

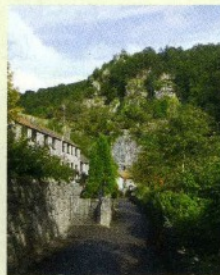
Cheddar Painting Holidays

Leisure Painter Holiday of the Month

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Best of the West

Having run the Cheddar Gorge & Mendip Hills Painting Holidays for the past three years, the Cheddar Gallery is making changes for 2011 and has a new slogan to match – The Best of the West! A look on the Cheddar Gallery website will confirm that good organisation is a compliment paid time and again by students who have attended courses run by the gallery. Whilst keeping all that is good about their holidays, the organisers have decided to broaden the locations and tutors they offer.



▲ Hillside cottages at Cheddar Gorge – just one of the dramatic painting locations

Tutors include such popular artists as Charles Evans, Steve Hall, Tim Fisher, Becky Samuelson and Joanne Thomas, and next year they will be welcoming Tony Slater to the ranks. (The website has biographies of each of the tutors and links to their own websites

where you can view more of their work.) They will also be moving to a newly refurbished hotel at Axbridge, where they are able to offer two- to six-day holidays to suit requirements and budgets!



▲ Tutor, Becky Samuelson, on location

The new locations include the coastal villages of Lynton & Lynmouth in the heart of Exmoor in Devon,

where students will stay in the Rock House Hotel, uniquely situated at the mouth of the harbour. Courses are limited to no more than 12 students to ensure maximum attention. Each tutor works in a different way, but studio-based holidays will include teaching and demonstrations, while location-based holidays will make the most of painting outdoors.

To give you a taste of what's in store for 2011, look out for the four-day *Stunning Somerset Watercolour Landscapes* course with Charles Evans (16-19 May); *Flower Painting in Watercolour* with Jeremy Ford (23 and 24 June); or *Somerset Landscapes in Pastels* (19 to 21 September) – all based at the newly refurbished Webbington Hotel, an Edwardian manor house on the southern slopes of the Mendip Hills. If you are keen to brush up on your coastal scenes, take a look at the landscape in oil and acrylic course with Michael Sanders (10 to 13 October) which will be based at the Rock House Hotel at Lynton & Lynmouth.

The full course programme is given on the website, including a holiday with Becky Samuelson planned to the Isle of Wight in September, and further locations being explored for 2012.

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