We all met up a week later than usual due to potential low attendance on the usual date.

Swaddled in layers of warm clothes, we listened as Ann set out the project for the day. She produced some graphite pencils and proceeded to demonstrate how to utilise them, using seashells as the topic. The exercise was based on producing light and shade, by first using a graphite pencil, then producing the same with a water-soluble fine liner, and then again, using one watercolour to achieve the same effect, either with different concentrates of the paint, or by Pointelism...creating light and dark by using dots.

Shells are rather complex forms with their beautiful concave and convex surfaces. Even sketching them in the first instance, was a lesson in itself, and to then create the light and dark shades was challenging and exciting! We were so engrossed that we almost forgot about a coffee break, but just managed to fit one in. Fantastic fun indeed!

Next meeting is on March 8th...10am at Startforth Community Centre.

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