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village gallery

News:

"Open studios" in York takes place over two weekends. It is a time when artists from around York, across all disciplines, open their homes and studios to the public. For us it's an opportunity to seek out new artists to have exhibitions or just space in our gallery. The artists featuring in open studios are vetted and selected for inclusion so it's not just a free for all, and this year 149 artists in 99 locations took part. We managed to visit about 20 in one day, which was tiring, but there are some seriously good artists out there, and we will be talking more to some of them in the coming weeks and months.

York is not unique. Many towns, cities and regions have open studio events, so get googling and see if you can find one near you, then go out and support them. Remember living artists need the money more than dead ones! And for those of you who live in the area, a North Yorkshire open studios event is being held over the weekends of 1-2 June and 8-9 June 2019.



Current 2D art exhibition:

Michelle Galloway grew up in Sheffield where she saw beauty in both the rich industrial heritage and the surrounding countryside of the Peak District.



She studied Art with Design and Technology at York St John University, but art took a backseat for several years when she married and had children. Subsequently she developed an interest in education and trained as a primary school teacher. This reawakened something. She started to paint again, ran workshops and art clubs and found fresh inspiration.

Michelle's subject choices are eclectic, based solely on what captures her attention and imagination at the time. She works mostly with watercolours, loving the mysterious alchemy of watercolours and the way the pigments react to water and to each other. She is constantly working with new methods to get the effect she wants.

The exhibition runs until 18th May.

New in



The expected **René Lalique** pieces mentioned last time did arrive and are now listed on our sister website ... six small finger bowls, each of a different design and dating to c1931-1933, each in perfect condition.

On the jewellery front, **Paul Allison** has dropped off some more pieces of his work including Citrine, Amethyst and Smokey Quartz set rings. In conjunction with Paul, we can offer a bespoke jewellery service where Paul will design and make any piece to your specification and budget. So if you have a special occasion or event this year and want to make it extra memorable, give us a call.



We've also some new bead work design jewellery ... amongst which you'll find unisex wood bead bracelets, along with other bead and Swarovsky crystal drop earrings.

Finals:

With Easter just round the corner, just a quick mention of the cards by York artist **Fiona Calder** we have in the shop ... many of the designs are just right for spring, and whilst most are blank for your own message, some do have an Easter message.



And don't forget, we've many beautiful things that would make ideal (less fattening than chocolate!) Easter gifts.

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Best wishes,
Simon and Helen

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