



# Hartlepool Art Club Newsletter

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## **Club Meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

We welcome the return of local artist **Lynton Parmar-Hemsley** to our club meeting. He will be sharing his tips whilst demonstrating (in oils) how you can create believable figures in your landscape paintings.

Lynton has been a full time artist for over 30 years. He trained as a commercial illustrator and has worked in Manchester and London as a storyboard artist and illustrator. Throughout that time he continued to produce his own paintings, showing his work at the Wendy Levy Gallery and Collin Jellico Gallery in Manchester. Apart from the occasional book cover commission he now devotes all his working time to figure and landscape painting. He has, however, also had considerable success as a portrait artist, attracting several high profile commissions including one from the Bush family in the USA to create a portrait of their daughter Barbara. He now lives in the beautiful countryside of North Yorkshire.

For those not already aware, Lynton has featured on our TV screens with Sky Arts TV channel and more recently with Dan & Helen on "Yorkshire Great and Small" on channel 5. Our club meeting will be an evening not to be missed. A chance to meet, chat with Lynton and watch how he works, picking up tips along the way. Grab your seat early as he always attracts a crowd.

Please join us for the evening from 7 - 9pm ( doors open at 6:45pm) in the Hartlepool Art Gallery, Church Street, Hartlepool.

Members £3, guests £6. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there. If you need further information, please contact Liz Littlefair on 07774 624350

The club can also be contacted via email [Hartlepoolartclubsocial@hotmail.com](mailto:Hartlepoolartclubsocial@hotmail.com) or social media [www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk](http://www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk) or Instagram **@hartlepoolartclub** or

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

Brian Ramsey will demonstrate an urban landscape in watercolour

## **Golden Lion changeover: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

The next changeover at The Golden Lion Inn, Dunston Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0EN, will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 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**

Our lovely exhibition has now closed and, once again, has been very successful. A beautifully set-out exhibition, showcasing the talents of 34 of our members, the work on display was much admired and paintings were sold from the first to the very last day. Of the 128 paintings on display, 24 were sold for a total of £3,232. This has provided commission of £646.40 to the Gallery and £161.60 to the Art Club. Well done everyone!

## **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 14th February**. 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 as long as attendance of at least 6 people can be maintained.

## **Dabble in Art**

**Every other Saturday, every month**, 10.00am – 12.00 noon at Hartlepool Art Gallery. For further information and details of dates for this month 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!

## **Artist in Focus**

Our member Freyja Wright (who paints as Fretti) is the Artist in Focus at Hartlepool Art Gallery until 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Her attractive exhibition “Every Odd Creature” is inspired by a background in environmental science and conservation and can be viewed in the Vestry Cafe of the Gallery.



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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