

PRESS RELEASE



ART for Heroes

Sherborne local art event supports Armed Forces heroes

A brand new art event, being launched by Liz Burt, owner of Sherborne gallery Images In Art, aims to raise the profile of **Help for Heroes** - a contemporary charity in aid of injured Armed Forces personnel. Taking place mid-way through Dorset Art Weeks, the '**Art for Heroes**' exhibition and sale will be staged at:

The Digby Church Hall, Digby Rd, Sherborne from 10am-5pm on Saturday 31st May.

Entrance is free and all profits will be donated to the charity Help for Heroes.

Visitors to Art for Heroes will be able to enjoy a selection of original art, prints, canvases, ceramics jewellery and cards that are diverse, affordable and – most importantly – all made or created on Sherborne's doorstep! A chance, too, to actually meet the artist or maker and chat to them about what they do.

Contributors so far include paintings, ceramics and textiles by Richard Bramble; original art, canvases and prints by Steve Payter, Martyn Richards, Liz Burt, Jackie Spurrier, Varosha Lamb, Steve Morris, Tony Clegg, Diana Milstein and Nikki Wilson; etchings inspired from unique digital images by Jim Johnson; painted re-claimed furniture and original art by Edward Oliver, hand-crafted jewellery by Carolyn Brown, ceramics & stoneware by Pippa Hill, cards and prints by various artists and Caroline's Cards plus a unique exhibition of images by Nikki Wilson, '*From Babylon to Jerusalem*', a photographic diary, shot over 18 months, as Nikki walked between Yeovil's Babylon Hill and Sherborne Castle Estate's Jerusalem Hill.

There will also be a chance to relax with a delicious coffee and cake by local speciality food producer, Honeybuns and to see some 'Arty Planting' by Sherborne's Castle Gardens, two local companies who are supporting the event.

Art for Heroes was inspired by Liz Burt's son, Matthew Murray, who was killed aged 20 while on exercise with the British Army in Canada in 2006. Based at Tidworth with 6 Battalion REME, and previously a student at St. Antony's Leweston and The Gryphon School, Matthew was a talented artist and would be thrilled (and more than a little surprised!) to see one of his own paintings, a self-portrait in the style of a Picasso's famous 'Child with Dove', used to promote the event. (£3000 has already been raised through donations from family and friends in Matthew's memory in aid of another charity, Weston Spirit, a young people's charity launched by Falklands Veteran Simon Weston).

Art for Heroes is a great way to celebrate Dorset Art Weeks; a chance to see some interesting local art and, most importantly, a practical way to give support to our injured Armed Forces heroes.

Editor's notes:

Organisers of Art for Heroes, Images In Art, supports local art and ceramics with a gallery at 168 Trendle Street, Sherborne (opposite the Abbey and St. Johns' Almshouse). Visit www.imagesinart.co.uk for more information.

Backed by the Army Benevolent Fund, the Help for Heroes charity steps in where other resources do not reach, giving critical support to soldiers injured in today's conflicts. To find out more about the work they do, visit www.helpforheroes.org.uk

Art for Heroes is delighted to be supported by three Sherborne businesses: Positive PR www.positivepr.co.uk Honeybuns www.honeybuns.co.uk and The Gardens Group www.thegardeneronline.co.uk

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