



# Hartlepool Art Club Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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## **Club Meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

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

This month, we welcome **Andy Clayford**, who will demonstrate creating a portrait in pastels.

Andy, originally from Market Harborough, has enjoyed drawing from a very young age, although he has had no formal art training. As an adult he attended short courses to develop his skills. His interests concentrated on portraiture and the living world. He moved north to Yorkshire and finally settled in Robin Hoods Bay in 2017.

His extensive range of work can be seen on his website [www.artbyandy.co.uk](http://www.artbyandy.co.uk)

Members £3, guests £6. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there. **As this is the last meeting before Christmas, complimentary wine and mince pies will be available!**

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

## **Next month's Club Meeting**

In January our own, wonderfully talented, Keith Robson will give us a talk about Forgotten British Artists and Illustrators of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

## **Golden Lion changeover: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025.**

The next changeover at The Golden Lion Inn, Dunston Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0EN, will be on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Hartlepool Art Gallery**

Our lovely exhibition is well under way. Many thanks to the Gallery staff (and especially Jodi) for putting it all together and creating a colourful display of our work. The Preview Evening on 14<sup>th</sup> November was very successful. Our thanks go to Bob Watson for his opening speech. We also know that our outgoing President, Margaret Wiles, enjoyed the preview immensely. Six paintings were sold that night (with several more since then). Get down to the Gallery, have lunch or a cuppa in the café and enjoy the 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 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

This month, the group will meet on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. 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](mailto:info@hartlepool-art-club.co.uk) or ring / text Alan Turnbull on **07866551460**.

**"Use it or lose it!"** With the promise of possible new attendees, the group will continue until the January meeting before deciding if it can continue.

### **Dabble in Art**

**Every other Saturday, every month**, 10.00am – 12.00 noon at Hartlepool Art Gallery. **This month's session is on 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Club Treasurer**

Malcolm Davies has confirmed he will shortly be moving to Scotland (we wish him and wife Gillian all the best). As the Club needs a Treasurer, the Committee is pursuing the proposal to use an outside accountancy firm to provide the service until we find an alternative. We have been given a cost of £25 a month (£300 a year) to provide the service, which will include the annual audit of

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accounts. The current cost of an annual audit is £120, so this proposal would cost the Club an extra £180. We will still need our own members to take and record cash at meetings, but the accountant will authorise payments and reconcile everything. If any member has a serious objection to this proposal or wishes to volunteer for the role themselves, please contact the Chair, Brian Nunn, as soon as possible, on 07803 609760.

## **Forthcoming exhibition**

Our member Freyja Wright (who paints as Fretti) is going to be the Artist in Focus at Hartlepool Art Gallery from 24<sup>th</sup> December to 20<sup>th</sup> February. Her exhibition “Every Odd Creature” inspired by a background in environmental science and conservation will be available to view in the Vestry Cafe of the Gallery. We are all invited to her preview (with complimentary wine, Christmas cake and mince pies!) – see details below:



## **Framers and printers**

Our members are often looking for framers and printers in the area. Julia Noble’s studio offers framing, scanning, fine art giclee prints and cards. If you mention you are a member of Hartlepool Art Club, you will get 10% off the price for these services.

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## **Hartlepool Art Club in Hartlepool Life**

Look out for our adverts over the next few weeks in the free local newspaper! These are aimed at encouraging membership and attendance at our monthly meetings.

**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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