



Beautiful window installation by Jo.

We hope you are safe and well.

Jo's amazing installation is currently exhibited in the Art Matters studio.

Our newsletter contains brilliant contributions and artworks by Paula, Rochelle, Paul, Akaash, Susan, Dave, Nigel, Ella, Moira, Sue, Lucy, Paul and Barry.

Art Matters continue to be busy in the community. The 'Hope Whisperers' and 'New Hope Star' are at East Surrey College and we are part of a new exhibition entitled 'In the Margins' at Reigate Library – the showcase event is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 5:00 – 8:00 and all are welcome. The Art Matters contribution is 'We See You' – a print and installation created by Camera Club members and Natasha.

Studio news includes a welcome to Helen, Artist in Residence for this term. Helen will be with us Wednesday mornings. Nigel is running an 'Automatic Drawing' workshop on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00.

Richmond Fellowship's Engagement Coordinator, Becky, is helping us manage and update our website. Please see: [www.artmatters-richmondfellowship.org.uk](http://www.artmatters-richmondfellowship.org.uk) Thank you Becky!

Natasha has been sorting out the plan-chest – where the works on paper are kept. Please make sure you put your first name in pencil on the back of your work.

We also bring news of Richmond Fellowship's merger with Humankind – please see below.

Be proud. Enjoy your wonderful work in our newsletter.



Paula's wonderfully animated collage.



Roo & Joey. Rochelle's lovely new paint and glitter work.



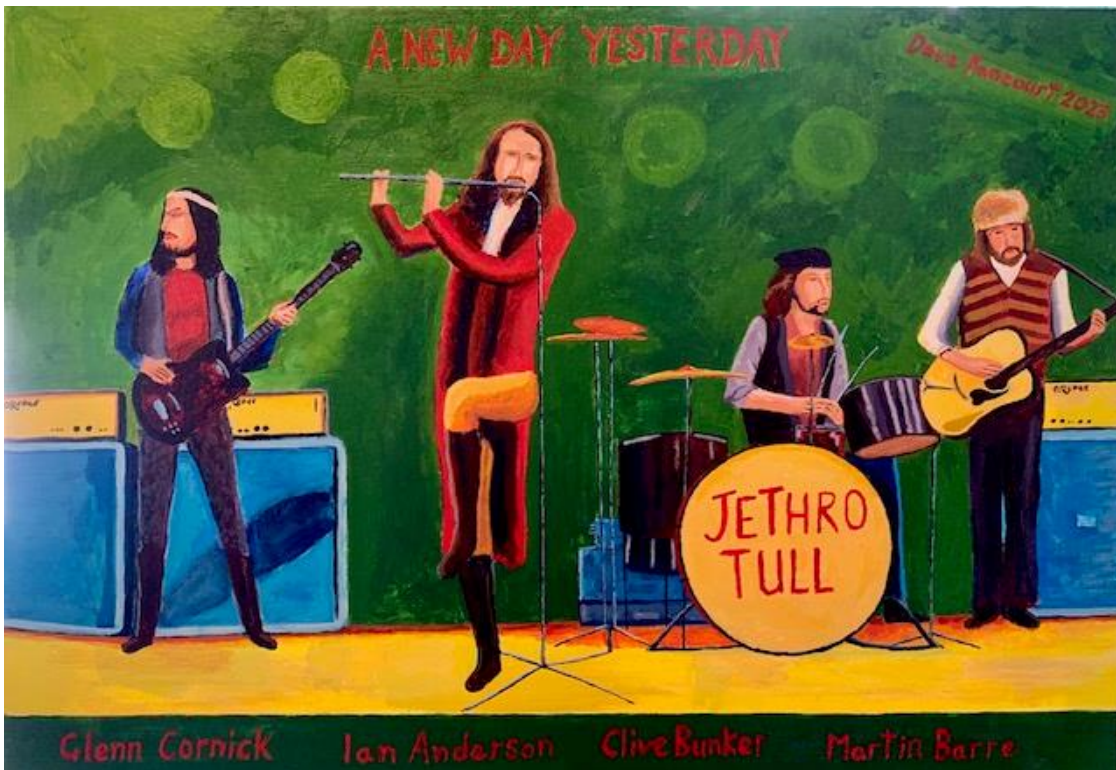
Paul's fantastic portrait in chalk pastel. From the 'Lost Children of Paradise' series.



'Be'. Beautiful new painting by Akaash.



This delicate collage is the work of artist Susan.



'A New Day Yesterday'. Hugely influential Jethro Tull, led by Ian Anderson and supported by Cornick, Bunker and Barre. Dave's brilliant work vividly captures the spirit of early 70's rock.

Richmond Fellowship to merge with Humankind.

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Richmond Fellowship and Humankind have announced that they are merging to form a single charity to better support even more people facing multiple disadvantage.

This exciting development builds on the rich heritage of two charities that share values, ambitions and decades of experience supporting people with substance use, mental health, housing and associated needs.

And that's why we're coming together to form a new charity. A single organisation that meets more people where they are and has a bigger impact. A single organisation that provides the joined-up mental health, housing and drug and alcohol support we've all known has been needed for decades.

Our shared values, strengths and missions will give us what we need to create a brand-new organisation. Which is very exciting.

Our ambition is to bring the best from each charity to build something that makes us all proud, whilst protecting the things that have made our two organisations so great. Which means a stronger, more sustainable organisation and opportunities for staff, volunteers and people who access our services.

[Humankind – For fair chances \(humankindcharity.org.uk\)](http://humankindcharity.org.uk)



Ella's splendid linocuts drying in the studio winter sunshine.



*Hi guys. Here's my latest painting I've been working on for the last few days. It's taken from one of our walks with Sidney. Look forward to seeing you all soon. Best wishes, Nigel 😊*

Lovely Silver Birch. Stunning Nigel.



Appliqued Christmas table-runner. Beautiful embroidery by Moira.



Camera Club photographer and artist Barry, at Easy Surrey College this week, to see the 'Hope Whisperers'



Sue's expressive linocuts, printed on linen, let the light in.

## Helen. Artist in Residence



Helen Worgan is our current Artist in Residence; much of Helen's work is rooted in exploring memories influenced particularly by her upbringing in South Africa. With a rich career history in the arts B.C – before children, as cited by Helen – she worked in studio management where she worked in various creative industries from print and production to digital photography and publishing. She has recently completed a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design at Reigate School of Art and is now undertaking an MA in Fine Art at Falmouth University. Her highly experimental practice spans across many mediums; paper making, weaving, illustration, and casting to name a few. Helen passionately believes in the power of art and the valuable role creativity can play in mental health. Welcome to Art Matters Helen!



Sometimes the world feels like a puzzle Lucy. Let's hope for the missing piece.



Hidden behind history & in the margins. 'We See You': new Camera Club artwork currently exhibited at Reigate library. Thank you, Angus, for creating this finished print.



'Redbill.' Part of the Thrush family and native from Scandinavia, Paul saw this bird in Merstham and drew it at Art Matters.

Art Matters website.

Check us out at:

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Last word.



Barry the Strongman.