2020 Painting Classes with Ash Buckingham

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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 and contact details in "the book" when at High Meadow 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 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?

Class times: Some folks are obviously really keen to get here, but I really do need my beauty sleep, so a reminder that class times are:

Sessions on Workshop Days - (even if you are only doing a half day session) please arrive from 10am. Full workshop day session 10.30am to 4pm

Half Day / Full Day "DIY" Sessions - Mornings - 9.30am to 12.30pm Afternoons - 1pm to 4pm

Wednesday Evening Classes - Wednesday evening classes are stopped for now - Monday and Thursday evening classes will carry on as normal - 6.30pm to 9pm

Evening Classes: most Monday 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. Watercolour paper £1.50 half board and £3 for a full board stretched paper

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 £3 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!