

Playing the Artist at Last

David Pattison is a rare soul who has journeyed for many years before seeking new challenges in the world of art.

From a background as band member with RiffRaff in the early 1970's and a long career in corporate management travelling the world, David now channels his energy into producing remarkable images in acrylics that reflect a real sense of movement and life.

"People have described my work as effusive, enabling all of us to interpret symmetry, colour and texture within our own lives," David says "and, in my opinion, this is what art should be intended for, to be enjoyed by all and enabling us to be inspired. The works are designed for all areas of modern-day life to complement our homes and environments."

Born in County Durham, David has now settled in Carlisle with his wife and six children. Coming late in life to art, David says it was an unnerving experience entering the US from Qatar just after 9/11 that changed his world. "I was arrested and detained, thankfully released without charge, but I was so traumatised by the experience, I decided I'd had enough, so gave up my consultancy work."

Happily, David now enjoys his new life and aims to continue exhibiting around Cumbria.

"The images I paint



reflect a lifetime of experience" says David, "and I let the pictures speak for themselves."

David's exhibition at the Gincase runs from Saturday 26th May until Friday 6th July, open daily from 10:30 to 4:30. Admission is free.

Bee
by Molly Natrass
aged 4 from
Holme St. Cuthbert
School

Poems

Blackberry Jam
by Whiskers

*I had my lunch at school today; I sat with some little friends,
They like to see what I have brought to eat, their curiosity never ends.*

*Today was a little bit different, of that there was no doubt,
For the table filled up with chattering girls, they drove the boy's right out.*

*Then, when it came to afters there was biscuits, cakes and things,
Packets of multi flavoured crisps, and coloured sweets tied up with string.*

*Now A***** had something different, in a packet, topped with foil,
She opened it ever so slowly, so the contents she would not spoil.*

*She mixed her pudding quite neatly, then her spoon she presided to ram,
The rest of us; leaped up in surprise!
We were covered in yogurt, and jam.*

CRUSTACEAN
by Whiskers

*It was ever so cold this morning;
the tide was very low,
The wind was blowing on my back,
I felt sure it was going to snow.*

*I thought I might bathe my foot,
in a rock pool near at hand,
For it would be four long hour's,
before the water covered the sand.*

*I have to sit here on the rocks,
for the shore I cannot reach,
I'm not supposed to be writing poems;
I'm just a mussel on the beach.*



Buzing Bee
by
Charlotte Edney
aged 10
from
Holme St. Cuthbert
School



Rocky the Rock Star
by Abby-gail Peacock
aged 7 from
Silloth Primary School



Letters

Dear Buzz,

Whilst I applaud the efforts being made to bring Silloth back to its former glory (Cumberland News 28th Jan) don't you think getting the derelict properties seen to first would be a good step. After all, there is no point having a lovely front street if one has to pass boarded up properties to get to it. Even coming in to the town by the marsh road one has to pass what was once a fine old hotel, now an empty shell. I was horrified and upset to learn on my latest visit at Easter that the Police Station was to be demolished, another of our wonderful old buildings lost to the town. Do Silloth council not realise that these wonderful old buildings make Silloth the Victorian town it is meant to be and which the council wish to recreate. We are destroying what makes Silloth what it should be.

Lights along the front street are fine, but for goodness sake let us keep some of the genuine character of this wonderful wee town. The railway station would have made a great railway and seaside museum had it not been left to rot and become an eyesore. Signposts are also a problem in Silloth with many of them being dirty or covered in greenery and difficult to read. Come on Silloth show what a great wee town you live in. Vandalism is a problem in many towns and villages and I have no solution to it, but maybe if a meeting could be organised with these bored young people invited, maybe they have some sensible ideas to help themselves and the town. If in the event things don't change it is their own fault. Give them some responsibility then maybe they will gain some respect for what they have. In closing I would like to congratulate your new council member and wish her lots of luck in what she rightly says is a super wee town.

Mary M. McKay
(nee Bosward)

Dear Buzz,

Congrats to Isobel White on reaching OAP status!! Any activities can be found in the Buzz. Bus Pass application at Wigton Council offices. Meals on Wheels on request. We wish you a long and happy old age. HRH.

Mary Brennan

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