



Atkins Building Newsletter

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NEWS & EVENTS



Upcoming events and exhibitions

Alchemy Artists

25 March - 22 April

A group of local artists will exhibit some intriguing compositions in a range of style and subject matter. The Alchemy Artists work, talk and exhibit together. Explorations on the themes of 'Alchemy', 'Things are getting better, Things are getting worse' and others, will stimulate, delight, and puzzle.



Footprints on the Fosseway

5 - 10 May

This is an exhibition by Redmoor Academy that covers a year of exploring the Roman heritage of Hinckley and surrounding areas. It will consist of an original mosaic made using traditional Roman methods; costumes created by students for use by actors in a world premiere of a forgotten Roman play; a life-sized Roman chariot of the type used on the Fosse Way; archaeological finds from the dig at Sharnford; a film of the Roman play; the documentary of the year's work; written pieces and photographs.



In Oils by Neil Prior

13 - 27 May

Local artist Neil Prior will be exhibiting a superb selection of oil paintings in the Atkins Gallery this May. His subject matter ranges from animals and people to landscapes and still-life in his chosen medium of oils. In addition to hosting the exhibition, Neil will be spending time in the Atkins Gallery to showcase the tools and techniques he deploys to create his artworks and to speak about his inspiration and choice of subjects. For more information about Neil and his artwork please visit his facebook page @NeilPriorArtist



NWBC Ba Hons Visual Media Graduate Show

12 - 27 June

Students from North Warwickshire and Hinckley College will be putting their graduate work on display in the Atkins Gallery in June. This is the third year the college has exhibited the students' coursework and this exhibition anticipates the exploration of a range of subjects and themes in a visually dynamic and striking way.



Childhood Memories Open Exhibition

8 - 29 June

This summer the Atkins Open Exhibition returns with a new brief to inspire local artists. As with previous Open Exhibitions, Childhood Memories has a broad and all encompassing title which can be interpreted in many different ways. A Lunchtime Launch is proposed on Saturday 8 July to kick-start the exhibition; this will be free entry and gives visitors the opportunity to meet the artists involved and discuss the artwork on display with refreshments available from Café Español.

Don't miss your chance to meet the **Alchemy Artists!**

25 March – 22 April



Alchemy is an eclectic exhibition by a group of local artists. Everyone is welcome to attend the last two 'Meet the Artists' sessions on Friday 21 April and Saturday 22 April in the Atkins Gallery 10.00am - 2.00pm. Café Español will be open serving refreshments.

Fantastic Debut for **Local Artist Julie**

The Atkins Gallery was pleased to host the debut exhibition of artist Julie Ridington and her project 'Weaving Goodbye' which fused looking back at local heritage with contemporary art. The exhibition will continue to grow and develop with artist Julie looking for memories, objects and photos. Julie demonstrated her enthusiasm for the project on the 9th March whilst speaking to radio presenter Ben Jackson on Radio Leicester. We look forward to the possibility of Julie returning to exhibit in the Atkins Gallery in the future.



Roman History to be unveiled by Redmoor Academy



Redmoor Academy students will be exhibiting some interesting historical research in a week long exhibition in the Atkins Gallery. The Footprints on the Fosseway project was established to give students the opportunity to explore the Roman history of Hinckley and surrounding areas. This was done through a variety of activities in conjunction with the Hinckley & District Museum and the Hinckley Archaeological Society.

Redmoor students carried out research at the Hinckley & District museum, at the Jewry Wall in Leicester, and by attending various talks by Roman experts. The project was launched before the whole school in an assembly in which ghosts of Roman citizens appeared and shared their stories.

The exhibition will feature an original handmade mosaic created using traditional Roman methods; costumes created by students for use by actors in a world premiere of a forgotten Roman play, and a life-size Roman chariot of the type used on the Fosse Way, which was created by six students.

At the heart of the project was the Sharnford dig where students worked with the Hinckley Archaeological Society to uncover a new section of the Fosse Way. The section of road uncovered is within the school's catchment area. Alongside the chariot and the dig, other students worked on creating costumes and jewellery to be worn in a presentation of the play 'The Girl from Andros' by Terence. The play was performed by a combined company of professional actors and members of the school's youth theatre. The exhibition will also comprise written pieces and

photographs that document the year's exploration.

Footprints on the Fosseway promises to be both an informative and visually compelling exhibition and is on display 5 - 10 May. For more information about Redmoor Academy please visit their website <http://www.redmooracademy.org/>



Artist is setting up his easel in the Atkins Gallery



Local artist Neil Prior will be exhibiting a superb selection of oil paintings in the Atkins Gallery this May. His subject matter ranges from animals and people to landscapes and still-life in his chosen medium of oils.

Born in Christchurch in Dorset, Neil has always enjoyed art and is now a professional artist living in Hinckley. His painting style really developed when in 2008 he attended a day class with Jayne Goode, a certified instructor in the Bob Ross wet-on-wet oil painting technique. Following this, Neil began to sell

some of his work and felt compelled to further develop his skills with oil painting, leading him to participate in a Fine Art weekend course in 2015 led by professional artist Mike Skidmore. Neil explains that "I enjoyed his course immensely and it enabled me to incorporate finer detail into my work." Following this, Neil was asked by friends and family to do commissions. "My paintings have been popular enough to have them made into high quality giclee prints that have enabled more people to own a copy. I like to create depth and realism into my works for the viewer to feel they can engage with the subject. For me, portraiture, both with people and animals, is about creating expression within the eyes."

In 2016 Neil created two oil paintings depicting the current police uniform, one male and the other female. These have proven to be extremely popular with officers who have asked for giclee prints to be edited with their own collar



numbers on the epaulettes. These two paintings of the male and female police attire have been on display at the Newark Houses and Museum in Leicester and were exhibited in the Atkins Gallery's '180 Years of Leicestershire Police' exhibition from 5 December 2016 to 13 January 2017.

Neil's collection entitled 'In Oils' will be on display 13 - 27 May. In addition to hosting the exhibition, Neil will be spending time in the Atkins Gallery to showcase the tools and techniques he deploys to create his artworks and to speak about his inspiration and choice of subjects. For more information about Neil and his artwork please visit www.neilpriorartist.com or call **07739 182220**. He also has a Facebook page @NeilPriorArtist





Atkins Wedding Fair enjoyed its sixth year of showcasing local bridal stockists

The Atkins Building hosted its 6th annual Wedding Fair earlier this year featuring an array of local exhibitors promoting their bridal wares. On Saturday 18th February there were 18 stalls displayed in the Atkins Gallery covering everything from wedding photography and bridal make-up to venue hire and room décor. Café Español opened its doors for the duration of the event from 10am till 4pm providing refreshments. There was an atmosphere of conviviality as brides and grooms-to-be perused the stalls to help plan for their special day.

Just in case you missed this year's Wedding Fair or if you would like to contact one of the exhibitors, here is the full list of businesses from this year's event:



Emma Banks Arbonne banks732@btinternet.com
www.facebook.com/ecbhealthandwellness

Willow Photography info@willowphotography.co.uk
www.willowphotography.co.uk/

Michelle Kemp Photography info@michellekempphotography.com
http://michellekempphotography.com/



Hilary Sansom, Daisy Chain Weddings hilary@daisychainweddings.co.uk
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Leicestershire Registration Service 0116 305 65 65
http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/registerars

Celebrate in Leicestershire

**Hinckley Registration Office to receive
a brand facelift and new website.**

We understand how stressful a wedding can be and we want every ceremony (whether small or large) to be a memorable experience for all the right reasons.

To make things run smoother, we've created a new "one stop shop" website that can be used by couples at any stage of their wedding planning:

- To find wedding suppliers or services.
- To view registration office and approved venue ceremony rooms.
- For guidance on the legal formalities.

It also offers great advertising opportunities for local businesses that are active in the wedding industry.

www.celebrateinleicestershire.co.uk

For wedding/ceremony queries, call 0116 305 65 65.

For general queries, email registrars@leics.gov.uk

For advertising queries, email celebrate@leics.gov.uk



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www.celebrateinleicestershire.co.uk

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Childhood Memories Open Exhibition

8 - 29 July 2017

This summer sees the third Open Exhibition to take place in the Atkins Gallery. The title 'Childhood Memories' aims to inspire local artists to create their own interesting creative reflections and all artists are welcome to get involved!

The title encourages expressive reminiscence and allows the artist to draw upon personal memories or explore a more generalised nostalgia. You might want to think about people you have known, things you have seen, experiences you have enjoyed. You could consider special occasions or milestones in your life; favourite colours, foods or toys from your youth;

or changing styles and fashions when you were growing up. You might decide to paint an old photograph or draw a collection of childhood relics; or you might sketch a place you have visited or create a collage using ephemera from the year you were born! There are many possibilities and submissions interpreting the theme in a variety of media are welcome.

If you are interested in exhibiting in the Open Exhibition please download a copy of the **Exhibitor Pack** from the Atkins website or email info@atkinsbuilding.co.uk to request one. Please read the information thoroughly, the back

page is to be filled in and returned to us along with your submitted pieces. Artists can submit up to **three pieces for £12** (instructions on making the online payment is included in the pack) and artwork is to be submitted: **26 – 30 June** and be collected after the exhibition: **1 – 4 August 2017**. A **Lunchtime Launch** is proposed on **Saturday 8 July** to kick-start the exhibition. This gives visitors the opportunity to meet the artists involved and discuss the artwork on display. The Lunchtime Launch will be free entry and welcomes everyone, with refreshments available from Café Español.

Previous Open Exhibitions have included '**Summer Holiday**' which took place in 2015 and last year's '**Local Landscapes**'.



Atkins Gallery and Reception Exhibitions

The Atkins Gallery is a light and spacious exhibition space directly adjacent to Café Español. This area suits a range of exhibitions including the display of three dimensional pieces and sculpture as well as paintings and photography. The Gallery opening times coincide with

the opening hours of Café Español (9.00am till 2.30pm Monday to Friday and 10.00am till 2.30pm on Saturdays.) Visitors can arrange an appointment to view artwork on display between 2.30pm - 4.00pm by calling 01455 247070 or speaking with a member of the Atkins staff.



The Atkins Reception offers an excellent opportunity for local artists and community groups to showcase their work with five weeks free display space. The Reception in the Atkins Building is a high footfall, busy and exciting area to help promote your artwork and activities, as well as providing a stimulating environment for the public. If you wish to display your creative endeavours or community events and you are local to Hinckley, please consider using this eye-catching space.



Café Español presents Jazz with Tapas



Every **2nd Thursday of each month** Café Español combines great live music with delicious food. With performances from the Peter Houtman Trio with Paula Robinson and Andrew Sime along with special guests, you can expect some swinging songs and ballads composed by the great American composers with additional Jobim Bossa Novas and some groovy blues. There is a fantastic range of home made Spanish tapas available

including Paella, tortilla, Iberian chorizo, Serrano ham from Julian Romero and Silvia Santiago



Doors open **7pm** and admission is **£5** to cover band costs.

To book a table please call **07480 833 613** or email **info@cafeespanol.co.uk**.

Alternatively you can contact Café Español on Facebook or call in during the café's opening hours:

8.30am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday and **10.00am - 2.30pm** on Saturdays.

For jazz information please contact Andrew Sime: **Andrew@andrew-sime.com** or **07976 573777**



Atkins Building Easter Opening Hours

Friday 14 April CLOSED

Saturday 15 April open for Leicestershire Registration Ceremonies only

Sunday 16 April CLOSED

Monday 17 April CLOSED

Tuesday 18 April open 8.30am - 5.30pm

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If you are interested in exhibiting in the Atkins Gallery or in any other aspect of the Atkins Building, please contact **01455 247070** or **info@atkinsbuilding.co.uk** and for updates of events and exhibitions taking place in the Atkins Gallery please visit **www.atkinsbuilding.co.uk**



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