

POLDRATE ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



PACC Newsletter Term 3

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Haddington Camera Club

We share our beautiful buildings at the Poldrate in Haddington with many interesting groups. Haddington Camera Club is one of these. The Club meets in the Poldrate Arts and Craft Centre during the Winter season from the beginning of September to the end of March each year. They get together on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm either on zoom or in person on the 3rd floor of the Granary Building with a varied programme of Members' nights, practical nights, guest speakers & competitions. The full programme is available on their website.

During April and May they start getting ready for their Annual Exhibition. This year the exhibition will be held between 16th May -24th July 2026 at St. Mary's Kirk. You can visit during normal church opening hours 1.30 - 4pm each day, (please note weddings & funerals can interrupt access). In July and August the Camera Club has local Summer Outings on Tuesday evenings as well as a couple of specialised outings.

For more information, please the club via their website www.haddingtoncameraclub.org.uk.



Annual Members Exhibition

Every year we host an exhibition of artworks created by our members and tutors. This is a fantastic opportunity to share what we do with our community. This years exhibition will run from 21-29 March, weekends 11am-4pm and weekdays 6-8pm. Entry is free and everyone is welcome, so come along and marvel at the creativity of our members. Why not vote for your favourite exhibit. Perhaps you'll be inspired to join one of our friendly classes or groups! More details at www.thepacc.org.uk.

Our first member survey

At the end of last year we invited our members to give us feedback on how we're doing at the PACC. Almost half of our members responded—thanks everyone! We're delighted that members value the opportunity to develop their creative skills, with brilliant tutors, in a friendly environment. Being creative can help with mental wellbeing, and we're pleased that our members told us that the PACC does this for them. Our annual members exhibition and evening lectures were also highlights. We got constructive feedback on recent booking challenges—due to high demand for our classes "*because they are fantastic!*". We also received some great suggestions about improving our equipment, and different types of classes we might offer. There was lots of support for more weekend workshops and social events. We'll be writing to our members with more details soon. If you have the skills to join our volunteer committee to help run this "*fabulous arts resource*" please contact us at info@thepacc.org.uk

Dates for your diary

- **6 March:** term 2 ends
- **14 & 21 March, 4 April 10am-4pm:** Throwing workshop with Rebecca
- **16 March 4.30-6.30pm:** Annual Members' Exhibition handing-in
- **21 March—29 March:** Annual Members' Exhibition
- **21 March:** term 3 re-booking for members' existing classes opens.
- **28 March:** term 3 general booking opens
- **20 April—26 June:** Term 3

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CLASS & GROUP TIMETABLE



TERM 3: 20 April to 27 June 2026 for 10 weeks

| Class | Tutor/Leader | Day | Date (if not weekly) | Time | Price £ |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Basket Making (Beginners/ Improvers) | Gilly Greig | Monday | 29/4, 12/5, 2/6, 16/6 | 10am–3pm | 111 |
| Basket Making (Intermediate) | Gilly Greig | Tuesday | 21/4, 5/5, 26/5, 9/6, 23/6 | 12.30-6pm | 177 |
| Basket Making (self-help) | Netty Verkroost | Friday | TBC, every 2 weeks | 10am-1pm | 35 |
| Clay Portraiture (Self-help) | Gillian Taylor | Tuesday | Every week | 10am-12noon 7-9pm | 35 |
| Kiln Glass | Mary Frith | Monday | 8 weeks from 20/4 | 7-9pm | 92* |
| | | Friday | | 10am-12noon | |
| Knitting | Helen Donaghue | Tuesday | 10 weeks from 3/3 | 7-9pm | 90 |
| Knitting | Helen Gembles | Monday | Weekly except 4/5 and 25/5 | 2-4pm | 72 |
| | | | | 7-9pm | |
| Life Drawing (Self-help) | Kate Hunter | Saturday | 2/5, 16/5, 30/5, 13/6, 27/6 | 1-4pm | 80 |
| Painting: Acrylic | Ailish Kelly | Wednesday | Every week | 10.30am-12.30pm | 90 |
| Painting: Experiment and Create— Watercolour Plus | Sheena Phillips | Friday | Every week | 10am-12noon | 90 |
| Painting: Oil (Self-help) | Colin Cruickshank | Thursday | Every week | 10am-12noon | 35 |
| Painting (Self-help) | Leonard Mair | Thursday | Every week | 6.30-8.30pm | 35 |
| Painting and Drawing | Iona Molleson | Monday | 6 weeks from 20/4 | 7-9pm | 73* |
| Painting and Drawing | Owen Normand | Monday | Every week | 9.30am-12noon | 113 |
| Pottery | Lorna Chamberlin | Tuesday | Every week | 10am-12noon 7-9pm | 150* |
| | | Wednesday | | 10am-12noon 7-9pm | |
| | | Thursday | | 10am–12noon | |
| Print making | Lyndsay Fergus | Wednesday | 8 weeks from 22/4 | 2-4pm | 129* |
| | | | | 4.30-6.30pm | |
| | | | | 7-9pm | |
| Silver Jewellery (Self-help) | Victoria Murray | Tuesday | Every week | 7-9pm | 35 |
| Spinning (Self-help) | Grazyna Fremi | Tuesday | Every week | 10am-12noon | 35 |
| Upholstery | Sylvia Norris | Tuesday | Every week | 12noon–3pm | 150* |
| | | | | 3.30-6.30pm | |
| | | Thursday | | 10am-1pm 1.30-4.30pm | |
| Weaving | Kirsty Odds | Wednesday | 8 weeks from 22/4 and 23/4 | 10am-12.30pm | 90 |
| | | Thursday | | 10am-12.30pm | |
| Weaving (Self-help) | Marie Henderson | Tuesday | Every week | 1-3pm | 35 |
| Woodcarving (Self-help) | Alex Stewart | Thursday | Every week | 10am-12noon | 35 |

How to Enroll in a PACC Class

- **Become a member of PACC.** It costs £15 for a year. You can do this online at www.thepacc.org.uk
- **Choose your class and enroll** online by going to the “Classes List” section of the website www.thepacc.org.uk
- **All classes** have full details on the tutor pages of the website

*These classes include a charge or charges for materials, firing, equipment and/or cleaning, details in the class description