



WOKAS Summer Programme 2026 (updated August 5th)

Please check website <https://www.wealdofkentartsociety.co.uk> for updates

Tuesday, 5 May 2026 10.30 a.m. Teston Lock ME18 5BX

Join us for a relaxed day painting by the River Medway. With lock gates, meadowland, reflections, passing boats and dappled light through the trees, there will be plenty of inspiring subjects to explore.

Monday, 18 May 2026 10.30 a.m. En plein air - Bodiam Castle - National Trust, TN32 5UA

Non NT members will have to pay parking fee and entrance fee. Join us for a day of painting at the iconic Bodiam Castle, one of the most recognisable medieval castles in the country. Its dramatic setting, complete with moat, stonework and open landscape, offers rich opportunities for composition. Reflections, strong forms and shifting light make this a particularly rewarding location.

Tuesday, 9 June 2026 10.30 a.m. En plein air - Boughton Malherbe Church, ME17 2BD

Join us at St Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe, a quietly atmospheric rural church surrounded by open countryside. The historic building, mature trees and peaceful setting offer a range of subjects, from architectural detail to broader landscape views.

Saturday, 13 June 2026 to Sunday, 21 June 2026 Annual Exhibition

The 2026 Annual Exhibition will be held in the barn of the Woolpack Inn, Tenterden.

Thursday, 2 July 2026 10.30 a. m. En plein air - Tenterden Trout Waters, Coombe Farm, Chennell Park Road, TN30 6XA

Join us for a relaxing day beside the lakes. Reflections on the water, mature trees and the glorious views across to Tenterden church make a picturesque setting. The calm atmosphere and abundance of natural forms make this an ideal location for exploring light, colour and composition.

Monday, 13 July 2026 10.30 a.m. En plein air - Hastings, TN34 3DW

Meet in Rock a Nore car park. The vibrant seaside town of Hastings provides a lively and characterful setting for painting. Fishing boats, net huts, beach activity and expansive sea views offer dynamic subject matter, with plenty of opportunity to capture movement, texture and coastal light.

Tuesday, 28 July 2026 10.30 a.m. En plein air - Dungeness, TN29 9ND

Meet outside End of the Line Cafe. A visit to Dungeness offers a truly unique coastal landscape. Wide skies, shingle, weathered cottages and the distinctive lighthouse create bold, graphic compositions. The stark beauty and ever-changing light make this an inspiring location for those looking to experiment with tone, texture and atmosphere.

Monday, 10 August 2026 10.30 a.m. En plein air - En plein air - Great Dixter, TN31 6PH

Arrive at 10.30. Park in the car park on the right as you drive in. Meet just outside the ticket office and be escorted in - if late the gate will be closed. Entrance fee is £15.50. Bring lunch and sun hats. This provides an exceptional opportunity to paint in one of England's most celebrated gardens.

Tuesday, 25 August 2026 10.30 a.m. En plein air - The Friars, Aylesford Priory, ME20 7BX

Set within tranquil grounds on the banks of the Medway, The Friars, Aylesford Priory offers a wonderfully reflective setting for outdoor painting. The combination of historic buildings, sheltered spaces and soft landscape provides a range of compositions, from architectural studies to more intimate garden scenes.