

**En Plein Air Painting Days 2026**  
**(Wednesdays in July and Tuesdays in August)**  
**Meet at 10.00 am.**

**JULY**

**1<sup>st</sup> July (Wednesday) Explosion Museum/Gosport's  
Millenium Bridge, Priddy's Hard, Gosport.  
(meet in car park outside the Museum)**

**8<sup>th</sup> July (Wednesday) Churchillian Pub, Portsdown Hill.  
Incredible views across Portsmouth and the Solent.  
(meet outside Pub)**

**15<sup>th</sup> July (Wednesday) Rising Sun Public House, Shore Road,  
Warsash,  
(meet outside The Rising Sun Pub)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July (Wednesday) CAMS Mill  
(meet in Restaurant's car park)**

**29<sup>th</sup> July (Wednesday) River Hamble  
(meet outside the Royal Southern Yacht Club in Hamble)**

**AUGUST**

**4<sup>th</sup> August (Tuesday) Portchester Castle  
(meet in car park near the main entrance)**

**11<sup>th</sup> August (Tuesday) Titchfield Abbey  
(meet in the Abbey grounds, park outside The Fisherman's  
Rest (*opposite Titchfield Abbey*) or in Stewarts Garden Centre  
car park (*just before Titchfield Abbey*), or alternatively park in  
the grounds if you are an English Heritage member)**

**18<sup>th</sup> August (Tuesday) Hill Head shore,  
(meet outside Rotary Club Wheel House Building PO14 3LR,  
park in Salterns car park)**

**25<sup>th</sup> August (Tuesday) Second Chance Charity.  
Fontley. PO15 6QS. 9.45 am sharp please.  
(meet outside main entrance, don't forget £2.50 donation to the  
Charity to be collected on the day).**

**Venue: Explosion Museum and Gosport Millennium Bridge,  
PO12 4LE**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 at 10.00 am**

Meet in the **FREE** car park outside the Explosion Museum

Location:

Sketch/paint in the Explosion Museum (open at 10.00 am) housed in Priddy's Hard where you can marvel at missiles, torpedos, small arms and cannons. **OR** take a 2 minute walk to see the Millennium Bridge featuring a lifting mechanism inspired by Ancient Egyptians. A striking legacy for cyclists and pedestrians alike which connects Priddy's Hard with the Royal Clarence Yard. Paint the scenic landscape and water surrounding the Bridge.

Refreshments:

Bring a packed lunch if required. There is a cafe in the Explosion Museum (open at 10.00 am), or visit The Powder Monkey Taphouse (open at 12.00 noon). Toilets available at either venue.

Directions:

From Fareham follow the A32 to Gosport. Stay on the Gosport Road/A32. Keep left for 2 miles. At the roundabout, take the second exit and stay on Heritage Way. Continue straight ahead, don't deviate. Keep going. The Explosion Museum is on the right hand side of the car park.

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**Venue: Churchillian Public House, Portsdown Hill PO6 3LS  
(painting panoramic views of Portsmouth)**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 10.00 am**

(Meet outside The Churchillian Public House)

Location:

The Churchillian Public House is located on Portsdown Hill with panoramic views of Portsmouth.

Refreshments:

Bring a packed lunch and seat to sit on. Refreshments can be obtained from The Churchillian and toilets are available. **Note the Churchillian opens at 11.30 am.**

Directions:

Take A27 out of Fareham towards Portchester. At first set of traffic lights turn left onto Downend Road. Follow the road to the top of the hill (Portsdown Hill Road) and continue straight ahead. Go past the NHS Park and Ride on the right hand side, then road merges into James Callaghan Drive. Keep going until the next roundabout. Take second turning onto the B2177 Portsdown Hill Road, continue straight ahead. The Churchillian will be found on the left hand side. Parking is free and can be found to the right of the Churchillian. **If you arrive at 10.00 am, DO NOT PARK in the Churchillian's car park as you can be fined for not entering car registrations before the pub opens at 11.30.**

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**Venue: The Rising Sun, Warsash SO31 9FT**

**Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 10.00 am**

(Meet in the car park opposite The Rising Sun Public House)

Location:

The Rising Sun was initially called The Shipwright Arms and opened in 1807. It is situated on the banks of the River Hamble where fabulous views can be seen of all activities taking place every day. Warsash also houses the Harbour Master's Office.

Yachts, canoes, kayaks and paddle boards can be seen too. It is also home to Warsash Sailing Club.

### Refreshments:

Bring a packed lunch if required or visit Mermaids cafe (open from 9.00 am) or The Rising Sun public house (open from 11.00 am). Toilets can be found in either place.

### Directions:

From Fareham, continue along the A27 (The Avenue) towards Warsash. At the Titchfield Gyrotory take the second exit onto Southampton Road/A27. At St Margaret's roundabout, take second exit onto Warsash Road. Continue straight ahead towards Warsash. Shore Road can be found on the left hand side. Park in the car park opposite The Rising Sun. Note: Parking is **NOT** free.

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**Venue: Cams Mill, Fareham PO16 8AA**

**On: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, at 10.00 am**

(Meet in the car park outside Cams Mill Restaurant)

### Location:

The land at Cams Mill was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 and a manor house was recorded as far back as the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The current building was constructed of Portland stone around 1770. Fabulous place to paint with views over the water and viaduct.

### Refreshments:

Bring a packed lunch and drink. Bring a seat to sit on if you are painting by the water. Sandwiches/drinks/toilets available at Cams Mill Restaurant. Note: Cams Mill restaurant opens at 11.30 am.

### Directions:

Take the A27 towards Portchester from Fareham, but turn right at the first set of traffic lights and then right again into the Cams Mill car park. Parking is free.

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**Venue: River Hamble**

**Wednesday, 29th July 2026, at 10.15 am**

(Meet on the benches outside the Royal Southern Yacht Club  
Hamble, SO31 4HG)

Directions:

Take the pink ferry across the Hamble from Warsash. The ferry is in operation all day going backwards and forwards frequently. Cars can be parked in the Passage Lane Car Park, Warsash. Note. Parking is **NOT** free. **The Hamble ferry operates from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm every day - see the website for operating times (<https://www.hambleferry.co.uk/>).**

Facilities:

Public toilets are available in Hamble and there are plenty of benches to sit on.

Refreshments:

Hamble has lots of cafes/eateries, or bring a packed lunch.

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**Venue: Portchester Castle, PO16 9QW**

**On: Tuesday 4th August 2026 at 10.00 am**

(Meet in the small car park on the right nearest the Castle)

Location:

Portchester Castle is a medieval castle built within a former Roman Fort at Portchester. It occupies a commanding position at the head

of Portsmouth Harbour. St Mary's Parish Church is within the grounds.

### Refreshments:

Bring packed lunch and drink. Alternatively, St Mary's Tea Room offers homemade cakes, Bakewell tart, Eccles cakes and sandwiches plus coffee/tea and cold drinks.

Toilets are available in the large car park and in St Mary's Tea Room.

Note: There are benches to sit on, or bring your own seat.

### Directions:

Head to Portchester along the A27. At the Castle Street roundabout, take third exit into Castle Street. Portchester Castle is signposted. Note: There is a parking fee if parking in the little car park on the right hand side before the Castle, and also in the large car park on the left hand side too.

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**Venue: Titchfield Abbey, Titchfield, PO15 5RA**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 10.00 am**

(Meet in the Abbey grounds)

### Location:

Titchfield Abbey is a medieval abbey and later country house located in the village of Titchfield. The Abbey was founded in 1222 for Premonstratensian canons, an austere order of priests. After the Suppression of the Monasteries, Henry VII gave the abbey to Sir Thomas Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton, who transformed the buildings into a grand Tudor mansion called Place House.

### Refreshments:

Bring a packed lunch and seat to sit on. Alternatively, food can be purchased from The Fisherman's Rest Public House opposite the Abbey. Toilets available in the pub. The Fisherman's Rest opens at 11.00 am.

## Directions:

Follow the A27 from Fareham along The Avenue towards Titchfield. Turn right by the Traffic Lights into Mill Lane. Titchfield Abbey can be found on the left just past Stewarts Abbey Garden Centre, opposite The Fisherman's Rest. You can park in Titchfield Abbey, (if you are an English Heritage member), or free at Stewarts Abbey Garden Centre or opposite Titchfield Abbey outside The Fisherman's Rest.

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**Venue: Hill Head, Salterns Road PO14 3LR**

Paint the sea, the beach, passing sailing boats, windsurfers and kite surfers.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 10.00 a.m.**

(Meet outside The Wheel House PO14 3LR (Rotary Club building))

## Location:

Hill Head is situated just south of Stubbington Village. Its shore overlooks the Solent, one of the busiest sea lanes to and from the English Channel. The view of passing ships and boats, coupled with the backdrop of the Isle of Wight, make it a fascinating place to paint.

## Refreshments/Toilets:

The Shack is available for food if required or bring your own plus seat to sit on.

Toilets are available at Salterns Road Car Park. Parking charges will apply.

## Directions:

From Stubbington, turn right onto Bells Lane. Continue onto Crofton Lane (go through one roundabout). Keep going straight down, then turn right. Destination will be on the right.

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**Venue: Second Chance Charity, The Lakes, River Lane,  
Fontley, Fareham PO15 6QS**

**On: Tuesday 25th August 2026 at 9.45 am**

(Meet outside the Second Chance building)

Location:

This is a lovely location for painting a local landscape and lakes. Bring a seat to sit on.

Refreshments:

Do bring your lunch and a drink along with you. About Second Chance: Second Chance gives children from deprived backgrounds a chance to camp and fish. There is a toilet adjacent to the Second Chance Charity Building and also in the new building nearest to the lake.

**Cost £2.50 (Donation to the charity for use of their facilities – collected on the day)**

Directions:

Turn right off The Avenue A27 at the Titchfield Mill. Go along Mill Lane which goes into Fontley Road. Continue along some way, go past Garsons Garden Centre on the left. Much further along you will see a sign for **Solent Nurseries and Second Chance Charity** on the right by the **three yellow bollards**. Free parking is through the gates along the left and right hand side of the track. Second Chance Charity building immediately on your right.

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