

PAF NEWS

A bi-monthly newsletter for the Friends of the Polperro Arts Foundation

Jane Wilson

Introducing our new guest artist

I'm a full time artist working from my studio a stone's throw from Hannafore beach in Looe. I'm best described as a mixed media artist as I very rarely use just one medium in my work. My artworks generally contain a variety of media; hand-painted collage, old maps and book pages, paint, pastels and pencil. I am probably best known for my map paintings, celebrating endangered and extinct wildlife, I've even had one exhibited at the Royal Academy.

My painting 'Swimming Against The Tide' was a finalist in *Portraits From The Edge*, sponsored by Octopus Energy and exhibited at the Royal Academy in February 2020.



Swimming against the tide



Kilminorth kingfisher

My work lately tends to be semi-abstract, and inspired by coastal life and its colours, textures, flora and fauna. My 'Kilminorth Kingfisher' is an example. Kilminorth Woods just outside Looe is an ancient woodland, teeming with wildlife including kingfishers. A tranquil and beautiful place.

These multi-layered complex pieces are colourful and textural, a nod to my roots in textile design. They are fun to look at but often contain a deeper meaning. My thoughts are never far from the challenges that our wildlife faces, from climate change and human interference plus the additional threats from illnesses such as avian flu.

As well as exhibiting in Polperro I have also exhibited in London during 2022 in two



Sounding the alarm



Oystercatchers

prestigious exhibitions: The Royal Watercolour Society's *Open Exhibition* in the Bankside Gallery where I won The Dry Red Press Prize with my painting, 'Oystercatchers' and at The Mall Galleries in October 2022 where I was thrilled to have my work, 'Sounding The Alarm' chosen for The Society of Wildlife Artists' *Natural Eye* exhibition. This is an art exhibition I visit every year as I am originally from London, and it was an honour and a privilege to see my work hanging alongside artists that I respect and admire so greatly. 'Against all odds', mixed media on board, was shown at the the South West Academy's *Open Exhibition* in November 2022.

If you are ever in Looe please do let me know, my studio is open by appointment or you can follow me on Instagram @janewilsonartist. If you want to hear news of new releases or snippets of arty news I have a monthly newsletter, sign-up details are on my website www.janewilsonartist.co.uk

I am delighted to be exhibiting with the Polperro Arts Foundation as a guest artist and look forward to meeting and chatting with visitors. I'm in the gallery on Tuesday mornings if you want to say hello. I look forward to meeting you!



Against all odds

Christmas

All of us would echo Jane's welcome to the gallery. It's simply a very pleasant place to spend a little time chatting with a couple of friends or with whoever of us is on duty, and browsing. You will find plenty of gift ideas among our collections of paintings, photographs, books, craft items and cards, all produced by us and reflecting the beautiful area in which we live and from which we take our inspiration.

The gallery is open every day from 11am until 4pm. We will take a break over the Christmas weekend and after the first weekend of the New Year until we reopen for half-term week in February. Meanwhile we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



About the Foundation

The Foundation was set up in 2001 to support and promote local established and aspiring artists and to increase awareness of locally-produced art and the long history of art in Polperro. After 19 years at the Chapel Rock gallery in Foresters Hall overlooking the inner harbour, in 2020 the PAF moved to our present site in the Polperro Village Hall next door to the Crumplehorn Inn. Any surplus from sales of our work is used to support supplementary art-related activities in the Polperro School.

Our Team

Currently we have nine exhibiting members all of whom live and work locally: **Rachel Brown** embroiderer; **Sandy Horton**, glass; **Paul Lightfoot**, photographer, writer, newsletter editor; **Sue Lord**, artist; **Steve Morton**, ceramics; **Charles Summers**, artist and fan-maker; **Babs Taylor**, artist; **Tracy Watts**, graphic designer and illustrator; and **Lisa Woollett**, author and photographer. **Jane Wilson** (mixed media) and **Jennie Hale** (ceramics) are our guest artists. **Marian Joyce** kindly volunteers for us.

Do let us know if you would like to join us as an artist or volunteer.

Contact us

Our gallery is open daily, normally from 11am until 4pm during the winter months. Alternatively please contact us by email <polperroarts@gmail.com> or through our website: <www.polperroarts.org>

