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If you would like us to cover an art project/performance/exhibition in the next edition, let us know about it. Email david@keynsham-tc.gov.uk

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Cover image, **Alan Hayward**

Keynsham Arts is a quarterly publication that aims to showcase some of the things that are happening across the Keynsham art scene



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The Beauty of ageing Women

In her debut exhibition, Keynsham artist, Joy Simon, is displaying her 'Beauty of Ageing Women' collection in The Libourne Lounge (upstairs in the Keynsham Library) until the end of September. The exhibition is made up of portraits that capture the beauty of women over the age of 50.

What was the inspiration behind this exhibition?

As a 'woman of a certain age' myself, the subject is close to my heart as I am aware of the pressure on women to remain ageless.

Do you specialise in portraiture?

I only paint portraits at the moment; I find faces fascinating and like to start by trying to capture the expression in the models eyes.

Do you have any more exhibitions planned for the future?

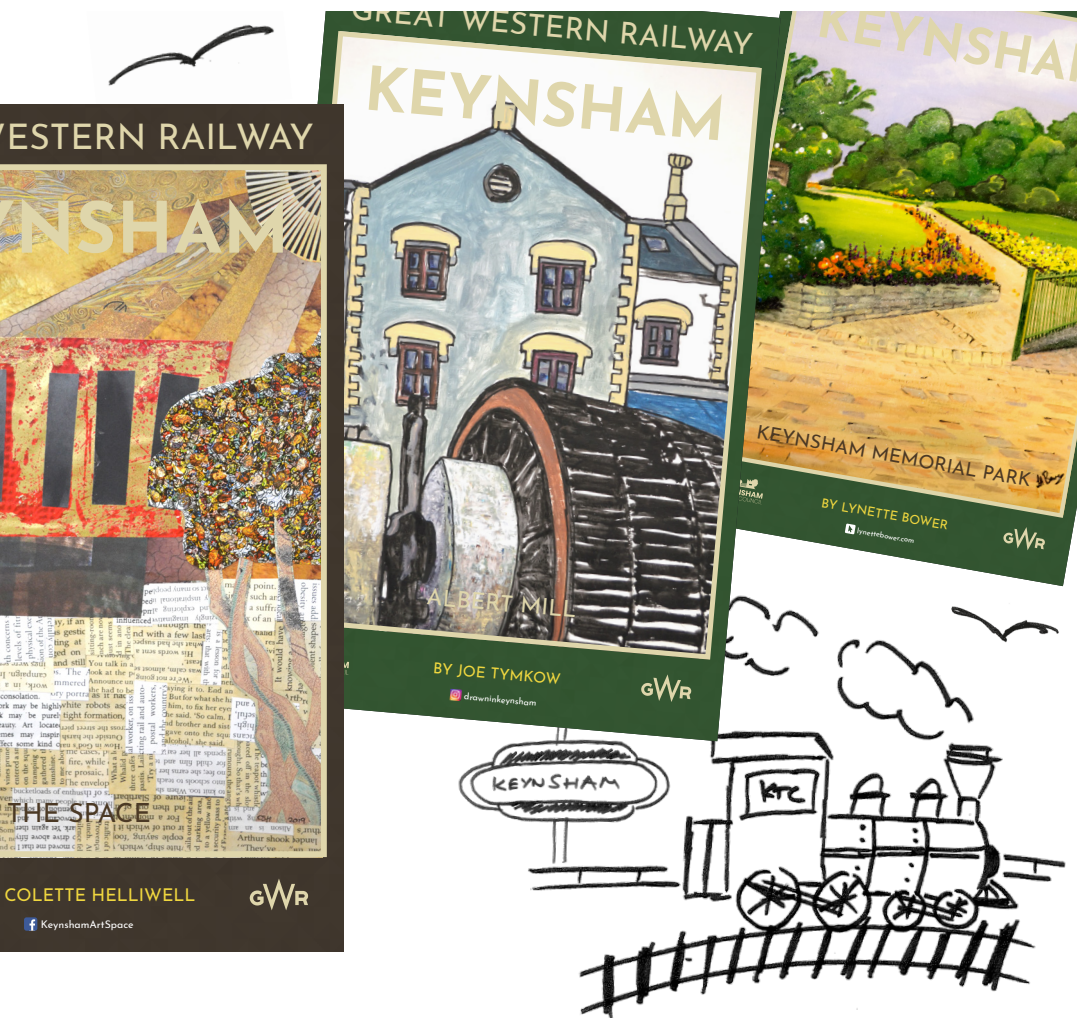
No further exhibitions in the pipeline as yet but I hope to exhibit further. I am also looking to enter my paintings for organised exhibitions as well.

TO THE POSTERS



GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY KEYNSHAM





Artwork by twelve local artists is currently on display at Keynsham Railway Station.

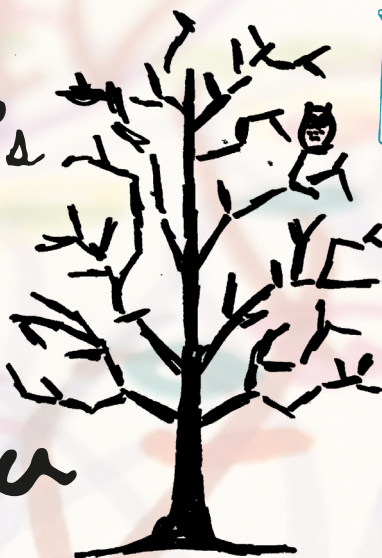
The twelve contributors were asked to depict a Keynsham landmark in their style and medium of choice. The collection includes paintings, drawings, collage and even a glass sculpture of Keynsham's Clock Tower.

Other landmarks that feature include Fry's Chocolate Factory, The Space, Albert Mill and Keynsham Memorial Park.

All of the artists come from Keynsham and the surrounding area with many being members of Keynsham ArtSpace, a Keynsham based art group who helped coordinate the project.

The display will be up until the end of the year, when the posters will be replaced with a new exhibition featuring the twelve winning photos of the monthly photography competitions that the Town Council have been running throughout 2019.

Keynsham's Big Draw



Residents of Keynsham are being asked to take part in a large art collaboration as part of the international 'The Big Draw' festival. Some giant sheets of paper are being set-up at the Chocolate Quarter Art Studio and anyone who wishes to contribute can add their own little bit at five open sessions throughout September and November.

The topic of the artwork will be 'Autumn Forests'. Event organiser Joe Tymkow explained: "the aim is to make this opportunity open to as many people as possible. Anyone can draw a tree, you could just draw a stick with a lollipop on top; and Autumn naturally

suggests a multitude of bright colours.

Draw anything you would expect or like to see in a forest

There will be pens, pencils, markers, inks etc available and you are free to draw anything you would expect or like to see in a forest; birds, flowers, animals, insects, trees, leaves, fungi, seeds, nuts, vines, dinosaurs etc".

The free-for-all collaboration is as much about community participation as producing a piece of art, in-line with this year's festival theme of 'Creativity and Well-being'


and the positive effect creative activities can have on people's lives.

Anyone who wants to take part just needs to show up at one of the sessions and join in, regardless of skill or experience, with finished installations being displayed in Keynsham Library.

You can find more on the Drawn in Keynsham Social Media channels and project web page

 @DrawninKeynsham

 drawninkeynsham

 [thebigdraw.org/
event/Autumn_Forests/8889](http://thebigdraw.org/event/Autumn_Forests/8889)

Radio Times

KTCRfm, Keynsham's community radio station, is preparing for broadcast this November

As KTCRfm rapidly approaches its November lift-off date, work is progressing to have everything ready for the first broadcast of Keynsham's very own independent radio station.

Following grant awards from the National Lottery and Keynsham Town Council all the set costs have been met and two studios are nearing completion with one already operating and producing the weekly Keynsham Hour that is currently broadcast on SomerValleyFM.

Having two studios will enable the 24 hour broadcasting from the heart of Keynsham whilst providing a facility for community

groups and individuals to make and learn to make their own programmes for broadcast. In the pipe-line and under preparation are storytelling, radio drama, as well as specialist music programmes and local interest programmes.

KTCRfm is offering an open invitation to anyone in the community who would like to be involved

Already half a dozen groups and individuals are training to make programmes – all with a local slant covering not just Keynsham but also the communities in the Chew Valley and N E Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

KTCRfm is offering an open invitation to anyone in the community who would like to be involved. Whether it is through presenting, producing or learning production skills, volunteers can boost their self-confidence and play an



informed and valuable role in community cohesion with the new station hoping, amongst many other things, to help combat isolation and loneliness in the community.

The station will be open to the public and will serve as a huge notice board for community activity and events, championing local business, welfare and economics.

FM frequency, start date and test broadcasting will be announced soon.

KTCRfm's running costs will be met by advertising local businesses to a wide area, and programme sponsorship deals.

For enquiries about any aspect of KTCRfm please email: info@ktrcradio.com

The station will be delighted to hear from you.



@KTCRadio



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ktrcrfm@gmail.com

THERE BE DRAGONS

A new tabletop gaming group is bringing the legendary Dungeons & Dragons role playing to the young people of Keynsham

Hatchlings is a tabletop gaming group for teens promoting many social and academic benefits. Using the world's most popular role-playing game, Dungeons & Dragons (D&D), we are encouraging teamwork, confidence, literacy, creativity and inclusivity.

Dungeons & Dragons is a role-playing game where a Dungeon Master guides a group of players through a

fantastical adventure full of monsters, puzzles and magic. Role-playing is at the heart of the game; players create a hero and are encouraged to stretch their imaginations and work together to overcome the challenges ahead.

Through D&D, I quickly found my confidence and a place I felt comfortable expressing my creativity

I wasn't confident at school, I was painfully shy and bullying left me with very low self-esteem.

However, through D&D, I quickly found my confidence and a place I felt comfortable expressing my creativity.

The long term benefits of D&D on children are not

immediately obvious, however the simple act of playing with friends, putting their screens aside for a few hours and having fun should be music to the ears of any parent.

D&D also has many educational benefits beyond the obvious performing arts, including literacy through character creation and maths through statistics and dice rolling

With Hatchlings, we want to give teenagers the opportunity to grow and learn in a safe and fun environment.

Words by Richard Oxenham



To get involved or for more information



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Keynsham Light Opera Group are proud to present, '50' The Anniversary Gala, celebrating 50 golden years of musical theatre.

Highlights from well known and loved shows such as Oklahoma, Showboat, Hello Dolly, The Sound of Music, Annie, Wizard of Oz and Fiddler on the Roof to name but a few plus a wonderful medley of Gilbert and Sullivan music to celebrate the groups' beginnings back in 1969 will be performed at Broadlands Academy, Keynsham from Tuesday 29th October to Saturday 2nd November.

A wonderful collection of archive photographs will be projected on the theatre stage as the cast sing out some wonderful chorus numbers from Carousel, My

Fair Lady, Guys and Dolls and Oliver!

We are excited to re-live some magical moments from our last 50 years and we invite you to come and celebrate our golden year with a night of musical theatre nostalgia, with big chorus dance numbers and beautiful solo and duets from huge West End and Broadway hits Miss Saigon, A Chorus Line and Chicago. It promises to be a wonderful evening of entertainment and we look forward to welcoming you to share our golden year celebrations.

The show is directed by Joanne Meredith. Lee Tesdale is Musical Director and Tracey English and Claire Jones are our Choreographers.

Shows are at 7:30pm

from Tuesday 29th October to Saturday 2nd November with a Saturday matinee at 2:30pm.

Tickets at only £10 are available from the Box Office. Telephone Tracey on 07580 259757 or email: klogs@hotmail.co.uk or any member of the society. Tickets are also available to buy online at www.klogs.co.uk, where you can find more information. Concessions (Senior citizens and children under 14) are available for £8 for every show. For any group of 10, one ticket will be free.

More information at:



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www.klogs.co.uk

KEYNSHAM BANDSTAND

2019 SUMMER PROGRAMME

The 2019 Summer Bandstand season has been the biggest ever since the Town Council took over the running of the venue. By the end of September there will have been twenty-five free, open-air performances this summer.

The majority of the concerts are brass bands, who come from across the south west and beyond, but this year there have also been performances from choirs, youth theatre, light opera groups and up and coming singer-songwriters. The programme was also punctuated by the Keynsham Music Festival, in which the bandstand became one of the event's five main stages.

This summer's programme will come to an end on the last weekend of September: on Saturday 28th Weston Brass will be on from 2pm and on Sunday 29th Keynsham Brass Band will be giving their second performance of the season from 3pm. As with all of the performances, it's completely free to attend.

The Town Council would like to thank all of the musicians who've come to the town to entertain residents and visitors in 2019 and are already looking forward to the new season which starts in April 2020.





If you are part of a musical/
performance group and
are interested in being
part of the Keynsham
Bandstand programme
in 2020 please email the
Deputy Town Clerk

✉ deputytownclerk@
keynsham-tc.gov.uk

Julie Forster exhibition

We caught up with local painter and illustrator, Julie Forster, about her current exhibition in Keynsham.

What can people expect to see in your current exhibition?

My artwork is a selection from seascapes landscapes to flowers portraits and cities in all different mediums painted in different styles and from the heart.

How would you describe yourself as an artist?

I am a local artist who loves challenging myself with different styles and techniques as there is always something new to learn.

My goal is to bring joy into people's lives.

What inspires your art?

My work is diverse but I feel I've created something

for everyone. My inspiration is the world around me, the beauty of nature and the many different cultures and traditions that we share our lives with. My goal is to bring joy into people's lives.

Do you have any exhibitions planned in the future?

I recently found out about the available pop up Art spaces around Keynsham and I'm very

grateful to the Pomegranate restaurant for letting me exhibit my work. I will be returning to Keynsham in the new year for a four week exhibition in Keynsham Library.

You can keep up with Julie's art using the following:



@Artyouworthit_



@julieforsterartyouworthit



@artyouworthit



jforster.wixsite.com/artyouworthit



This Girl

When she awoke, she thought about her dreams the night before, she tried to recreate the pleasure of the sand beneath her feet, but before she had a chance, the brand-new day it found the floor, and that's when she remembered that, this girl, she needs a treat.

She sat up in her bed and then she took herself downstairs she conducted her ablutions, and then with this task complete, she gazed into the morning light, and took the morning air, and this is when it came to her, this girl, she needs a treat.

She headed for the living room and passed the hopeful cat, she wasn't in the mood for playing, she preferred to be discrete, then she found a place of safety, on the sofa, lying flat, and she summoned up the wisdom that, this girl, she needs a treat.

The morning passed so quickly, almost nothing to report, she checked the post, she cried a bit, and then made her retreat, and then she looked out of the window, and she got a little fraught, before she gloomily concluded that, this girl, she needs a treat.

Like the transit of a moment, the afternoon flew by, she looked out for intruders and she had a bite to eat, then she recalled her dreams of summer, of the sand, the sea and sky, and it prompted a reminder that, this girl, she needs a treat.

Then as the light outside grew dim, the key turned in the door, could that be mum and dad, she thought, her heart it skipped a beat, then her tail started wagging, and she jumped down on the floor, and with a greeting overstated said, this girl, she needs a treat.

By Vyv Nugent (For Mol)



Vyv Nugent is a member of the **ASP Poetry Circle**. They meet at Broadlands School on the 3rd Sunday of every month (except in August)



www.totallymaracas.btkc.co.uk/ASPPoets



What's on

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
emailcommunity67@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

Keynsham Snap & Stroll

Wednesday mornings

Various Keynsham

We are a friendly and informal social group that meets weekly on Wednesday

mornings. We spend time indoors, outdoors, take long and short strolls to discover Keynsham and surrounding areas through a camera lens.

You don't need any fancy equipment, If you've got a phone, tablet or camera and you want to walk, talk and take pictures, this group is brilliant! Dates and venues are posted monthly on our Facebook page:

Keynsham Snap and Stroll

Or contact Max

T: 07581567911

E: outreach2@bathmind.org.uk

Or contact Philippa

T: 01761 438852

E philippa@creativityworks.org.uk

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.

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Saltford Sewing Group

Thursday 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

Call Frances 01225 873773

The Beauty of Ageing Women

Until the end of September 2019

Libourne Lounge, Keynsham Library

A collection of portraits inspired by women over the age of 50 (page 3)

Julie Forster Exhibition

Until mid October

Pomegranate

Julie is a local artist and this is an exhibition of pieces from her full and varied artistic repertoire (page 12)

The Big Draw

10am - 2pm | Saturday 28th September and Saturday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th October

The Chocolate Quarter Art & Pottery Studio

Open community drawing sessions to create a large art installation for display in Keynsham Library (page 6)

thebigdraw.org/event/Autumn_Forests/8889

KLOGS - 50th Anniversary Gala

7:30pm Tuesday 29th October - Saturday 2nd November
Saturday matinee at 2:30pm

Broadlands School

A show packed with musical favourites to celebrate 50 years of the Keynsham Light Opera Group (page 9)

'Christmas Starts Here' Concert

Saturday 30th November

St John's Church, Keynsham

The Keynsham and Yate/Chipping Sodbury Good Afternoon Choirs, with special guests Cameo Orchestra.

Adults £10 | Under 12s £8

T: 01761 472468



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