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ART & SOUL

Be inspired with Bucks Artweeks this month

GLAMOROUS GARDENS

Overhaul your outdoors with inspiration from your indoors

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COMPETITIONS

*Two-night B&B stay for four at Kingham Plough
Smeg Espresso Coffee Machine in your fave colour*

Q&A
WITH
**CRICKETER
IAN BOTHAM**



WHERE THE ART IS

Bucks Artweeks, 10th -25th June, is a great opportunity to find out more about talented local artists

Buckinghamshire is home to many creative people who look forward to welcoming you into their special spaces and showing you their craft.

One of these is painters Jen Riley who creates sketchbooks, drawings, watercolours and new collages of Venice from sketchbooks in the gorgeous setting of Riverside opposite All Saints Church near Marlow Bridge.

In Bourne End, The Boathouse Studio, winner of The Society of British and International Designers award, creates stunning leaded stained glass and bottle art for the home and garden. Jackie Callingham, Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Master Glaziers and Painters of Glass, first became interested in stained glass while at college as a mature student in 2011. "Glass in its all infinite glories cries out to be made into wonderful pieces of art and in my opinion, the larger the better," she says. "The colours that are 'out there' are so fantastic and versatile. It is also very tactile, so with changing textures of the glass and lead, even the visually impaired can 'see' the piece."

Diane Large, Muriel Burley, Amanda Purrington, Pauline Allies, Patricia Ashcroft, Elizabeth Cooper and Gary Spencer are exhibiting as Cookham Dean Painters at the Old Cricket Pavilion in Cookham Dean. "Our styles of painting are all quite different," says Diane. "We are each showing about ten pieces of work and are all looking forward to you coming to see us. There will be two of us to welcome you at any time when we are open. We're also part of the South Bucks Art trail which includes Marlow, Bourne End, Flackwell Heath, Wooburn, Farnham, Burnham and Taplow."

And Bourne End's Sarah Luton is a landscape and portrait artist who loves painting landscapes outside where possible, and last year took part in three plein-air competitions. She finds it challenging, (especially in the snow!) but believes the experience of direct observation, including taking in the sounds and smells, helps capture the atmosphere. In 2020/1 Sarah drew a series of topical cartoons featuring the crow family called Corvid 19, inspired by a spelling mistake made by the local council in an article about Covid.

Jeweller Amelia Appleby who lives in Widmer End, says: "Artweeks has a lovely feel to it; you know visitors have found you and chosen to

come and visit! It's lovely to share what you're passionate about, and some conversations turn into commissions – the icing on the cake!"

"Artweeks means a great deal to me," says Sue Nowlan who will display her expressive contemporary oil painting, mixed media and aluminium mesh eryngiums in her lovely Seer Green garden. "It's a lovely way to see and meet fellow artists and to become aware of and enjoy previously hidden Buckinghamshire talent. We also use the time to raise awareness for Wellfound; all our sales help provide clean water for those who need it."

When Hannah Williams (*pictured on the cover*) isn't painting she's working full-time as a secondary school head of art. She also runs small, private group classes for all abilities around Bucks. Her garden studio overlooks the Chiltern Hills where she welcomes you to enjoy her abstract acrylic paintings inspired by the vivid tones of summer sunsets.

Liz Grammenos, Jenny Thompson, Madeleine Fletcher & Barbara Spruytenburg will welcome you to their joyous exhibition at St Michael & All Angels Church in Amersham in aid of local mental health & gardening charity Lindengate. "Painting is my happy place," says Holmer Green oil painter Jo Earl. "I fell in love with landscapes and seascapes due

to their magnificent skies: their colours, unpredictability, and vastness."

Christine Bass's paintings are characterised by saturated colour, strong lines & shapes, & flattened planes. She will exhibit with a group of established artists and makers in St Dunstan's Church in Monks Risborough.

Originally from Scotland, Jacky Innes creates batik, mixed media & textiles. You can browse and buy her work, also available as digitally printed cushions, tea towels, coasters and cards, at Holy Trinity Church in Penn Street.

● Visit bucksartweeks.org.uk to find out more, check out the map and plan your visits.

