Hartlepool Art Club Newsletter

1st March 2026

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Club Meeting: Wednesday 11th March 2026

Hartlepool Art Gallery, Christ Church, Church Square, Hartlepool, 7.00pm – 9.00pm (doors open 6.45pm)

Our demonstrator for this month's Club meeting is **Brian Ramsey**.

Brian loves to draw the industrial and urban landscape of the North embedded in some of the best countryside in England. He is a trained architectural technician and uses his understanding of how buildings work and construction drawing techniques and uses this knowledge to inspire his work on the urban environment.
He strongly believes in leaving space in a painting; drawing every leaf on every tree or even, every tree isn't necessary, it's not about documenting everything. He likes to give the viewer the opportunity to fill in the blanks for themselves and engage with the painting.
Brian has exhibited his work at the Staithes Art Festival and is booked to be there again this September.

To see examples of Brian's work and to learn more about him, please visit his website www.briannramsey.co.uk or Instagram page, www.instagram.com/b.ramsey1973/

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 or social media Www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk or Instagram **@hartlepoolartclub** or Facebook **Hartlepool Art Club**

Next month's Club Meeting

Our April meeting is our Annual General Meeting. Papers and nomination forms will be sent out shortly. It is in everyone's interest to come along to hear about our achievements this past year and to contribute to our future plans. See you there!

Golden Lion changeover: Wednesday 1st April 2026.

The next changeover at The Golden Lion Inn, Dunston Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0EN, will be on **Wednesday 1st 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%. **All paintings are exhibited at the artist's own risk.**

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 March**. 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.**

"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!

Hartlepool Art Club exhibitions in 2026

Some early information about this year's opportunities for members to exhibit work with Hartlepool Art Club:

13th Coastal Cornucopia – The Station, Richmond
This year, our popular exhibition will run in the Artisan Gallery from **2nd – 29th July**. Full details and entry forms will be sent out with the May newsletter.

79th Annual Exhibition – Hartlepool Art Gallery
Our exhibition this year will be brought forward to finish before Christmas. This move will give us extra time to have our work on show during the build-up to the festive season and will allow the Gallery to start a new exhibition early in the new year. **Provisional dates** are:

Critique meeting: Wed 9 Sept 2026 (normal club meeting)
Closing date for entries: Fri 25 Sept
Take-in and selection day: Fri 16 Oct
Preview evening: Fri 23 Oct
Exhibition opens: Sat 24 Oct (8-week exhibition)
Exhibition closes: Wed 23 Dec
Collection of unsold work: Fri 8 Jan 2027 (although members needing their unsold work back before Christmas would be accommodated)

Regular exhibition – The Golden Lion, Hartlepool
Changeover dates for 2026 are:
1st April
3rd June
5th August
7th October
2nd December

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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