



HINCKLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY of ARTS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



2026 Programme

Membership includes 10 Demonstration Evenings, 10 Do Your Own Thing (DYOT) Evenings & 2 Social Evenings with HDSA Buffet. All meetings are 7pm to 9pm unless otherwise stated.

Membership also includes the Annual Exhibition in August and HDSA Preview Night. Members can also book to take part in one of our HDSA Workshops or take a stall at one of our Art & Craft Fairs.

Burbage Congregational Church, Church Street, Burbage, LE10 2DD



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DATE	EVENT	ARTIST
12 JANUARY	Demonstration	Nick Logan / Colour Diversity in Portraiture
Nick is a portrait painter who studied at the Glasgow School of Art, he is going to show his approach to using colour in portrait painting. www.nicklogan.co.uk		
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14 JANUARY	HDSA Committee Meeting	(Sara's House - Prep for AGM)
DATE	EVENT / Members Only	
26 JANUARY	DYOT / Paint with other members / tea & biscuits	
Relaxed painting and drawing with other members, occasional DYOT special night with members sharing skills and ideas - tbc nearer the time		
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9 FEBRUARY	AGM / Auction / Social	
AGM Agenda will be issued in late Jan 26. If any members have any spare art materials which we can include in our auction please let Sara know and we will include them in the catalogue. HDSA Buffet.		
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20 FEBRUARY	WORKSHOP	Ian McManus
Watercolour Street Scene Workshop 10am to 4pm. Ian will take us through a watercolour street scene stage by stage. Bring a packed lunch, tea, coffee & cake included. Price is £30 per person and you will need to bring watercolour paper and paints/brushes. www.ianmichaelmcmamus.com		
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9 MARCH	Demonstration	Cordell Garfield / Portrait in oil
Cordell is a contemporary portrait painter and will carry out a portrait painting demonstration in oil. www.cordellgarfield.com		
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13 APRIL	Demonstration	Christine Varley / Pet Portrait
Christine Varley is an artist with over 35 years experience in pet and animal portraits exhibiting at Crufts and major Horse Trial events. www.christinevarleystudio.com		
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27 APRIL	DYOT / Paint with other members / tea & biscuits	
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9 MAY	BCAF Art & Craft	
Members can purchase a stall for £10 to sell their handmade art & craft items. Opportunity for members to sell their art and craft work to the public in a HDSA Art & Craft Fair with the HDSA Café. Volunteers required. HDSA Competition 'Life on Earth' celebrating 100 years of David Attenborough.		

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11 MAY	Demonstration	Irina French / Digital Illustration Techniques
Irina is a freelance digital artist who has worked on fantasy illustrations, board game, fantasy maps, book and music albums. Irina will be taking us through the digital process in relation to portrait and figurative work. www.irinafrench.com		
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8 JUNE	Demonstration	Rita Sadler / Adventurous Still Life Acrylic/Mixed-Media
Rita is a member of the Leicester Society of Arts has has been a teacher for many years, starting with watercolour she has developed work in other media too. www.ritasadlerart.weebly.com		
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13 JUNE	WORKSHOP	Greta Vilidaite
Workshop in Gouache 10am to 4pm. Greta has moved from neuroscience into being a full time artist and works in oils, acrylics and gouache. Bring a packed lunch, tea, coffee & cake included. Price is £32.50 per person, you will need to bring watercolour paper or card, gouache and brushes. www.gretavilidaite.co.uk		
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17 JUNE	HDSA Committee Meeting (Sara's House - Prep for Exhibition)	
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13 JULY	Demonstration	Nicky Hunter / Flamboyant Watercolour Florals
Nicky specialises in flamboyant floral paintings which are based on realism with a hint of romance. www.nickyhunterart.com		
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10 AUGUST	Demonstration	Richard Crabtree / Birds and Wildlife Pen & Wash
Richard started in graphic design before becoming a full time artist and teacher. He works in many media but is going to demonstrate pen and wash techniques for birds and wildlife for us. www.richardcrabtree-artist.com		
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28 AUGUST	Art Exhibition set up / Members Only Preview Night	
Volunteers required for set up, exhibition set up in the morning, paintings hung in the afternoon. Paintings to be submitted 2pm to 4pm. Cheese and Wine Preview Event 7-9pm.		
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29/30 AUGUST	Art Exhibition & Sale	
The Society Annual Art Exhibition, 10am - 4pm, HDSA Cafe, Fragmented picture unveiling		
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12 SEPTEMBER	WORKSHOP	
Details on the workshop to be confirmed		

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14 SEPTEMBER	Demonstration	Susan Watt / Painting With Paper - Collage
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Susan works with recycled paper and she includes hidden messages and images which trick the eye with her creative collages. www.susanwattcollage.com

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12 OCTOBER	Demonstration	Kay Power / Birds Mixed Media Portrait
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Kay describes her bird paintings as a mixture of Victorian portraiture and taxidermy! She uses mixed media, often painting over old paintings to create multi-layered vivid and dynamic pieces. See Kay's paintings at the Wollaton Exhibition. www.wollatonartexhibition.co.uk

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19 OCTOBER	WORKSHOP	DJ
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Oil Seascape Workshop 10am to 4pm. DJ will take us through an oil seascape stage by stage. If you would like to do the workshop with acrylics the tuition will also allow for this. Bring a packed lunch, tea, coffee & cake included. Price is £30 per person. You will need to bring a canvas/board and paints/brushes.

www.artbydj.co.uk

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9 NOVEMBER	Demonstration	Andrew Field / Contemporary Landscape Demonstration in Oil
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Andrew is a contemporary landscape artist based in Stratford Upon Avon and produces vibrant work in oil, Andrew is Cotswold Artist of the Year 2025. www.andrewfieldfineart.com

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14 NOVEMBER	Christmas Art & Craft Fair	
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14 DECEMBER	Social Evening
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Christmas Quiz or other similar social event with the HDSA Buffet! We are finalising the social event for this December and will give out more information in due course.

Yearly Membership £40.

Non-members can visit (Demonstrations only) once for £5 in any one year after which we ask that they become a member to attend future demonstrations.

For more information contact Sara secretary@hadsart.co.uk