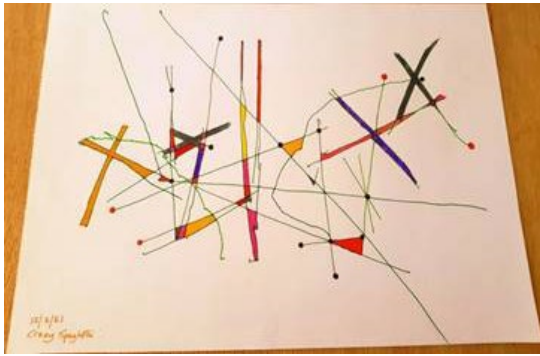


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Hello Artists. 25th Feb 2021

We hope you have what you need, are safe and well. We'll continue our calls to you and you are welcome to phone us in-between on the numbers below.

Welcome to this week's newsletter where we celebrate your artwork and consider the Governments Covid-19 Roadmap and how it impacts on the Art Matters studio reopening. We start with images from Monday's drawing workshop, 'Everything and the Kitchen Sink' with artist Beth Hopkins.



Laura. 'Crazy Spaghetti' from Beth's workshop.

'Thank you for the art tutorial yesterday. I loved it. Really freed up my mind to other possibilities of art creation. Here's my work from the Session - Crazy Spaghetti...moved a piece of pasta around the paper, making marks as I went. Have done some ink filling since. I really like this one!' Laura.



New work from Andy – from Monday's drawing workshop with Beth.

Thank you for the zoom art session yesterday, I enjoyed it. It's sometimes nice to draw without worrying about outcomes.

Andy



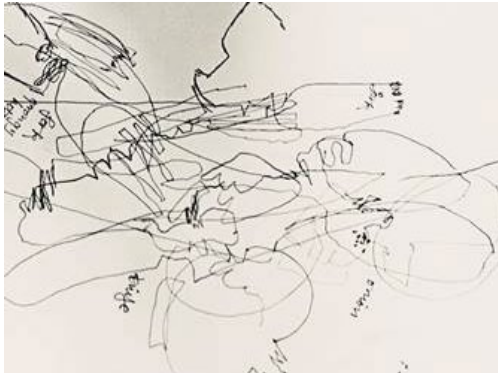
Nigel's drawing describing the sounds of his environment.

'I enjoyed the work shop very much. Thank you.' Nigel



Philippa. Drawing the sound of a boiling kettle.

'Had a very insightful and interesting time with Beth. Closing your eyes and feeling your subject and listening to sounds was very interesting and it was surprising what you drew. My favourite was the boiling kettle, listening to the noise build and fade - really really enjoyed that!!' Philippa.



Molly's overlapping drawing from the workshop.

Our thanks to Beth for providing the opportunity to explore and refresh how we think about and make drawings.
[If you missed the workshop but are interested well talk to Beth and see if we can re-run it.](#)

Government Roadmap.

In a briefing on Monday the Government provided a roadmap, a step-by-step plan, to ease restrictions out of the current lockdown in England. The full details of the roadmap can be found on the government's website on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021>

The easing of restrictions is planned in four steps, the first of which will proceed on 8th March with the opening of schools and colleges. Between each step will be a gap of at least 5 weeks for a review to ascertain it is safe before proceeding to the next step. Below are the first 2 steps:

STEP 1: 8 March



Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.



Recreation or exercise outdoors with household or one other person.
No household mixing indoors.



Wraparound childcare.



Stay at home.



Funerals (30), wakes and weddings (6).

29 March



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors.
No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.



Organised outdoor sport allowed (children and adults).



Minimise travel.
No holidays.



Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).

STEP 2

At least five weeks after Step 1, no earlier than 12 April.



Indoor leisure (including gyms) open for use individually or within household groups.



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors.
No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor attractions, such as zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas.



Libraries and community centres.



Personal care premises.



All retail.



Outdoor hospitality.



All children's activities, indoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).



Domestic overnight stays (household only).



Self-contained accommodation (household only).



Funerals (30), wakes, weddings, receptions (15).



Minimise travel.
No international holidays.



Event pilots begin.

As seen above in step two, no earlier than **12th April**, Community Centres will be able to open and, if all safety measures are in place and the roadmap on track, is when Art Matters will aim to reopen. There's a way to go and we'll keep you informed of our progress.



Acrylic on canvas. It's a Peacock butterfly. I wanted to make something bright and powerful using colour. Thank you Anthony for this beautiful painting.

'Animals' – new theme.

Art matters theme of the month continues..... We would like to thank everyone for their creative contributions for

February's theme of "Favourite things". We are pleased to announce our Theme for March will be..... "ANIMALS" so get creative painting, drawing, sewing, printing, carving, sculpting, creatively writing or photographing all aspects of "ANIMALS". Don't forget the Spotify Playlist as well I would like to kick that off with... "ANIMALS" by Pink Floyd. Enjoy!



We send out the newsletter every week to those who prefer a posted copy – these are they! David stencils all the envelopes making each a work of art!



Please remember Wheel of Wellbeing workshops currently being delivered by our colleagues at Richmond Fellowship. These fun, free workshops are ideal for anyone wanting to increase their personal wellbeing. Workshops are on Zoom and the dates are; Saturday **27th Feb** at 10:00 – 12:30; Wednesday **10th March** at 10:00 – 12:30 and Monday; **29th March** at 6:30pm – 9:00. Please phone 01737 771282 or e-mail; redhillcc@richmondfellowship.org.uk to make your booking.



Davey the Dinosaur – lovely new work from Barry.

Do you have a message for an Art Matters friend? Send it to us and we'll put it in the newsletter. Likewise, a thought for the day, a poem, an idea or a picture you'd like to share.



Creativity in the Kitchen – Gerri’s delicious looking Victoria sponge.

All the images can be found on the Art Matters Instagram account.

Thought for the Day.



Silence is essential. We need silence, just as much as we need air, just as much as plants need light. If our minds are crowded with words and thoughts, there is no space for us.
— Thich Nhat Hanh

Thank you Raj for the words and the image.

Contacting Art Matters:

artmatters@richmondfellowship.org.uk - all staff access these e-mails. You can also call the studio number on 01737 766212 and if we are unable to pick up leave a message and one of us will get back to you as soon as we can.

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Please continue to listen to Government advice and stay safe and stay in touch.

Until next time.

The Art Matters team.

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