

2019 Painting Classes with Ash Buckingham

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Look! - a new list of painting sessions for 2019

It would appear that the rumours of my retirement (started by me!) have been greatly exaggerated.....So one more time.... Please have a look at the dates listed and if you would like to join in any of the sessions, please give us a ring at High Meadow, send an email or scribble your name in "the book" when on a workshop day to reserve the appropriate day(s)!

All sessions are suitable for absolute beginners as well as the more experienced - most classes have a mixture of both - so don't be worried about joining in!

I believe that beginners are best off starting with the "Workshop Demo" day sessions, where the creation of a painting is broken down into small stages, and each stage demonstrated by me, before you then have a go. Seeing it done is a great way to learn, and confidence to "have a go" comes quickly!

Those of you who are new to painting are welcome to use my paints and brushes to see if you like it - all you need to bring is a sense of humour (it's got to be fun!) and the all important packed lunch (you might be able to "borrow" a squeeze of my paint, but you don't get to share my sandwiches!)

If you do decide to buy your own kit, the display stands at High Meadow have all you need - normally cheaper than shops.

What's New?

"Beastly" Winter Weather: Stay safe! I will post cancellations up on the website if the weather is bad here - please check before travelling! I will always try to contact anyone who's name is on the list for a painting session that is to be cancelled - but sometimes names don't get on the list ... or I can't get through.....

When you book in, I'd love you all to give me current contact details in case I do need to get in touch..... and if you decide not to travel, please let us know so that we don't worry about you! Thank you.

Class times : Slight change to the start times for afternoon DIY classes - so class times are now:

Half Day / Full Day "DIY" Sessions - Mornings - 9.30am to 12.30pm
Afternoons - **1pm to 4pm** (was 1.30pm to 4.30pm)
and for those doing a Full Day DIY session - anytime to suit you between 9.30 and 4pm
Full Day "Workshop Demo" Sessions - 10.30am to 4pm - arrive between 10am and 10.30 to get settled
Evening Classes - 6.30pm to 9pm

Charity Fundraising: many thanks to all who donated items to sell..... and many thanks to all who purchased from our charity table top sales - we raised over £200 for St Barnabas Hospice in 2018

Evening Classes: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. **from 6.30pm to 9pm**

Do your own thing or perhaps work through a previous workshop title - with demonstrations from me, when helpful. Evening classes run **from 6.30pm to 9pm** and still cost £10 plus paper / materials.

Painting DIY Half Days: Morning sessions start early **9.30am to 12.30pm** and afternoon sessions from **1pm to 4pm**, Or come and do a full DIY day if you prefer! It's a time to do your own thing or tackle a previous workshop title with my assistance where necessary. Watercolour, pastel, acrylic, ink - or a mixture - anything except oils (slow & smelly, sorry!) DIY half days are held on a Wednesday or a Thursday - check the list of dates for details
Prices remain the same - for a half day £11 plus paper / materials - or £22 for the full day plus paper / materials.

Workshop Full Days: Workshop days have a **later start than half days :-)** **10.30am through to 4pm.**

Please try to arrive just a few minutes early to grab a seat and a nerve steadying mug of caffeine! A full day to play! we usually all paint a picture in stages - I do a bit, then you do a bit, building up to a finished masterpiece! The finished article will normally be based on one of my drawings, so will not be "an original", but you will always be encouraged to paint freely so that you will end up with your own version, not a paint by numbers copy. As you get more confident, please do have a go at turning these into D.I.Y. sessions where you work on your own compositions based on my subject. I will of course interfere with ideas and suggestions of my own but you will then end up with an "original" painting suitable for exhibition and sale. So perhaps we could have a talk about my titles and you could come armed with your own photo and drawing of your version of the day's subject!

Cost for a workshop day **10.30am - 4pm** stays at £22 plus paper / materials - stretched watercolour paper usually £2
Please call / email, or sign up in the book for sessions where you would like to come and play, and please..... if you find that you can't make it, please call or email as soon as you know - someone else might be very grateful!

Painting Gift Vouchers: An ideal birthday, Christmas or "thank you" present - or perhaps just a way to make a friend suffer with you! Vouchers can be for any amount and can be used towards a painting day or materials . Gift vouchers can be personalised with a name and a greeting..... again, please talk to us!

Many thanks again, and Happy Painting!