

Dear Artists. 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

We hope you are safe and well.

Art Matters has now been open for a few weeks and it feels good to see you all again creating art in our studio. With May just round the corner, many of your paintings and photographs this week celebrate spring. However, we begin with a new portrait painting from Sandra, created in the studio yesterday.



New painting by Sandra.



*From the wonderful colours of Healing Garden!  
Nature is the best!  
Embrace nature!  
Nurturing nature will bring benefits to wellbeing!*

*Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Raj.*

Thanks Raj for your photograph, words and wishes.

'Spring is in the Air'.

The 'Spring is in the Air' collection of photographs from Richmond Fellowship staff and Service Users has now come to an end. Thank you everyone who voted.



Best overall photograph to Jonathan Baker for 'Kingfisher in Flight'.



'Best interpretation of Spring' also to Jonathan for his 'Daffodils'.



A few years ago Dr Tomlinson from the Medwyn GP Surgery in Dorking approached Art Matters with a view to create a Surgery with a calm, pleasant atmosphere and a holistic approach to patient care. This objective feels especially significant right now, with the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccines. Nurse Clare Laker (above) explains: "I worked at the Medwyn GP Surgery, helping provide Covid vaccinations for our PCN today. I was interested to hear patients enquiring about the art work displayed in the corridors where they waited (hopefully not for too long!) for their immunisations. These were created by people, supported by Art Matters. The pandemic has had an affect on all of our mental health, in one way or another and this initiative helps support positive mental health through art." Thank you Clare, your colleagues and volunteers who are working tirelessly to ensure that we receive our vaccines as quickly and efficiently as possible.



Barry's marvellous new work.

### Art Matters Business Plan.

The staff team had a business plan meeting on Wednesday. It's not easy to think too far ahead but it was a very positive meeting. Your views and opinions are important to the plan and we'll arrange to meet on Zoom in the coming weeks, probably a Monday. Please let us know if you are interested in joining.



*Lovely blue haze of bluebells in the woods.*

Thanks Lucy. Amazing.

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



*Bluebells in Fellands Copse.*

Molly's beautiful new painting.

*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.*

Thank you everyone for sending in your work. It's an amazing collection. Art Matters feels very proud.

Please continue to listen to Government advice and stay safe and stay in touch. Look after yourselves and each other.

Contacting Art Matters: [artmatters@richmondfellowship.org.uk](mailto: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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We'll see you soon.

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