

Summer Painting/Sketching 2017

Dates and Locations

10am to 12.30pm

25 July, The Cricketers Sarrat common WD3 6AS

8th August, The Aquadrome Rickmansworth WD3 1NB

15th August, The Coy Carp Harefield UB9 6HZ

22nd August, Black Horse Chorleywood common WD3 5EG



For us artists painting and sketching out of doors is a really valuable exercise:-

- We learn what the real world looks like. This helps us to interpret our photos when we use them as references.
- We learn to observe.
- It is a great way to enjoy and appreciate the countryside.
- Our finished sketch isn't necessary our goal but the enjoyment of the experience is. Back home we can develop our sketches into more finished works, if we want to.

This year's sketching trips will be based around the Rickmansworth area.

We will meet at 10am, I will give help and advise with setting up, starting off and choosing a scene.

During the morning I will come round to offer help and advice and I will be on hand if you need to ask any questions.

At 12.00 we will finish up, meeting at 12.30 to discuss our experience and what we have learnt. You can have lunch at the venue or bring a pack lunch or continue sketching without guidance.

In the event of bad weather I will notify you on the day if the meeting will be cancelled.

If this is your first time sketching out doors it is usually best to start off sketching in black and white with pencil, pen or charcoal to break yourself in gently.

The cost of the morning session will be £7.50 or £10 if I provide paints, but you will need your own brushes for this, you may only need one, I will have some available to buy on the day. I do have a few easels that I can loan out, but you will need to ask in advance to reserve one. I will have boards to paint on for you to purchase, the 6 x 8 boards are a good starting size.

Equipment

- Viewfinder (which I find invaluable)
 - Something like these but you can make your own, just a rectangle cut out of a piece of card.
 - <http://www.saa.co.uk/magnetic-perspective-finder.html>
 - <http://www.saa.co.uk/teaching-art-scale-finder.html>
- Sketching equipment;
 - Sketch pad, pencils, charcoal, pens
- Painting equipment:
 - Easel, Paints, Brushes, Palette, Palette knife, White spirits/turps, Charcoal, Paper towel, Rubbish bag
- Sun cream

- Sun hat
- Umbrella
- Insect repellent
- Folding chair
- Drinking water
- Camera (useful for developing and finishing your sketches when you get home)

