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2019 Monthly Photo Competitions

Throughout 2019 Keynsham Town Council will be running monthly photo competitions.

Entrants are being asked to submit photos that represent the town and the month in which they are taken.

Each month, three finalists will be selected from the photos received and a winner will be chosen by public vote via the Town Council's social media channels.

The winner of each



month's competition will be displayed as part of a 'Keynsham Through the Year' exhibition at the Railway Station at the beginning of 2020.

The inaugural competition in January was won by Mike Vigliucci's, 'Somer Children', a lovely photo of his three children walking along the Somerdale Road on a misty winter morning. February's winner, Paul Tompkins, took advantage of the cold snap for his photo 'Priory Blizzard' which captures a snow covered Priory Road in the middle of a wintry shower.

The competition is open to anybody so if you would like

to take part, whether you're a seasoned photography professional or just like to take a few snaps on your phone, then we really would like to see your images.

To enter you just need to send your images to david@keynsham-tc.gov.uk.

For more information about the competition including previous winners and tips on what judges are looking for visit the Keynsham Town Council website.

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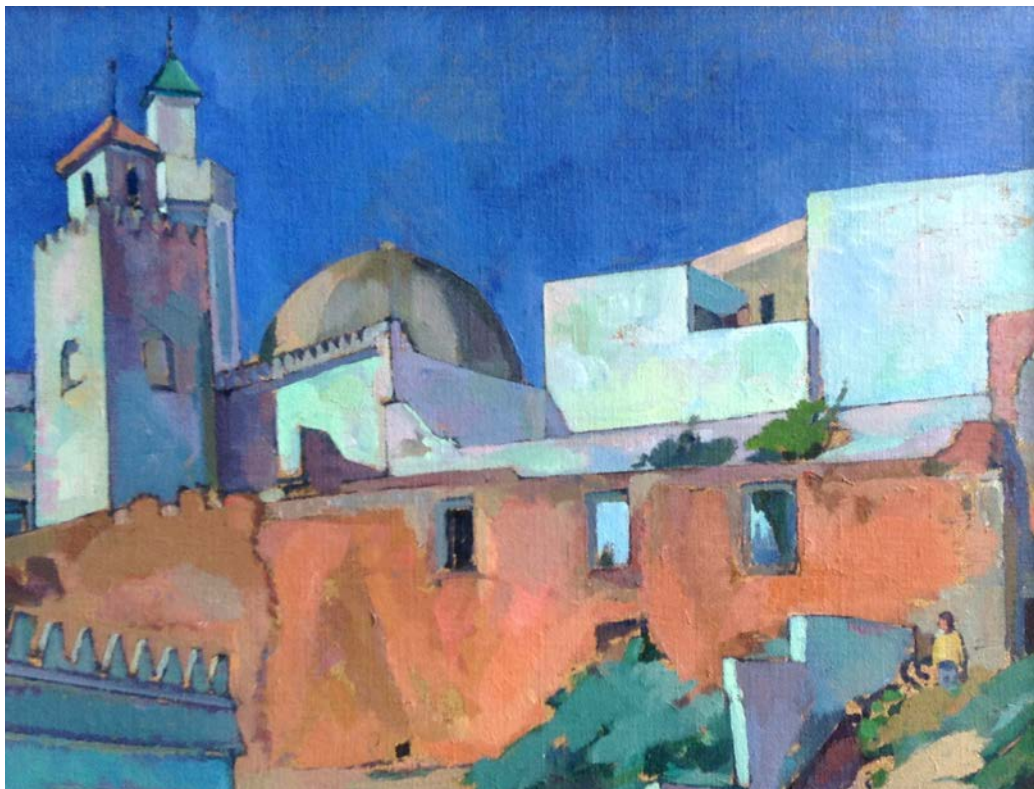


Paintings of Bath & Morocco



Paintings by current Keynsham resident, James F Lynch, are the focus of an exhibition at the Victoria Art Gallery in Bath until the end of March.

Lynch studied at Camberwell and Goldsmiths in London in the 1960s, sharing a flat with acclaimed British artist, Howard Hodgkin. While other British





artists were congregating in Cornwall and forming the St. Ives Group, Lynch was holidaying in Italy. His first taste of North Africa came when he took a ferry from Sicily to Tunisia, subsequently visiting Morocco and discovering the port of Larache. Lynch became enamoured with the town; he visited more and more frequently before living there over a period of four decades. James painted the streets, cafés and people in Larache, making preliminary visual notes on canvas which were then worked-up and finished in the studio. On his return to the UK, James setup a studio in his flat in Bath, overlooking the Holburne Museum and painted images of the city.

After a long career as an artist and teacher Lynch, now 86, recently moved into the St Monica Trust Charterhouse nursing care home in The Chocolate Quarter on the site of the old Fry's chocolate factory in Keynsham.

Joe Tymkov, The Chocolate Quarter's artist-in-residence, who has helped to organise the exhibition, described Lynch's distinctive style and way of working: "A still life



of his I saw recently had a touch of Cezanne about it with regard to his handling and application of paint. I had the privilege of watching James painting recently. It was fascinating to see him pick up three colours on his brush, which he briefly mixed on the palette and then further mixed on the canvas, turning his brush in order to emphasise one colour over another".

Lynch's work has been exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy, the Royal West of England Academy, the New English Art Club, The Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool and the Alexandra Irigoyan Gallery in Madrid. He has had many solo exhibitions, for instance at the Rooksmoor Gallery in Bath, the Angel

Gallery in Lavenham, and the Annexe Provinciale de la Culture, Larache, Morocco. This impressive list of intercontinental locations is testament to the esteem in which the artist's work is held.

The James Lynch, Paintings of Bath & Morocco, will be on display at the Victoria Art Gallery in Bath until March 31st. Entry is FREE.



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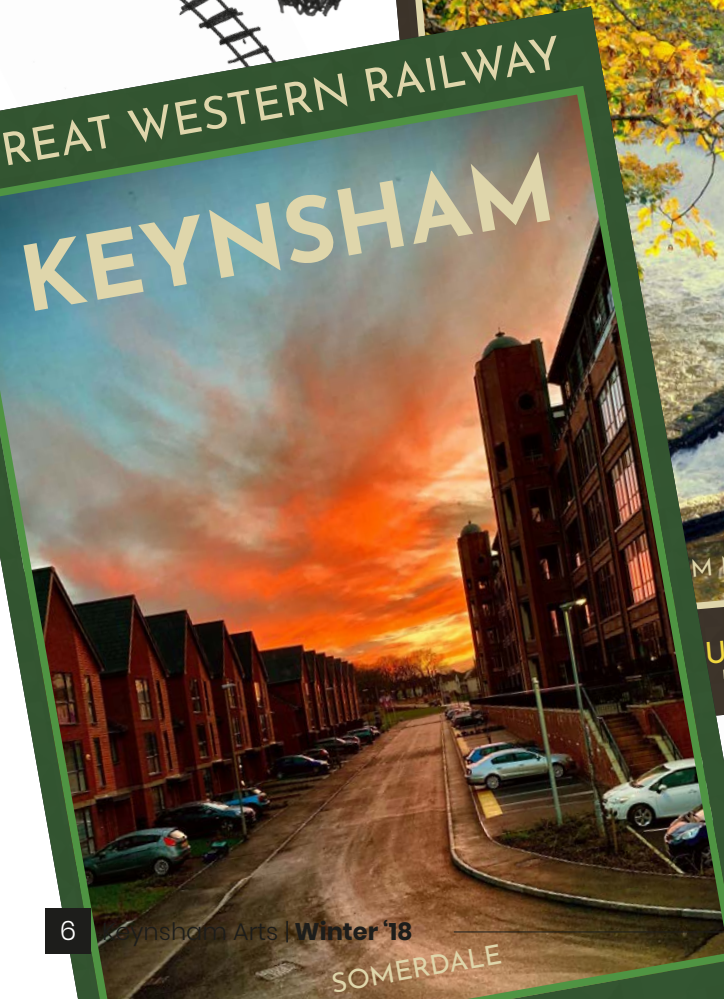


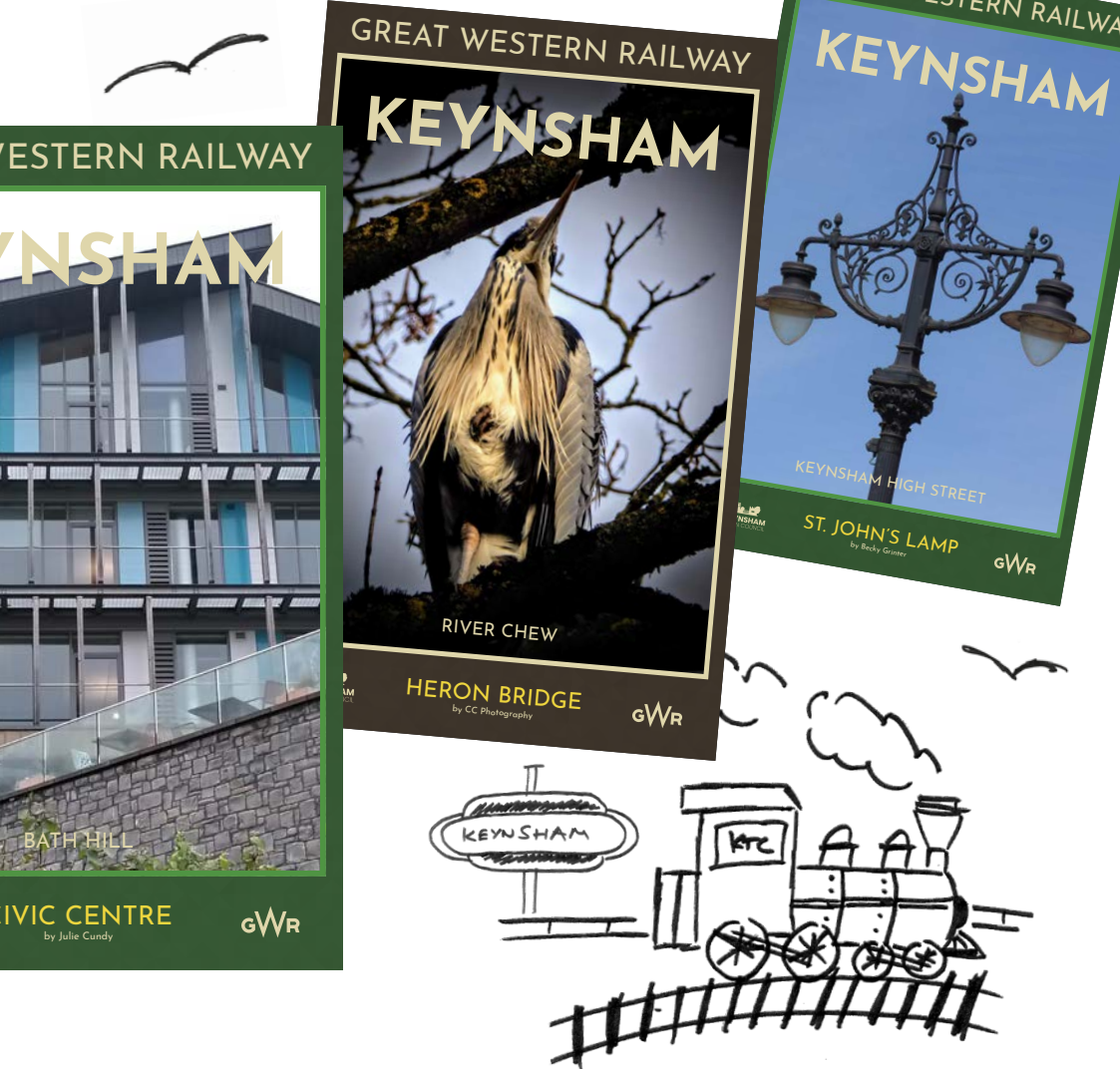
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www.victoriagal.org.uk

Photo exhibit at Keynsham Station







Photographs of local landmarks and nature are currently on display at Keynsham Railway Station.

The images were supplied by the Keynsham Photowalkers; a wellbeing group setup in 2018, which encourages members to get outside and challenge their pre-existing view of the town by going on 'Photohunts'.

Members go out in search of photographs based on set criteria e.g. 'a repeating pattern' or 'something pink'.

The collection includes some of Keynsham's most iconic landmarks including St. John the Baptist Church, the Civic Centre, Albert Mill and the Chocolate Factory, as well as some brilliant images of local wildlife and countryside.

The display will be up until April, when the posters will be replaced with a new exhibition featuring photos from Keynsham's past.

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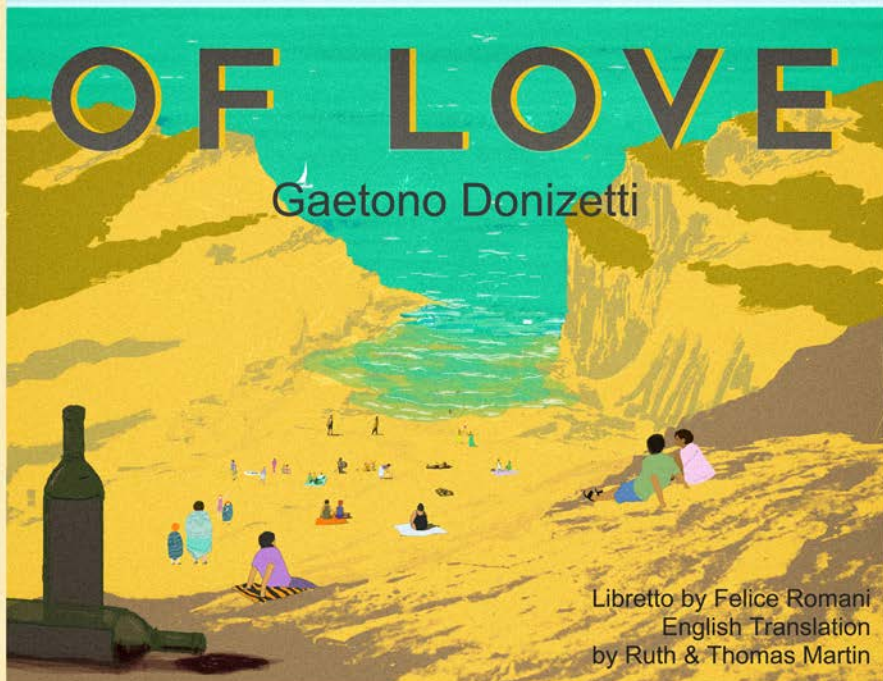


PRESENTS



THE ELIXIR OF LOVE

Gaetano Donizetti



Libretto by Felice Romani
English Translation
by Ruth & Thomas Martin

Opera In The Park

7:30pm Thurs 4th July 2019: Top Marquee

Fully seated, Completely under cover

Tickets £15 (£11 con) plus booking fee

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New Knitting Group



A new knitting group has been setup in the Royal British Legion in Keynsham. Following the popularity of 2018's 'Poppy Cascade' to

commemorate the end of the Great War, the new group, which was setup together with Keynsham in Bloom, will focus on different knitting

projects as well as offering a social opportunity to people in the area. For their first project they will be creating insects and flowers to use in the Town's In Bloom display for 2019.

The group meet every Friday from 3pm - 5pm in the British Legion on Charlton Road and new members are very welcome. For more information visit the Keynsham in Bloom page on Facebook or call the British Legion.



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Bath Fringe is an annual festival of all the arts, taking place in and around the city of Bath. This year it runs for 17 days from Friday 24th May to Sunday 9th June.

The festival is one of the oldest and largest Fringes in Britain. It has been running as an independent event since 1982 and this year it will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first of a series of festivals started by Bath Arts Workshop which it considers to be its inspirational ancestors.

The majority of the acts (150+) that take part are self-produced or supported by their venues.



The programme will appear online in mid-April and in print by the beginning of May.

The FAB Fringe Arts Bath, A Visual Arts festival, runs concurrently and in

collaboration with the main Fringe Festival.



www.bathfringe.co.uk



www.fringeartsbath.co.uk

Things to do/ Get involved with

▶ Woodworking Group

5-7pm | Every Monday during term time
Wellsway School

Our woodworking group is an informal group of mostly retired people with a common interest in woodworking. If you have a personal project or just want to give it a go or to develop your skills new members are welcome.

Contact Dave Vickery 0117 986 8331

▶ Art Class

10am-12pm | Alternate Mondays
Fear Hall

Small friendly group, all abilities, with experienced teacher. £5.50 per session.

Call 07784 839781

▶ Keynsham Creative Writers

2.30-4pm | 2nd & 4th Monday of the month
Keynsham Baptist Church

We are a small, friendly group and welcome new members of all abilities.

Contact George 0117 9148654
George.liddell@blueyonder.co.uk

▶ Keynsham Machine Knitting Club

2-4pm | 2nd Monday of the month
Stirling Way Community Centre

We have two club machines to practice knitting. Help and tuition will be given to get you knitting again. We have at least four speakers/demonstrators a year. Come and join us, we are a very friendly club.

Call Margaret 0117 9865559

▶ Saltford Floral Club

2.15pm | 4th Tuesday of the month
Saltford Hall, Saltford

Flower arranging demonstrations and workshops. New members and visitors welcome.

Contact Shirley Hobbs 0117 986 2924

▶ Coffee & Craft

10am-12.30pm | Wednesday
Community at 67

Do you enjoy crafting or like to learn new skills or teach others? All types of craft welcome, help plan trips and demonstrations.

Clare 07737 742300 or
email community67@gmail.com

▶ **Keynsham Photographic Society**

7.30pm | Wednesday

Fear Hall

Keynsham Photographic Society enjoys all aspects of photography. We have visiting speakers, competitions, sessions to share and discuss our own photographs and opportunities to view the best amateur work from the South West.

keynshamphotographicsociety.co.uk

▶ **Keynsham & Saltford branch of the British Sugarcraft Guild**

7.15pm | 2nd Wednesday of the month

Wick House Community Hall, Saltford

Cake decorating demonstrations, workshops for all to join in, please just come along.

Call Iris Seymour 01275 834233

▶ **ASP Poetry Circle**

7.15pm | 2nd Wednesday of the month

Wick House Community Hall, Saltford

If you enjoy writing, reading or just listening to poetry, then come along and join us.

totallymaracas.btck.co.uk/ASPPoets

▶ **Saltford Sewing Group**

Thursay afternoon

For clothes sewers of all ages and skills, sharing ideas and techniques and creating classic and unique garments.

Contact June 01225 872304

▶ **Painting for Pleasure**

2-4pm | Thursday

Saltford Hall

Painting Group



We do our best to make sure all of our listings are correct but please check with the contact provided before attending.

If you're involved with an art group or know about an upcoming performance/exhibition and would like us to include it in our listings then please email

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Live Music in Keynsham



Acclaimed Harpist
ELLIE FORD WITH NIGHT HOUSE
SUPPORT ROSINA KERI

Saturday April 6th | 7.30 pm

Tickets £6 (plus booking fee)

The Space, BS31 1FS

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REALITY TOUR



LIVE AT
The Space, Keynsham

SATURDAY 13th APRIL
- RECORD STORE DAY -

Keynsham Singer Songwriter
DIGAME LOU LOU
WITH SUPPORT

Saturday April 13th | 7.30 pm

Tickets £8 (plus booking fee)/£10 on door

The Space, BS31 1FS

For tickets visit:

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Keynsham Music Festival 2019
Monday 1st—Sunday 7th July



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