

# THE FYLINGDALES GROUP OF ARTISTS

The Group has been in existence since 1925, initially formed in artist Denton Hawley's studio in Robin Hood's Bay with just eight members, their aim being to exhibit Yorkshire pictures. The membership increased to twelve in 1926, then to twenty in 1938.

The first meeting was held on 25th June 1925, followed shortly by the inaugural exhibition which was held in the Church Rooms, Robin Hood's Bay. Dame Ethel Walker, ARA, Owen Bowen and James Ulric Walmsley were among the founder members. Denton Hawley became the first Secretary.

With the second world war looming the group disbanded, holding its last exhibition in the Church Rooms in 1939 but, due to the tireless efforts of Harold Todd, the group was brought back together with an exhibition in 1948.

Mr Todd served as Secretary for many years and membership was again increased, to its present number of just twenty-two.

The group still exists and now usually holds one exhibition each year at Pannett Art Gallery in Whitby, since moving their head-quarters there in 1952.

Over the years, many well-known artists have been members including Ethel Walker, Algernon Newton RA, Roland Henry Hill, Florence Hess, Albert Thomas Pile, William Dealtry Fred Williams, Dame Barbara Hepworth, Will Taylor and others.