

ORIGINAL PAINTINGS by ASH BUCKINGHAM

Watercolours, Pastels and Acrylics

Tuition, Workshops, Demonstrations, Commissions



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Dear All,

Welcome to the latest painting newsletter - another list of evenings, days, weekends and painting holiday details - lots of new paintings and fresh ideas to create some fun times and exciting pictures! There will be subjects that I will demonstrate in watercolour, pastel or acrylic - 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 to reserve the appropriate day(s) or scribble your name in "the book" on a workshop day! 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 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 can share my paint, but you don't get my sandwiches! 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 most of the kit that you will need - normally cheaper than shop prices

What's New?

Life Classes - the first life class at High Meadow was a new challenge, and an enjoyable success. More days have now been added to the list - a great chance to learn to sketch the female form - perhaps in charcoal and sanguine pencil - sketches that can later be turned into finished drawings or paintings.

Outside Painting Days - a series of days later in the year to enjoy the great outdoors - (weather permitting) we'll probably meet at High Meadow and then sneak out for a chance to sketch and paint in a variety of locations. The location for each day will depend a little on the folks that come to play - if all actually live in the south of the County, then we'll paint down there etc.....

Gibraltar Point Painting Weekend - A return visit for two nights of full board accommodation at the residential centre, painting Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday on the banks of the River Steeping and the wild salt marsh of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Conservation Area.

Full details accompany this letter, or on the website. www.ashbuckingham.co.uk

Painting Holiday to Normandy - June 2010 - Just a few places left on this break away to some of the most inspirational scenery in France - a chance to visit (and paint for a while) in Monet's garden at Giverny, and walk (and paint) in the footsteps of some of the greatest impressionist painters of all time. Please ask for details, or check the website.

Painting Holiday to The English Peak District - A 4 night, 5 day breakaway in August, staying at a really well appointed Best Western Hotel in the wilds of the National Park - the usual mixture of outside painting venues and an indoor playroom to paint the evenings away (if I can keep you out of the swimming pool or the bar!) Details accompany this letter, or available on the website.

Northern Italy Painting Holidays - I have been asked by an Italian company to lead two painting weeks in Northern Italy, staying in the little spa village of Terme di Miradolo, just south of Milan. 6 nights full board, 5 days tuition and excursions to Bobbio village, Lake Maggiore, the renaissance town of Vigevano, the monastery at Certosa of Pavia, a day in Milan and a day in Castell'Arquato - a fantastic programme!. Please shout for a leaflet, or check our website, or www.beautifulitaly-artholidays.com
Price : £ 1160 per person (single supplement £100) plus your airfare from wherever to Milan

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 little demonstrations (and the occasional masterclass?!) from me, when helpful. Evening classes run from 6.30pm to 9pm and cost £7.50 plus paper / materials.

Painting Half Days: Morning 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, running from 9.30am to 12.30pm, and from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Cost for the half day £8.50 plus paper / materials

Workshop Days:

A full day to play!- we might 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 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 £16.50 plus paper / materials – usually £1.50 for the sheet of stretched watercolour paper.

Life Class drawing days - 10am to 4pm and cost £20 plus materials (all you need is large sketchpad / pastel paper sheets and charcoal / pastel / sanguine pencils -all available from the studio)

Painting Weekends:

More time = More fun ?!.....Long enough to plan, sketch and paint your own masterpiece! Bring your own photos and inspiration to plan your original - or follow me step by step as I do at least one “paint in stages” workshop style demonstration during the weekend. Watercolour, pastel, acrylic, ink, charcoal....or all of the above!! Each weekend will have a theme and will be suitable for beginners who might do well to follow my demonstration painting, as well as the more experienced who will hopefully be totally wild and uninhibited!.

We have a list of local hotels and B&B’s for those who would like to make it a weekend break away – ask Polly for details.

Painting weekends run from 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday and cost £35 plus paper / materials

If you cannot make both days, it is often possible to just paint on one of the days - please ask!

Booking 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.

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, 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 for paintings, cross stitch, tapestry etc.....

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.

Opening hours: Wed Thurs Fri & Sat 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.

(If visiting us from a distance, please phone to check that we are here!)

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, **New Waltham** - Village hall, Station Road, New Waltham, **Scunthorpe** - Frodingham Parish Hall, (St Laurences' Church Hall) Church Lane, Scunthorpe.