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village gallery

Christmas is over. The season of excesses is weighing heavily on conscience (and waistline), and some of us have made resolutions to cut down on the overindulgence and get back in trim. Here at village gallery, we are making resolutions to bring you more great contemporary art, and beautiful pieces of glass, ceramics and silver, none of which will harm your figure. And hey, there's only three hundred and something days to go before we do Christmas over again.

New in store:

One of our great finds in the last few weeks has been a Lalique Champs-Élysées bowl. This is one of the all-time classic pieces designed in 1951 by Marc Lalique, René Lalique's son. It's a real statement piece ... measuring approximately 18" (46 cm) wide and weighing over 16 pounds (7.5 Kg), it's a serious piece of glass. It is still in production so a new one is easy to come by, but pre-owned ones are not, particularly for the right price. New the bowl costs £2,200, so we think that ours at £1,450 (in excellent condition with no chips, cracks or repairs, and only minor surface scratches to the base) is a bargain.



We have also found a number of original sketches by fashion illustrator/designer

Roz Jennings. Roz worked, amongst other, for Laura Ashley. Roz's original illustrations for Laura Ashley in the 1970s epitomize the 'Dudu look' or 'Biba look' associated with the London fashion brand Biba and supermodel Twiggy. The sketches are

priced at just £22.50 each, so are a real affordable way to brighten up a bit of wall space for the new year. Sadly these sketches are not available via our website ... yet.

New exhibition:

Tuesday 16th January sees the opening of our new exhibition ... the work of York plein-air artist **Malcolm Ludvigsen** featuring a series of his land and seascapes painted across the seasons.

Malcolm is an almost fully retired professor of mathematics, who specialised in relativity and cosmology (he still does the occasional lecture at the University of York). But more often than not, you'll find him out on the beaches and headlands of his Yorkshire homeland, endlessly fascinated by the sea and sky. Commenting on first getting into painting, Malcolm said, "I think the thing that first attracted me to painting was John Ruskin's exhortation that all men, as part of their morning salutations, should go out and paint a picture of the sky. This sounded like a very nice



thing to do, so I decided to give it a go, and I've not really stopped painting since."

In 2013 Malcolm won the "Oldie British Artists Award" (including a £5000 prize) in a major competition for British artists age 60 or over for his landscape entitled "Filey". Ironically this accolade came in the same year that his work was rejected by the Royal Academy for their summer exhibition.

The selling exhibition runs from 16th January to 24th February.

Still here:

**Ralph Shuttleworth** is a young woodturning artist from Holmfirth in West Yorkshire. Ralph is self taught in the art of woodturning, and has developed some new techniques and processes that set his work apart from others. Ralph mainly uses reclaimed timber, or native woods such as sycamore and ash, as an interesting natural canvas for turning, shaping and embellishing.

**Rebecca Mason** first became inspired by Batik while in Malaysia. She then learned the Art of Batik by attending workshops and classes. She has practised Batik Art for over 30 years, and now specialises in doing Batik on cotton and silk, including velour. Rebecca particularly enjoys the fluidity, flexibility, unpredictability and crackle effect of the wax. She also loves being creative with colour and the freedom of abstract designs. Her Batik is influenced by the colours and shapes of the local Yorkshire countryside.

We continue to have a great selection of art, crafts and decorative pieces including new and old Royal Crown Derby and Lalique, the bronze sculptures of Edward Waites, contemporary and old silver, and some fine jewellery.

To browse through our stock, please visit our sister site at <https://www.village-on-the-web.com>; however please note the featured art is currently only available in-store.

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We wish you a very happy and a peaceful 2018.

Simon and Helen  
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