

LOCAL ARTIST PAINTS FROM THE HEART

By Pradeepa David

My artist journey is an upside-down kind of one.

I'm Pradeepa, and work from my home studio in North Miller's Dale. I started painting in 2018. And guess what, I trained to be before that? A hospital doctor!!

I left medicine because of family commitments. I always planned to go back, but one day I picked up a paintbrush after decades. Something inside, that I didn't even know existed, came alive! My childhood crush on watercolour has been going strong ever since.

As I sold my first painting online during lockdown, I have continued in that

sphere. So, it was a brilliant change and honour to be showing my art to my local community at the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at the Hiltonbury Farmhouse. It was a pleasure to introduce my landscapes, wildlife, flowers and latest abstract collection to the friendly, art-loving community that we are.

I've also had the privilege of supporting a Winchester-based debt-relief charity called CAP (Christians Against Poverty) with greeting card sales, in a small way. With the cost of living rising, I'm doing what I can. A blog post with all the details is on my website: www.limewoodart.com. They cover Chandler's Ford too.

Currently some paintings are on display at Winchester Hospital, and I'm opening up my home studio for Hampshire Open Studios in August. I'm also privileged to have some painting images on the NMDCA artist gallery page.

My paintings speak joy and peace because I paint from that place in my heart! It's very special when a collector then gets to experience that daily at home!

I take commissions too and work hard to make sure that my collectors have the most delightful experience from start to finish, whether it's something small or big!

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THE GREEN PARTY, GOT LOTS OF VOTES FROM THE PUBLIC

By Charles Lewry

Well, what a weekend that was! We had no idea whether the Platinum Jubilee Party would be a success or not. We planned for the risk of rain, as the lead up to the Saturday had been less than settled. We had amassed several gazebos to cover most of the stalls, but the weather was kind to us, and the bunting and the tents added to the festive atmosphere.

We wondered would anyone come to our event, or would grander events persuade them to go elsewhere? But at twelve o'clock when we opened to the public, families started to fill the green by the side of the Hiltonbury Farmhouse. Would people stay, or just pop in and go off to something else? Thanks to our two singers, Kim Garner and Geoff Charnley and all the other stalls and entertainment, the crowd continued to grow throughout the afternoon.

Chairs and picnic blankets were brought along and the pub were busy providing cream tea picnic boxes, drinks and ice creams. The atmosphere was of a community determined to have a great time. The tug of war, bouncy castle and the stocks provided entertainment for those who wanted to be a bit more energetic. Two very good local artists, Becks Porter and Pradeepa David from Limewood Art, displayed their work and chatted to visitors to their exhibitions. More art appeared on children's faces courtesy of Lisa from the Farmhouse. The district Scouts, In-Sync and NMDCA provided side-shows. For the record, there were 119 sweets in the 'guess the

sweets in the jar' and the teddy's name was Rosie. A massive collection of bottles in the Tombola dwindled to nothing by mid-afternoon.

Jon and Jackie Tiller pretty much single handedly populated our list of raffle prizes, which was one of the highlights, towards the end of the day. Our Chairperson Gillian, did a sterling job as master of ceremonies running the raffle draw and announcing the other competition results which included a cake competition and fancy dress.

Just towards the end of proceedings, Hana, on her last working day at the Farmhouse, got an

enthusiastic soaking in the stocks, before heading off to her new job at Hendy's. The rain held off till the end, when it dispersed the remaining revellers, and allowed us to clear away the tables and gazebos.

Back in the early days of the NMDCA, we regularly held annual fairs on the green, and encouraged by the success of this one, we were left wondering whether we should try again next year!



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By NMDCA Chair

It was nice to see so much activity on the estate over the Jubilee Weekend, and it was great for neighbours to be able to get together at their street parties. The Jubilee celebrations on the green were a huge success. Thank you to everyone involved in organising it and running it. It was a good way to bring lots of different members of the community together.

After a two year break, on July 19th at 8pm, the NMDCA will be holding our Annual General Meeting in the Community Centre, next to the Hiltonbury Farmhouse. You are invited to come and join us for a Pimms and contribute to our meeting. We are always looking for new people to join our committee. If you are interested, please email the Editor, or talk to us on the evening. We are always open to organising new activities and listening to new ideas.

In addition following the meeting, we are pleased to have a visit from John Corben from Eastleigh Neighbourhood Watch. John is one of the founder members of Hampshire Cyber Watch, which works together with the Hampshire Constabulary to offer help and advice to keep people safe on line, and to help solve problems for people who find themselves compromised. Hampshire currently have 19 Cyber Champions who can be contacted in an emergency.

We hope you can join us on Tuesday the 19th, for what we hope will be an interesting evening.

Useful Numbers

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JUBILEE HELPS RAISE FUNDS FOR JAMBOREE

Hi, My name is Adam Challis and I've lived in North Millers Dale all my life! The mid-wife who delivered me in the hospital, lives on the same road. It's a small world and a great place to live.

You may have seen me at the recent NMD Jubilee Fete, running the "Splat the Rat, Tin can alley and Hook a Duck" stall. When I finish my GCSE's next year, I will be off to South Korea to take part in the World Scout 2023 Jamboree. The World Scout Jamboree is an International Camp for around 40,000 Scouts across the whole world, where Scouts from virtually every Country and Territory in the World, come together to have fun and make friends.



I was selected as one of six scouts going on the Jamboree, from across all the Scouts groups in

Chandlers Ford. We will spend approx. 10 days in the host country, and the remaining with a local family learning about their culture. I'm really excited by this opportunity and know how lucky I am.

To get me there, I need to raise over £4,000 which is why you saw me at the Fete! Hopefully you'll see me out and about fundraising on the estate, so please come and say hello.



DON'T WAIT, TO GET BACK OUT THERE!

Residents of Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Romsey and North Baddesley have been frustrated at lengthy journeys and long wait times when trying to get their bikes fixed, following the closures of local businesses Peter Hansford, The Bike Centre and Cycle World.

Will, Matt and Emily recognised the difficulties this caused cyclists, and set up Wessex Bike Hub on Bournemouth Road to get people quickly back on their bikes. 'It's not unusual to be told there is a wait time of 4, 6 or even 10 weeks to get your bike looked at, in other workshops. We know that people rely on their bikes to get to work or to keep fit. So we set up our business with a focus of getting people back out there as soon as possible' said Emily Blackledge, who has always lived in Chandlers Ford.

'Since lockdown, cycling has become far more popular. We are spoilt with our local countryside, and being so close to the New Forest and the coast. People have re-discovered the joy and freedom of two wheels!'



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Exciting news! We have just opened our new seating area and it's been such a joy to see people pulling up a stool and having a natter over a good coffee and a slice of our delicious cake. This is what makes me happy and what I had been imagining. A place for our community to take some time to stop, breathe, drink, chat and basically give themselves 10 minutes to just be.



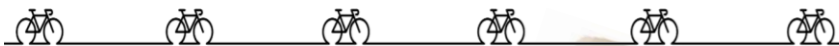
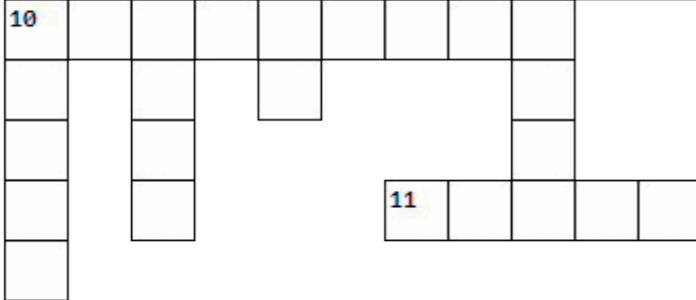
Kids' Corner *Royal Crossword*

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 1.Christmas Palace
 4.Metal representing 70 years
 9.Which country was Prince Phillip born in
 10.Daughter of Prince William
 11.Royal Rock Band



- Clues Down
 2.First Wife of Charles
 3.Queen's Christian name
 5.What type was the official Jubilee pudding

- 6.Younger daughter of Prince Andrew
 7.Road leading to front of Buckingham Palace
 8.Second son of Charles
 10.Queen's favourite dog



Fundraiser for Ukraine - thank you!



We would like to say a massive thank you for supporting us to raise money for Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who donated, we have been overwhelmed by the amount of money collected to go to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. So far we have raised a whopping £2,800 (with gift aid)!!! Thanks for all of your support.



Adam, Josh, Jamie and Henry pause their 100 laps challenge for a photo

Adam, Josh, Jamie and Henry

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READER'S LETTER

Thank you for the ongoing production of this informative and fun local news publication. We appreciate receiving it but have not before replied on any issue. However, the useful and balanced discussion in your article on the proposed Flexford Nature reserve improvements has prompted me to write as I greatly value and appreciate this local area.



I believe that there is a fine balance between the care of a nature conservation, wildlife reserve and the recreational use of an area. I am grateful and glad that the nature of any investment into the Flexford nature reserve is being considered carefully. Improvement for human access does not necessarily improve the viability of the area as a sanctuary for wildlife to flourish, especially when space is relatively restricted. I hope that the footpaths can be improved so that damage to the reserve is minimised (exposure of tree roots, churning of saturated grassland etc.) but at the same time does not really encourage additional human access or use of the area beyond the current level. We are fortunate that there are quite a few areas around Chandlers Ford and Velley Park that provide a more recreationally oriented use. I think this was well expressed by Jamie Marsh from the Hampshire Wildlife Trust.

The only suggestion that really comes to mind is that raised boardwalks are built in the same way that are used by the Wildlife Trust around the Emer Bog nature reserve and also in Hocombe Mead. However these may perhaps not be easily installed along the more worn paths amongst the trees.

Thank you again for your article and overview of the issues.

Best regards Miles Pebody

To re-read the article go to Newsletters on our website (Ed)

North Miller's Dale Community Association Annual General Meeting
 Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 8pm in The Miller's Dale Hall
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WHY DON'T WE DO IT IN THE ROAD?

Party season in North Miller's Dale

If the Jubilee Saturday was for all the community, the Sunday celebrations were much closer to home, as many NMD roads put up the bunting for their own street parties. Barbeques were lit and tables decorated in red, white and blue for a knees up with our neighbours. Some were full on events with games and entertaining competitions, whereas others were quieter affairs, and an opportunity to chill with our friends and families, and drink a toast to an historically long reign.

After two years of living in the shadow of Covid 19, it seemed like the time was right to get together and enjoy each other's company again with a right royal weekend.

Benmore Gardens

This was the third royal street party held in Benmore Gardens over the last 10 years. With two long years of Covid lockdowns bringing our little community even closer together, this was probably the best one yet.

Neighbours, their families and friends had a right royal time, with an amazing 50+ people attending. As ever, the focal point was a giant barbecue with our local BBQ chefs taking shifts to ensure everyone was kept fed with delicious burgers and sausages.

Just as popular was the entertainment laid on for the crowd, Everything from table tennis, a mini putting green and a royal quiz for the grown-ups - to a tin can shy, foam airplane racing and a piñata for the kids. A crown making



competition tested everyone's creativity and a couple of neighbours baked some taste-tastic red, white and blue cakes.

The afternoon was rounded off with a truly testing but fun Jubilee music quiz, which allowed everyone, young and old, to reminisce over the hits we have partied to, over the six decades of Our Queen's glorious reign.

When the weather turned at about six o'clock, some of us continued to dance in the rain, but we quickly realised it wasn't going to stop so we all mucked in to clear everything away in double quick time. Roll on the coronation of King Charles the Third for our next royal knees-up - hurrah!



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By Nick Worledge



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Weavers Place

Two new families, who moved in to Weaver's Place over lockdown, were able to come to meet and get to know their neighbours at the lunchtime Street Barbeque. This normally annual event, was curtailed by the Covid restrictions for the last couple of years, so it was great for us all to meet and spend time with each other again.

The barbeques formed a focal point, and the gazebos were up, in case of rain! Red, white and blue was the order of the day on the tables and Union Jack bunting and balloons were hanging from the gazebos. Music from the 50s

created a retro vibe, reflecting the sounds that were around at the time of the Coronation.

The children (and some of the adults) played games on the green, including some very competitive swing ball. Neighbours brought a salad or a desert to share, and thanks go to Liz who provided us with red, white and blue decorated cakes. People were just beginning to start to leave when the rain came on. The timing of the weather on both days of the weekend was impeccable.

Having spent a busy day running the Jubilee Party on the Saturday it was a pleasant contrast to have a chance to relax, have a drink or two, and enjoy the much more chilled Sunday.



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WEAVERS PLACE

Happy Summer Neighbours!

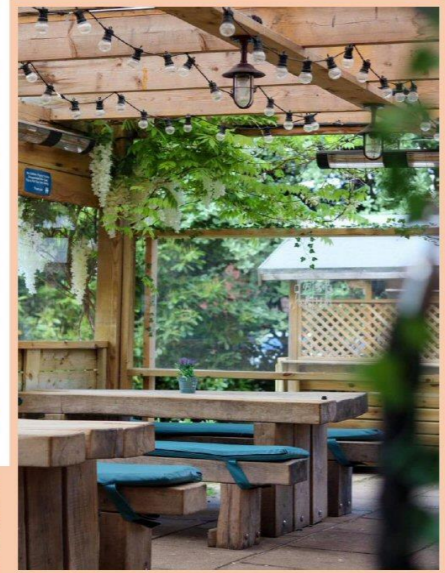
Thank you to everyone who turned up to the Jubilee party on the green... what a day!

We were very sad to say goodbye to a Farmhouse colleague and good friend Hana Fincher, and we wish her good luck on her next adventure.

You will be pleased to know that we are now fully open on Mondays again and hope to be, all summer. We have added a few items to our summer menu which includes a Full or Half Rack of Ribs, Cajun Chicken Fillet and BBQ Chicken Wings. Our Greek head chef Nico, has already delighted us with the addition of Feta Donuts, and we hope to be adding more Greek food to the menu, such as a Greek Salad.

A new wine list is on its way after we have changed to a more premium supplier, Majestic Wines. There will be a much broader range of wines including a French Picpoul de Pinet, Chilean Pinot Noir and Italian White Zinfandel. We are also introducing a new Spanish beer, Madri, which will be sure to quench your thirst in the sun.

We are always looking for local people to join the team. So please drop in with a CV or email manager@lantemins.co.uk if you are interested in joining us. This includes both front and back of house positions.



Our upstairs private rooms are becoming more and more popular for family parties / hen do's / business meetings and private dining. So please get in touch for more information.

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