Painting Together " group is having a **totally free taster session between 10-00 and 12-00 on Saturday 11th October**. Bring your own project and materials or just come along, have a chat, check out the facilities and have free refreshments. Free car parking on site or use the bus.

Help is willingly given by other members. It is a lively, friendly group and you can decide how long you care to stay.

"Use it or lose it!" If attendance does not improve, these sessions are likely to cease in December.

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 11th and 25th October**. 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!

'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

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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