

Hello my fellow art and heritage enthusiasts,

We're half-way through the year and still going strong! We've got big things planned for our new home in the heart of the town.

Art with a Heart's new address is: 82-84 George Street, Altrincham (the old Superdrug unit, next to Oxfam) With thanks to our team of volunteers, we will be open to the public on 12th June. After this date, we will be open from Wed-Sun: 10am-5pm. Our grand relaunch party will coincide with the private viewing of the Altrincham Open on the 11th July with a special guest to officially open the centre.

We would like to say many thanks to Neal Hunter, the commercial director at MerePark and Jonathan Momsin, as without their support we could not have made this happen.

Editorial.

JUNE 2014

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Important Dates

12th June- AWAH reopen

13th June- Wish you were here and Equinox Relaunch

14th June- Altrincham Open call for entries

19th June- Deadline for Altrincham Open

16th June- Blessed Thomas Holford Exhibition

21st June- Civic Day

27th June- ATC event

1st July- Altrincham Open begins

11th July- AWAH relaunch

Heritage Display

For the Heritage enthusiasts, we are expanding our heritage area with the help of our Intern Natasia Rubin. Natasia has been liaising around the clock with numerous local groups, including the local South Trafford Archaeological group. To coincide with our Wish you were Here postcard exhibition, we are displaying some intriguing postcards from their curious collection of objects held by S.T.A.G and we will be showcasing their incredible findings throughout the year. Wish you were here will run from 13th- 29th June alongside a relaunch of our Equinox ceramic exhibition in gallery one.



Transforming the unit

Altrincham in Bloom and Resident Artist

Judging date for Altrincham in Bloom is 15th July and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has been helping us raise funds so far, especially in the plant sale on the 31st May raising £212. We would also like to thank the Stamford Quarter and their staff for the opportunity to run both the Bake and Plant Sales.

You may have noticed the planter tubs throughout Altrincham. Each planter will be carefully nurtured by the various community groups and associated organisations throughout the town, to create unique and beautiful displays that really show this year that we are 'Growing for Gold'. Art with a Heart's planter is themed 'Art in the Park' and can be seen outside our new home on George Street.

Paint a Sunflower

Come in and paint a sunflower

As part of our kids activities, we are hosting a 'Paint a Sunflower' competition in collaboration with Sale and Altrincham Messenger. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes are sponsored by Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund and all creations will be on display within the centre.

Resident Artists Wendy Wallwork

As part of our featured artist programme, this month highlighted creative is Wendy Wallwork, our residential artist who is soon to set up her artist studio within our new centre.

Wendy Wallwork is a ceramic artist, Chinese brush artist and community art worker. She has been practising ceramics for over fifteen years and is also a gallery assistant at Art With a Heart art centre, where she helps to install exhibitions, assist in the curation of exhibitions and is primarily involved with Trafford Schools Open exhibition. As part of her residency at Art with a Heart, Wendy will be demonstrating hand building with clay and ceramic painting.

Her work is a reflection of the unseen beauty within nature, using the earthy medium of clay to create a desirable piece of art. She is passionate about bringing the public eye to nature's unnoticed attributes; things we take for granted being brought to the forefront via sculpture, paintings and the arts.



Karen Wroe with Art with a Heart's planter

Continuing to update the New Look Unit, you can see a snapshot of the talent in this year's Trafford Schools Open with art by four A-Level students from Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic School. It starts on the 16th-30th June. Following this exhibition will be our display 'Bee-Aware' throughout July, with artwork by multi-media artist Steve Marsden as part of Altrincham in Bloom. This thought-provoking display is to raise awareness of the plight our bees are currently facing and there will be factual information and items on loan from local beekeeper David Rome.



Ceramic art by Wendy Walwork

Please visit:
<http://www.artwithaheart.org.uk/artist-feature-wendy-wallwork/blog/> to read a deeper insight into Wendy's work in our monthly Artist Feature.

Upcoming Events and Reviews



Davyhulme Art Club Exhibition, Urmston Library

Resident Artist Choice

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This month's curators' choice has been taken over by our Resident Artist Wendy Wallwork, who was eager to share her experience of the talented work created by Davyhulme Art Club.

Davyhulme Art Club is a pioneering club in the local area that has both a friendly atmosphere as well as a fresh, creative vibe. The members within the group work in a vast variety of traditional media: such as acrylics, watercolour, pen and wash and Chinese brush painting, but they add an air of contemporary influence that was clearly demonstrated within this exhibition. The showcase of talent that was on display, was a true credit to the local art scene with something for everyone's taste.

Although you may have missed this exhibition, the Club takes part in exhibitions organised by the North West Federation of Art Clubs and annually exhibits their work within Urmston Library and Fixton Garden Centre. They also host a range of events and workshops throughout the year by professional artists and we are in discussion to showcase their work in Altrincham.

Other things to see...

Liverpool School of Art and Design Degree show- The John Lennon Art and Design Building, Duckinfield Street, Liverpool, L3 5RD

Until 13th June

Annual Degree show showcasing the amazing talent of graduates.

<http://www.ljmu.ac.uk/events/viewevent.aspx?articleID=603> for more information

Wellacre Academy: Art Exhibition Evening

June 18th: 5pm-7pm

Wellacre Academy's end of year show for students studying visual arts.

Manchester Day 2014- City Centre

22nd June: 12 noon-6pm

Manchester Day is an annual event that celebrates everything great about the city. It is a day for families, residents and visitors to get together and celebrate all things Mancunian that have made Manchester one of the world's most iconic cities. There is the annual parade starts at 1pm and there are plenty of events throughout the day to tantalise the senses.

Further information at: <http://manchesterday.co.uk/>

MMU: Degree Show 2014- Manchester Metropolitan University
13th -23rd June

End of year show celebrating the achievements of students in their final year at the Manchester School of Art, housed in the Benzie, Grosvenor and Chatham Buildings.

Download the campus map at:

<http://www.art.mmu.ac.uk/degreeshow/>

Jonathan Yeo – Portraits- The Lowry, Salford Quays

Until 29th June

Jonathan Yeo is a self-taught artist, a fantastic portrait painter and has exhibited frequently at the National Portrait Gallery. The Lowry is showcasing some of the best examples of his work alongside some additional work not seen before.

<http://www.thelowry.com/event/jonathan-yeo-portraits>

A Northern Narrative- Portico Library, Manchester

Until 30th June

An exhibition showcasing the work of four leading UK artists: David Alderman, David Coulter, Peter Stanaway and Amrik Varkalis. A Northern Narrative brings together the four artists for the first time. Each of these highly collectable artists will be presenting an entirely new body of work. Finding inspiration in the region, the artists lend their voices to the North and its people, telling their stories and revealing what it means to be part of the northern narrative.

<http://www.theportico.org.uk/gallery/upcoming-exhibitions>

Highly Recommended

Little Gallery Altrincham

Residents of Altrincham may have noticed another Little Gallery popping up by the Market on Shaws Road. The Little Gallery is a small, superb new commercial gallery. It is a family run space led by artist Patricia Cottew Snook, and it is such a refreshing change to see the artist process within the white-walled gallery space as she actively creates work and commissions during the day in the downstairs gallery for all to see.

The gallery itself is filled with talent; from the beautiful landscapes, portraits and wildlife paintings by Patricia herself, to the clever linguistic, limited edition screenprints of Ben Duarri that depict the famous faces of Amy Winehouse, Jay-Z, Prince and Donna Summer as well as many others. There is more to discover upstairs in this venue, including amazing renditions of the local area that will tantalise the viewer alongside the work of Stephen Wild, Caroline Bailey, limited editions prints by Salvadore Dali and Robert Lenkiewicz. Although the venue may be small, the talent within it is huge and it is well worth a visit for anyone who has a love of both traditional and contemporary art.