

Painting Group Report November 2025

'There were only three of us at the meeting on Friday, but gosh, our personalities didn't half make up for the lack of bodies!

We actually had a whale of a time sketching mini pumpkins, a host of which Anne had brought in. We used pencil and then outlines with fine liners, taking into consideration the direction of light and where the shadows lay, and using darker or lighter hatching to illustrate this.

We then used clean water to drag the ink into the pumpkin outline to create a 'wash' of shade and light.

After chocolate Hobnobs, coffee, and a good laugh, we resumed, and 'dropped' in some orange colour to finish off the gourd. A background was then painted in to emphasise the size and shape of the pumpkin to suit the Halloween theme. We all had a 'wizard' time.

Val Hobbs