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EDITORIAL:

CRICKHOWELL OPEN STUDIOS CAERLEON ARTS FESTIVAL 'THE ART OF THE FIFTIES' AT ELMSLIE HOUSE ANDREW LAMONT GALLERY 'VULGAR EARTH' EXHIBITION **EWEMOO GREENSPACE GALLERY** NATURE IN ART WATERCOLOURS WITH TRACEY-ANNE SITCH **CHAINSAW SCULPTOR CHRIS WOOD**

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Preview evening Friday 13th 6-9pm

Same Great Gallery...

different location...GREENSPACE GALLERY
21 Blue Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3LE

reenspace Gallery is now at the new location of 21 Blue Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3LE. Whilst the location is different, the ethos remains the same, amazing artists in a warm homely environment serving a great range of food and drink.





Some of the fabulous artists to look forward to include Karl Taylor who will be showing his wildlife artworks alonside Gallery owner and of course and artist herself, Dorothy Morris, for the 'Home' exhibition along with Swansea Print Workshop artists and members from South Wales Potters.



Wildlife Artist: Karl Taylor

"With a host of professional and talented artists as well as teas, coffees, home-made cakes and my new vegan and vegetarian lunches, I hope to see you there, Dorothy."



Greenspace Gallery

"Home"

an exhibition of artworks by Dorothy Morris and selected artists.



21, Blue Street. Carmarthen SA31 3LE

3rd April - 31st May

www.dorothymorris.co.uk

Greenspace Gallery & Tearooms is open Tues to Sat 10 am to 4 pm

Crickhowell Open Studios Weekend turns ten...







L-R: Lilies by Jantien Powell, Sculpture by Richard Renshaw, Portrait by Callie-Anne Healey

The Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains has become the place to visit annually during the Spring Bank Holiday Weekend (26 – 28 May) when 28 studios, galleries and other shared exhibiton spaces will welcome visitors during the Crickhowell Open Studio weekend. Now in its tenth year, the weekend continues to be a true celebration of the wealth of creativity across the area.

Open Studios organiser Suzette Pratten said, "Promoting the flourishing community of artists, craftspeople and designer-makers has been at the heart of the weekend since its inception ten years ago. We continue to marvel at the creativity and diversity, which abounds in the area. With many places along the way to eat and drink or explore it is the ideal way to enjoy a day out in the beautiful landscape. The rich variety and exceptional craftsmanship never disappoints."

Usk Valley Artists' Co-operative member Kay Leverton added: "The Open Studios is such a great event and has been since year one. The buzz of all the folk coming and going through the town talking about ART, what's exciting, challenging, lovely, unmissable, crazy

and where to head off to out of town with scenery as well as Art/Craft. How good is that? It fills the town with people on a mission - art explorers. As an artist, a huge audience suddenly knows who you are, what you do and with excitement all round often buys it. I love it, it has transformed my career and given me reason to strive harder for better and more imaginative work."

Suzette added, "The Crickhowell Open Art exhibition in the oriel CRiC gallery has become one of the highlights of the Open Studios Weekend, drawing hundreds of entries from far and wide. It includes diverse art in a variety of media by established, emerging and amateur artists, resulting in an exciting and varied exhibition much enjoyed by the many visitors during the weekend."

Free printed guides are widely available in shops, galleries, libraries and tourist information centres across the area or from the Crickhowell Resource & Information Centre, Beaufort Street, Crickhowell, NP8 1BN T: 01873 813667 or can be requested from gallery@visitcrickhowell.co.uk





A major exhibition and sale of original paintings, prints and posters

Elmslie House 8 Avenue Road, Great Malvern, WR14 3AG

his free exhibition reviews the range of work produced in this crucial decade when British society made the transition from war to peace; through austerity to normality. British artists played an important role in post-war reconstruction promoting good design and greater access to art for all.

The fifties saw a renewed emphasis on more everyday subjects such as interior, urban and industrial scenes. At the same time, developments in abstract art continued to blur the boundaries with the representational.

The exhibition brings together over 50 fabrics, paintings, prints and posters from across Britain, Europe and the United States. It includes such well-known artists as John Bratby, Fernand Leger and John Piper and the less well known -

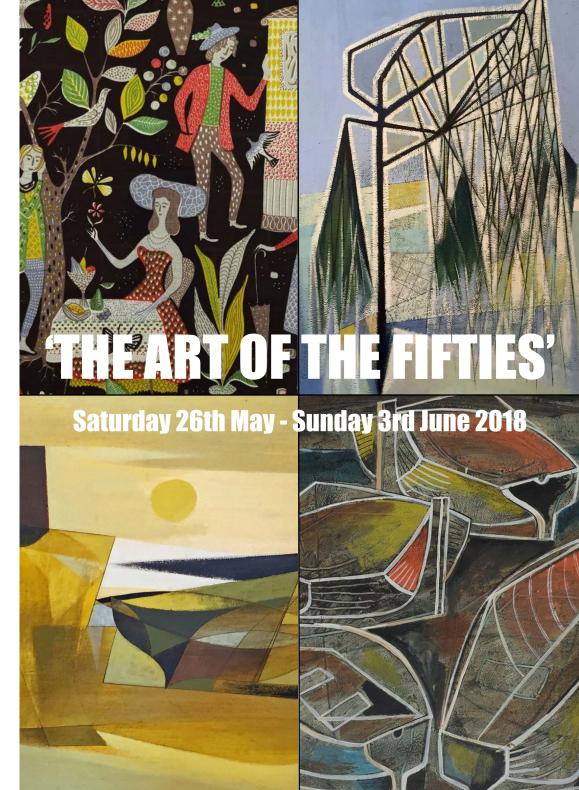
especially women artists - who have received little recognition.

The exhibition will be held in the hall at Elmslie House, a restored and award-winning Grade II family home located in the centre of Great Malvern, close to the railway station.

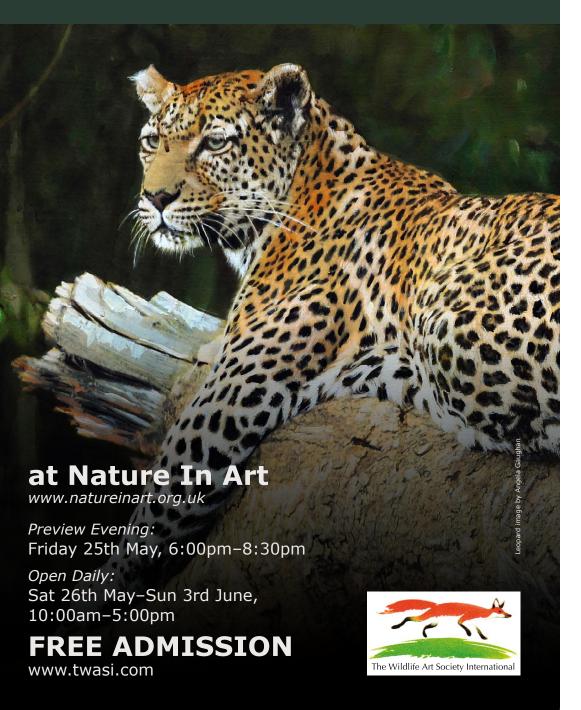
This free exhibition will be open daily from 10.30 am – 4.30 pm with late opening on Friday 1st June until 8pm, but may be opened at other times by arrangement.

A café will be available from 11 am offering light refreshments.

For more information, please contact Richard Turkington on 07714 106386 or richard@fiftiesart.com, or for directions, please visit: http://elmsliehouse.co.uk/



The Wildlife Art Society International **ANNUAL EXHIBITION**



Tracey-Anne Sitch enters prestigious Wildlife Exhibition...



racey-Anne Sitch is a watercolour artist with a lifelong passion for natural history who paints mostly British flora and fauna.

She paints in various styles which may be straightforward portraits against a white background, or highly patterned and decorated frame-breaking paintings.

Tracey-Anne has published four illustrated books and sells a range of limited edition prints, cards, mugs and small gift items all illustrated with wildlife and wildflowers.

In a busy year Tracey-Anne will be exhibiting in her usual local galleries as well as in specialist wildlife exhibitions nationally, and the first of these will be with The Wildlife Society International (www.twasi. com/) in the delightful setting of the museum of Nature In Art in Gloucester.

Pictured is 'Winter Fare', one of her entries to this prestigious exhibition.

Facebook: @ Tracey-Anne Sitch Artist

www.traceyannesitch.co.uk

CAERLEON FESTIVAL THE SIXTEENTH!



Planning your Summer - Don't Miss The Annual Festival in Historic Caerleon.

Dates for your diary:

 AN EARLY TREAT – Saturday 19th May – DAOIRI FARRELL, Double BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Winner of 2017, ("the real deal" Mark Radcliffe) - in St. Cadoc's Church.

THE SUMMER FESTIVAL 5-15th July

• "THE WINTER'S TALE" - Friday 6th -Shakespeare in the Roman Amphitheatre with "The Festival Players" preceded by "The Monmouthshire & Newport Community Choir" with Priory Hotel buffet bar in the open air.

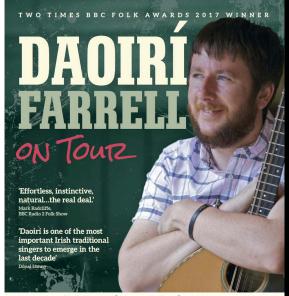


• "LITERATURE on the LAWN" of the Priory Hotel - Saturday 7th - authors & poets in conversation & performing including Catherine Fisher, Jon Gower, Matthew Rees, Glyn Edwards, Tony Curtis, Angela V. John,

Gary Raymond, Patrick McGuiness, Natalie Holborow, Dan Tyte, Joao Morais, Sylvia Mason, and in the evening - Mab Jones & Murray Lachlan Young on stage!

- "The GATECRASHERS" Sunday 8th rock on the riverside at the St. Julian pub
- "SO LONG FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT" -Monday 9th – a tribute to the "greatest architect of the 20th Century" with panel of experts led by Jonathan Adams, and in the evening "The COLLECTIVE" 17piece band - in the Festival Marquee at the Priory Hotel. "SPELLBOUND" - Tuesday 10th - band in the White Hart
- "THE MORRISTON ORPHEUS CHOIR" with soprano CHLOE ANGHARAD MORGAN -Wednesday 11th in St. Cadoc's Church
- "THE RED HOT POKERS" whose members have played with Van Morrison, Tom Jones, Alex Harvey, Eric Clapton - Friday 13th in the marquee at the Bell Inn
- "THE BIG FREE WEEKEND" From morning 'til night, Saturday/Sunday 14/15th - Yes FREE! Bands & performers too many to mention on both banks of the River Usk - the Hanbury Inn Quayside & the Bell Inn with ARTS/CRAFTS/SCULPTURE FAIR and entertainment/merriment on the FESTIVAL MEADOW.

SEE WEBSITE - www.caerleon-arts.org for full programme & ticket details (where appropriate).



Saturday 19th May

Doors 7.30pm £14 St Cadoc's Church, High Street, Caerleon, NP18 1AZ Tickets available from:

Post office Caerleon • Diverse Vinyl, Charles Street, Newport

& online at www.caerleon-arts.org

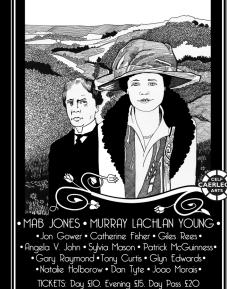


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ou are cordially invited to our annual Open Day and Exhibition which will be complemented this year by the launch of our new programme of classes and events for the academic year 2018-19. Your chance to get a first glimpse of what we have planned for the year ahead and to grab your place on classes that you'd like to attend! There will be an exhibition of work by Jantien Powell as well as several of the visiting artists and students who work with us here at the Studio plus the winning entries from our "Coast" competition. There will be tea, coffee and delicious home made cakes on offer and visitors are very welcome to bring the family and make the most of the acre of gardens and patio area. We would love to see you!

Sat 26th - Mon 28th May 10am - 4pm

As usual our Open weekend will coincide with the Crickhowell

Open Studios event which is celebrating it's 10th anniversary this year! This is a truly wonderful event that see's local artists and makers open the doors of their homes and studios for the bank holiday weekend. There are 28 venues to visit this year (we're number 25!) in Crickhowell, Abergavenny and many of the surrounding areas. Entry to all venues is completely FREE. Pick up your guide to the weekend here at CCS or at the Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre (as well as lots of other locations) and get planning your weekend! Look out for the RED OPEN STUDIOS signs to point you towards participating venues!

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Paul Burgess

"Hats off yet again to Craig at IPixel Art, I had to get some prints done but Craig was so busy he couldn't see me until 5pm, which was obviously when he should have been going home. He spent over one and a half hours going through everything with a fine tooth comb and wouldn't stop until it was all perfect. It's a real pleasure to work with someone who is so conscientious about what they do and reassuring that my work is in such professional hands."

Tracey-Anne Sitch

"I've been going to I-Pixel since 2007 and will continue to take my watercolours for capture because Craig always delivers - fast, efflicient, friendly service and beautiful prints, which I'm hard pressed to tell apart from my originals"



Lee Wright

"Since using IPixel Art to produce fine art reproductions of my work I have been able to reach a wider audience, thus dramatically increasing my profile and the revenues of my art business. I have been incredibly impressed at the skill and determination of Craig in ensuring that the reproductions of my art always look as good, and often better, than the originals!"

David Day

"I have used IPixel Art for many years. Craig has always been extremely helpful and has never let me down on urgent jobs. Craig is prepared to work closley with the artist, and the quality of the prints are incredible. My customers have regularly commented to me on how amazed they are with the printed versions of my work."





Goff Danter

"IPixel Art has made a major contribution to the development of my reputation as a professional artist. Craig's commitment to providing the best possible service by understanding the needs of his customers has enabled me to reach a much larger audience, sooner than expected."

Jeremy Thomas

"Craig has been reproducing my work for many years and has helped me enormously, he has an attention to detail that is second to none, working tirelessly to ensure that the subtleties in colour are captured perfectly and the printed image is beautifully crisp and clear. Craig is always prompt and professional, but above all else, a thoroughly nice guy. I'm always impressed by IPixel Art... thanks for all the hard work."



For over 12 years I-Pixel has been fortunate enough to have worked with a diverse range of both established and fledgling artists. Above you can see some of the testimonials given by just a small selection of them. I-Pixel Art specialise in the capture and reproduction of fine art, producing limited or open edition prints.

All meetings are by appointment only so please contact me using the details below. 38 Greenways, Hill Top, Ebbw Vale, NP23 6QN