



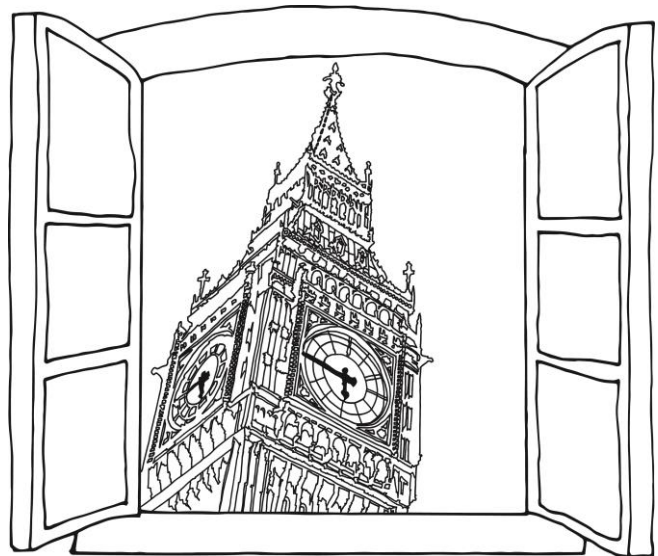
Improving the Musgrove Park Hospital Experience

Winter Newsletter January 2020

Art for Life continues to work with colleagues and partners to develop and deliver a range of exciting projects alongside our on-going exhibition and music programmes, working to improve the environment and experience of being in hospital for patients, visitors and staff. Here is a snapshot of what we have been working on since our last newsletter

Children's Unit

Art for Life has installed artworks, created by artist Marcus Lanyon, that reflect the London skyline onto the walls of cubicle 2 on Oak ward. The artwork was inspired by a patient and his family who spent time on the ward, with their fundraising supporting the project.



Marcus Lanyon's London design

Doctors Mess

Art for Life ran a project, during June and July last year with the Junior Doctors, partly funded by the Junior Doctors' Mess to brighten up the Mess and improve the environment for all the users. Print maker Simon Ripley from Double Elephant Print Workshop ran early evening print making workshops in the Mess.

This project initiated by the Mess team working with Art for Life, was about more than just improving the environment of the Mess, it was also about offering Junior Doctors the opportunity to learn new skills, get creative and therefore supporting the wellbeing of our Junior Doctors.

With the workshops completed, we worked with the Mess team to frame and display the wonderful prints created during the workshops, brightening up the walls of the Mess.



Printmaking workshop



Prints installed in the Mess

Children's area on Day Surgery

Art for Life has been working with the Children's Unit to support the refurbishment of the children's area in the Day Surgery Unit. Artist Lucy Hobbs created some wonderful colourful designs for the walls of the play area and bed bays. The work was installed once the whole area had been repainted and new flooring and lighting installed.



Lucy Hobbs riverside design

Counselling Room, Beacon

We were approached by the Counselling Team who requested an artwork for their new counselling space in the Beacon Centre. Responding to this request, we have taken Chloe Harper's Somerset inspired artwork of Glastonbury Tor and printed it on a large foamex board and installed it in the new counselling room. Chloe's designs were originally done for the Beacon ward window vinyls project so it felt appropriate, with Chloe's consent, to reproduce her beautiful artwork for this newly created space.

Diagnostic Imaging, Xray and MRI

We have worked with the teams on diagnostic imaging, xray and MRI to support the capital schemes in these areas. Prints of a number of artworks by local artist Leo Davey have been purchased and installed in these areas providing our patients, staff and visitors with colourful Somerset land and seascapes that provide interest and a welcome distraction. Where appropriate elements of the artwork have been reproduced and applied to ceiling tiles so patients can enjoy the artwork whilst undergoing investigations and treatment.



Leo Davey's artwork applied to ceiling tiles



Leo Davey's prints in the xray waiting area

Coleridge ward's quiet area

Working with the team on Coleridge ward we have supported their creation of a quiet area alongside the ward and installed a number of Angie Rooke's prints and provided support and advice on finishes and furniture. The new area provides patients, staff and their visitors a much needed peaceful area off the bed bay areas.

Dunkery family room

Working alongside the Trust's End of Life Group, Art for Life continues to work on an ongoing programme of improving one side room on all the wards to create a family room that offers patients and their loved ones a softer and less clinical environment as they approach the end of their lives. With rooms on AMU, Eliot, Fielding and Sheppard wards completed last summer we completed our next room, as part of this project on Dunkery ward.

Coming Up



Design work by Chloe Harper

Art for Life is busy embarking on a number of new projects that include working on:

- Surgical Centre Phase 2 with Capital Projects and the principal contractor, supporting the Lead Artist, Esther Rolinson
- our current project being delivered as part of the wider Landscape Strategy for the site, developing a new Purple Garden
- further projects with the Children's Unit to create an improved environment for the entrance to Oak ward and Cubicle 3
- our 2020 Bridgwater & Taunton College project working with the team on Fern ward
- a project with artist Lorna Siviter to create artwork for a new Welcome to ... sign for Coleridge ward
- window vinyls for Tor winter ward
- a project to improve the environment in the old building corridor that runs from the Beacon Centre to the Childrens Unit and Parkside.

More news on all of these and other projects in our next newsletter.....

Music

Our music programme which offers music workshops to a small number of wards and runs alongside our musical performances in the concourse and on the wards has continued thanks to the funding from the Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust.

Art for Life is delighted to be working on a really exciting new music project – a stroke rehabilitation programme that utilises the power and energy of creative music making, supported by professional musicians and clinicians, to drive patient led recovery, supporting their and staff's wellbeing. Working with the Arts Co-ordinator at Yeovil District Hospital, nursing staff, and occupational therapy teams here at Musgrove and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) we have been developing this project through a series of taster sessions held in the autumn on Dunkery ward. The learnings from these taster sessions are informing the project proposal that is now being developed for the funding bid to realise this project.

The Wall and the Musgrove Gallery

Our exhibition programme continued with:

Ursula Franklin's Pole to Pole

As the rest of the world was eagerly anticipating the London Olympics, photographer Ursula Clare Franklin's world was rocked by the unexpected death of her husband just short of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Having worked in the area of 'resilience' she knew the importance of developing coping strategies/having goals and announced to a friend that she was going to see every species of penguin in the world in their natural habitat. This exhibition follows that journey and all the wonderful animals she has seen.



Ursula Franklin's photograph 'Dancing gentoos'

Belinda Reynell's paintings

Belinda's exhibition of contemporary oil paintings shares with the audience her emotive response to the environment of Devon and Cornwall. Each painting is worked on over a number of days building up layers of texture and colour to create a finished piece which hopes to engage the viewer to make their own opinions and feelings towards the art.

Belinda is an award-winning contemporary landscape artist living and working in Devon. Last year she won Devon Life's Landscape Artist of the Year and got shortlisted for the Jackson's Open Oil painting competition. This year she had her first London exhibition and has been shortlisted for the SAA Artists of the Year.



Belinda Reynell's painting 'Watching the leaves fall'

Staff Art Workshops



We continue to organise a programme of twilight workshops for staff. Our programme has included Christmas festive themed workshops that were run by printmaker Simon Ripley and enjoyed by a number of staff from both Musgrove and Somerset Partnership. Further workshops will be taking place this year.

Feedback

It is really important to us that we get feedback on our work. Getting people's thoughts allows us to reflect on projects and make sure that we learn what works and what doesn't so please do get in touch and let us know what you think about any of our projects. Below is a recent comment about a completed project by a member of staff in that department....

I am writing as a member of staff in the Radiology Department to express my gratitude and appreciation for all the amazing art work that has recently appeared in the Department.

We are fortunate to have had recent significant investment in a new ultrasound department and MRI scanner. This art work has really finished off the project beautifully. I can't tell you how important it is, not only for patients and their relatives who are often waiting anxiously for tests, to be in a nice environment, but also for the

staff. (We spend relatively more time in our department and offices than our other clinical colleagues and a pleasant working environment is important for our mental health for us too, as we 'don't get out much' and as many of us work in rooms with no windows or a view!

I have had several colleagues comment to me on how tasteful the artwork is and so nicely framed and presented on the walls. It is also nice that the committee have chosen a local artist and have so many local scenes on display which are familiar to the patients. Having some art on the ceilings for patients is also a great idea! Thanks so much. Keep up the good work!

Wishing you all a happy and creative 2020.

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