

ORIGINAL PAINTINGS by ASH BUCKINGHAM

Watercolours, Pastels and Acrylics

Tuition, Workshops, Demonstrations, Commissions



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Dear All,

So, another new painting newsletter! - details enclosed of painting plans for 2012 - evening classes, painting days and news of a new painting holiday to Wales in early September.

All new paintings and fresh ideas to create some fun times and exciting pictures! There will be subjects that I will demonstrate in watercolour, pastel, acrylic, charcoal and ink (and some with a mixture!) - but as ever, you can choose your medium for any of the paintings, and I will do my best to help!

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 us an email or scribble your name in "the book" 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!

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 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!) and a sense of humour (it's got to be fun!) -If you decide that you want to buy your own equipment, the display stands at High Meadow have all you need - and my little "yellow box" that travels with me contains the kit that you will need - normally cheaper than shop prices

What's New?

Winter Weather Holiday! - January and February are always months of the year where travel can be difficult and dangerous for all of us, so we have decided that, this year, we will have a complete break from painting classes and opening the gallery during these months. Hopefully this break will also give Polly and me a chance to put recent health problems behind us. High Meadow Studio and the workshop and evening classes will open again on Monday 5th March 2012. The last workshop dates list did include days in January - if you hoped to, or did book in, please delete these from your diary and enjoy a painting day at home!

"Wales - Pembrokeshire Coast Painting Holiday"

A five day, 4 night Painting Holiday to South West Wales - we shall stay at the "Fishguard Bay Hotel" in Goodwick, on the Pembrokeshire Coast - 3 full days painting where we hope to visit and perhaps paint in Old Fishguard Harbour, the rocky coast of Whitesands Bay, the Cathedral town of St David's and Carew Castle and Tide Mill. We will have the hotel ballroom as our playroom - so plenty of space for all to paint long into the night.... with a good hotel bar and a great varied menu in the restaurant thrown in - please see the attached sheet, have a peep at the website for more details, or see the poster on workshop days!

Blank cards -Every Christmas, we print cards for many of you from your own paintings - now we have the same plan for throughout the year - If you would like blank cards, special occasion cards or wedding / special invitations etc printed from your paintings, please shout! - as with the Christmas cards, we will scan any size painting and turn it into 20 (or more!) blank A5 image size cards ready to send or sell - please talk to us for more details...

Painting Days with your social group: Don't forget that if my diary permits, we could have great fun doing a workshop day with your social group. They don't need to be painters or have any equipment - we could have a beginners day where up to 18 people use my equipment and have a watercolour play day here at the studio, (perhaps with a buffet lunch included?), or maybe at a hall that you usually use - let's chat about it!!

Evening Classes:

These are held here at High Meadow on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Do your own thing or perhaps work through a previous workshop title - with demonstrations (and the occasional masterclass ?!) from me, when helpful. Evening classes run from 6.30pm to 9pm and cost £8 plus paper / materials.

Painting Half Days:

 Morning sessions and afternoon sessions, or stay all day!

Held here at High Meadow - time to do your own thing or tackle a previous workshop title with my assistance where necessary.

Watercolour, pastel, acrylic, ink – a mixture of all – anything except oils (too slow and too smelly, sorry!)
Half days are held on some Wednesdays and some Thursdays - morning sessions running from 9.30am to 12.30pm, and afternoon sessions from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Full days - any time in between!

Cost for a half day £9 plus paper / materials - or £18 for the full day plus paper and materials.

Workshop Full Days:

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 and painting ideas. I will of course interfere with ideas and suggestions of my own but you will still end up with an “original” painting suitable for exhibition and sale. So perhaps you could look at my titles, have a guess at what the painting might include, and come along, armed with your own photo / drawing of the day’s subject!

Workshop days officially start at 10.30am through to 4pm. Please try to arrive a few minutes early to grab a seat and a nerve steadying mug of caffeine!

Cost for a workshop day is £18 plus paper / materials – stretched watercolour paper usually £1.50

Painting Weekends:

Sorry, but we are still having a break from weekend courses - we are spending the time "living a little", and being grandparents to Erin, our first grandchild - (and number 2 is on the way watch this space!)

Booking In and Cancellations:

When you have booked a painting session, please make a note of the date in your diary! If for any reason you cannot attend, **PLEASE** let me know as soon as you can – despite asking many times, sometimes people just “don’t turn up” which can prevent others from having a chance to come along. Please also make sure that when you book, your name is written into my diary on your chosen painting day - then in the event that I have to cancel for any reason, I can let you know - if your names not down, I can't let you know !

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, materials or mounting and framing. Gift vouchers can be personalised with a name and a greeting..... again, please talk to Polly!

Mounting and Framing:

Loads of mounts and frames available from the studio – I usually bring a small selection in the car to distant workshop days, but for a professional service at a fraction of the cost of High Street framers, please contact Polly here at the studio. Arrange a visit, or discuss special mounts and frames with her - but because Polly does get so very busy, we now only do picture framing for people that come along to our painting days.

Gallery Opening Times


Other than during exhibitions, the gallery is normally **closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday each week** (with special opening times for bank holiday weekends)

We will be **open Wednesday to Saturday most weeks** - here to help you with framing, supply painting materials and to view the paintings. Please phone us to make sure that we are going to be here!

Opening hours: Most Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturdays 10am to 5pm.

Because of evening classes, we are also here 3 evenings each week - Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 6.30pm to 9pm. Other times can be arranged by appointment. For more information about any of the above, please phone us at High Meadow, or visit the web site.

Many thanks!



45 rpm single records

Thanks again to those who have donated unwanted 45rpm records to the jukeboxes here at High Meadow. Those who paint here are always grateful for a fresh tune when they press the buttons! Any singles that you might find lurking under the stairs or in the loft would be gratefully received! Why not come for a painting day here and press the buttons yourself?

Painting Classes held at: **Horncastle** - High Meadow Studio, LN9 5LY **New Waltham** - Village hall, Station Road, New Waltham, DN36 4QJ **Scunthorpe** - Frodingham Parish Hall, (St Lawrences' Church Hall) Church Lane, Scunthorpe. DN15 7AB