



# Newsletter

July 2024

**FRIENDS**  
of MUSEUM & ART  
**SWINDON**

Hello Friends  
Great News

Friends' Celebration of the Opening of Museum and Art Swindon  
Including a talk by Wilfrid Wright on the Elisabeth Frink Exhibition, now  
installed in the Gallery.

25th July from 6pm  
Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon  
We hope you will be able to come and share this wonderful occasion.

Please let us know if you plan to attend, so that we can organise refreshments.  
[lindakasmaty@hotmail.com](mailto:lindakasmaty@hotmail.com)

There is a lift to the first floor and accessible toilets.

## Friends' Monthly Talks

- 29 August Harriet Still on Hardy's Wessex exhibition at Museum and Art Swindon.
- 26 September Phillip Dearden on his grandfather Harold Dearden, Head of the Swindon Art School for over 30 years, with several paintings in the Swindon Collection.
- 31 October Ann-Rachael Harwood will tell us about 'The Wilson' Gallery in Cheltenham.
- 28 November Dr Gill Clarke will talk about the 'Purbeck Artists' exhibition, which she will be curating at the Russell Cotes Gallery, Bournemouth.
- 5 December AGM

Thanks to Dee Ferris and Katie Ackrill for their conversation on the 13<sup>th</sup> June,  
and to Melanie Vandenbrouck, Chief Curator of the Pallant House Gallery on "The Shape of  
Things: Still Life in Britain", the current exhibition at Pallant House. See also Page 3

## Friends' Favourites Exhibition

Frances Yeo, Museums Curator at Swindon Borough Council, has asked if the Friends would like to curate our own exhibition to go on display at Museum and Art Swindon, January - March 2025. The committee has accepted on the Friends' behalf, with a working title for the exhibition of 'Friends' Favourites'. This is a great opportunity to choose our favourite artworks and to publicise the Friends.

So Friends, please put your thinking caps on and choose which of the paintings (and hopefully ceramics and sculptures) you would like to be considered for inclusion.

Paintings in the Swindon Collection can be found on the Art UK website:

[https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/view\\_as/grid/search/2024--keyword:museum-and-art-swindon/page/1](https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/view_as/grid/search/2024--keyword:museum-and-art-swindon/page/1)

**Committee members David Hughes and Rosemary Savage have agreed to lead a group to organise the event. Please consider volunteering to help them.** The first meeting with Katie Ackrill, SBC's Collections and Exhibitions Officer will be at 2pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Let Linda know if you would like to join the group: [lindakasmaty@hotmail.com](mailto:lindakasmaty@hotmail.com)

## Out and About this Summer

### Signal Festival Swindon

22<sup>nd</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August

'Signal is led by 6 Young Producers; all artists under 28 who grew up in and make work in Swindon. It is a dynamic mix of performance, participation, professional development and pop-up surprises! It is a response to a series of consultations with Swindon's young people to design and deliver what they feel is needed in their town.'

<https://www.signalfestival.co.uk/>

Programme includes

**'Double Take** an art exhibition with a difference

It explores creativity, challenges the way we see and think, and invites visitors to join in. Museum & Art Swindon asked Swindon students to look... and then look again. Their challenge was to take inspiration from artworks in the Swindon Collection. With the support of practising professional artists, pupils produced their own creative responses. In this exhibition, their artwork is displayed alongside the work of the artists who inspired them. Pupils explored the ways we experience and respond to the world around us. Their exhibition encourages us to see the world in new and unexpected ways – to sit up and take notice. Visit the show and be prepared to do a double-take...'

Museum and Art Swindon, 9<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July, Open Tuesday to Saturday

Pallant House Gallery, Chichester

**The Shape of Things: Still Life in Britain** until 20th October 2024

Features two works from the Swindon Collection, including 'Bright Intervals' by Edward Wadsworth, 1928, which is also used on the exhibition poster.

8-9 North Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1TJ, Tel: 01243 774557, <https://pallant.org.uk/>

Barnes Coaches are running a day trip to Chichester on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

<https://www.barnescoaches.co.uk/itineraries/8183-chichester?&tourid=169576>

Tel: 01793 821303

Please let us know if you have booked a coach ticket: [lindakasmaty@hotmail.com](mailto:lindakasmaty@hotmail.com)

**Henry Orlik: A Cosmos of Dreams**

9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> August Maas Gallery, 6 Duke Street, St James, London, SW1Y 6BN

Celebrating Henry Orlik's first exhibition in London in 50 years

Henry Orlik moved with his family to Swindon after WW2 and became a very successful artist in the 70's and early 80's with sold out exhibitions in London and New York after which he became very reclusive. His work was exhibited alongside artists such as Dali and Magritte. He still lives in Swindon.

For more information: <https://winsorbirch.com/artists/143-henry-orlik/>

Russell-Cotes Gallery, Bournemouth

**A Painter in Paris: Albert de Belleruche (1864–1944)**

until 22nd September 2024

'The first major retrospective of artworks by Albert de Belleruche.

The Impressionist movement's emphasis on capturing the fleeting effects of light and atmosphere left an indelible mark on Belleruche's work, infusing it with a vibrancy and spontaneity.'

**Beautiful Bournemouth** until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

For more information visit: <https://russellcotes.com/> Tel: 01202 128000

Barnes Coaches are running several day trips to Bournemouth during the summer

<https://www.barnescoaches.co.uk> Tel: 01793 821303

Victoria Art Gallery, by Pulteney Bridge, Bath

**Toulouse -Lautrec and the Masters of Montmartre**

until 29<sup>th</sup> September

'Our blockbuster exhibition celebrates the sights, sounds and characters of bohemian Paris'

Tel: 01225 477233 <https://www.victoriagal.org.uk/>

## Chippenham Museum

### Re/imagining Maud Heath 24 June – 31 August

An exhibition exploring the different ways in which Maud Heath and her Causeway have been celebrated by artists, writers, and everyday people across the centuries. From medieval documents to contemporary art, the exhibition will also include the opportunity to make your own Causeway and record your memories of this famous local landmark.

### Fresh Air Sculpture Sunday 16th June – Sunday 7th July

‘A Celebration of Contemporary Art In a Beautiful English Garden’

The Old Rectory, Quenington, Cirencester, Gloucestershire,

For more information visit: <https://www.freshairsculpture.com/>

### Talos Gallery and Garden Summer Exhibition until 21<sup>st</sup> July

Broads Green Farm, Heddington, Calne, Wiltshire Tel: 01249 599069

For more information visit: <https://www.talosartgallery.co.uk/>

## Wiltshire Museum, Devizes

### A Wiltshire Thatcher – a Photographic Journey through Victorian Wessex until 1st September 2024

For more information visit: <https://www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk>

## The Arts Society Kennet and Swindon

New subscription year begins in May, next two lectures:

16 Sept. Seaside Modern: Art and Life on the Beach by James Russell

21 October Frozen Breath of the Polar Night: An introduction to Art Nouveau Glass by Justine Hopkins

For more lectures and information:

<https://www.theartsocietykennet.org.uk/> or email: [tas.kennetandswindon@gmail.com](mailto:tas.kennetandswindon@gmail.com)

## Social Media Links for Museum and Art Swindon

Website: <https://www.museumartswindon.com/>

The online shop selling books, jewellery and toys is now available on the website.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MuseumandArtGallery/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/museumartswindon/>

## Friends' Social Media Links

Friends' website: <http://www.friendsofmas.org>

For newsletters, news, information about planned talks and videos of past talks.

You can join the Friends, renew membership or make a donation through the website.

For news of Friends' activities over the past 13 years visit:

Friends' blog: <http://friendsofmas.blogspot.com>

Instagram, with 1,563 followers: <https://www.instagram.com/friendsmuseumartswindon/>