

SHROPSHIRE ART SOCIETY: BUXTON PAINTAWAY, MAY 2020

Monday May 18th to Friday May 22nd 2020, using your own transport to **Buxton**, staying on a dinner, bed and full English breakfast basis

Address: Old Hall Hotel, The Square, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 68D

Telephone number: 01298 22841

Website: www.oldhallhotelbuxton.co.uk

Buxton is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Peak District, with its famous Georgian and Victorian architecture. It will be a new base for the Society's popular annual Paintaway and we hope it will prove to be a great location for exploration of the area and a source of inspiration for members' sketching and painting. Buxton is home to many attractions: the Pavilion Gardens, 23 acres of award-winning ornamental gardens, including the Winter Gardens conservatory, Gallery in the Gardens, the Pavilion Arts Centre and the Buxton Opera House; the Devonshire Dome, the largest unsupported dome in Europe, home to the University of Derby campus but open to visitors for viewing, coffee or lunch etc.; and the Cavendish Arcade with its range of interesting independent shops. There are plenty of local walking opportunities and attractions such as Grinlow Country Park, with Solomon's Temple folly which affords fantastic views of the town and Poole's Caverns, in addition to other options slightly further afield, for example, Chatsworth House, Haddon and Hardwick Halls, Ashbourne, Bakewell, the Goyt Valley and the Monsal Trail, all within an accessible drive of the town.

The Old Hall Hotel is located in the delightful Georgian quarter of Buxton and occupies an idyllic spot overlooking the Pavilion Gardens and Opera House. In this comfortable hotel, all bedrooms are ensuite and well equipped. There is an attractive dining room, where breakfast and our evening meals will be served. In addition, there are other comfortable public rooms/bar. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel. Car parking is available in front of and opposite the hotel. A permit can be obtained by members from reception on check in. The cost to park for a full day is £3.00 and a half day ticket is just £1.50. Reception will be ready to help visitors with these arrangements.

Buxton has a national rail station so there is the possibility of travelling by train and there is a good network of local bus services. However, members would need to research these options for themselves.

I will need to have your completed booking form together with a £25 deposit by SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14th 2019. Obviously as with any booking so far ahead, your circumstances may change and if this happens, I will do my best to fill your place(s), ***but you should be aware that there is no insurance included in your booking for cancellation and that this is something you should take care of yourself.***

TOTAL COST:

Sharing a Twin or Double room: cost £68.50 per person per night, including breakfast and a 3-course evening meal, £274 per person in total.

*Single occupancy: cost £78.50 per person per night (including the usual single supplement, breakfast and 3 course evening meal), £314 per person in total. **There are a limited number of rooms available at this price. Additional single rooms are available at £88.50 per person per night, £354 per person in total.***

*Clearly the cheapest option is to share. You are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. **Places will be allocated strictly on a first come first served basis.***

I hope this opportunity to paint in the visually exciting area in and around historic Buxton, will appeal.

*Best wishes,
Alan Townsend*

P.S. *If you haven't been on one of these breaks before and want to know more about the 'set up', don't hesitate to ring me on 01743 236302. Non-member friends or partners are of course welcome.*

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Please return to Alan Townsend, 12 Oakley Street, Shrewsbury, SY3 7JU as soon as possible and no later than **SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2019.**

Please delete as appropriate.

We / I wish to take part in the 2020 Paintaway.

We would like accommodation in a double / twin room at **£274** per person / **£548** in total per room.

Name of person with whom sharing _____

I would like accommodation in a single room at **£314** (**£354 if the cheaper single occupancy rooms have been allocated**). When your £25 deposit is received you will be informed which cost applies.

Indicate your preference by deleting/completing the options below:

- I would be happy to share with _____
- I would prefer not to share.

I / We would be prepared to offer a lift to someone to Buxton, though not to be responsible for transport while there.

I / We enclose deposits of £25 per person with a cheque made payable to Shropshire Art Society and promise to pay the rest by **28th February 2020.**

Please do not combine this amount in a cheque with any other Shropshire Art Society payment, as for accounting purposes we wish to keep the Paintaway finances separate from other Society activities. Thank you.

Name (s) _____

Address(es) _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Any special requirements _____