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Dear Artists. 17th May 2021

We hope you are safe and well.

This newsletter celebrates new artworks, thoughts and poems from last week, all of which are amazing, beautiful and help us feel connected. We also have details of a new Zoom workshop, information about today's Covid-19 easing of restrictions and the Richmond Fellowships Working Together Forum. We start with a new work from Molly.



Molly's new embroidery! 'Pond Life in the Park'

'Making a Small Booklet' – a Zine! Workshop.

We are very pleased to announce a new workshop by artist Beth Hopkins:
Join us at 2pm on Monday 7th June for an online workshop celebrating those who inspire us – family, keyworkers, our heroes. Beth explains:

We will be making 'zines' by folding, drawing and collaging. We'll also explore what a zine is, and how they can tell stories and ideas.

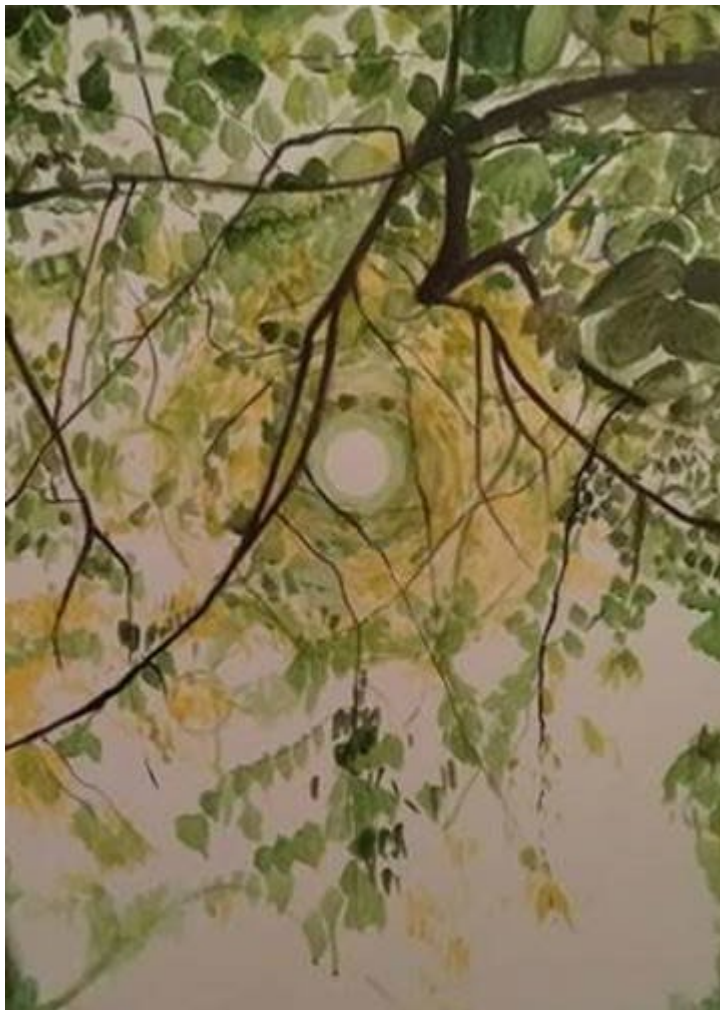
Please bring along pens, coloured pencils and A4 paper (coloured is great but plain is also fine). You'll also need old magazines or newspapers, pritt stick and scissors.

The workshop will be on Zoom. Please let us know you are interested in joining. Log-on

details nearer the time.



Out thanks to Barry whose drawings have inspired the theme for the workshop.



Wishing you all the very best - from last weeks mental health week. Nigel.

Thanks Nigel.



I keep forgetting to send a picture of my Sashiko stitched cushion cover I made. So here it is. See you in a couple of weeks. Sarah.

Thanks Sarah. Lovely work and appreciate the introduction to 'Sashiko'.

Covid-19. Step 3 from today, Monday 17th May.

Step 3 of the governments easing of Covid-19 restrictions start today, 17th May. However, in a statement earlier today Boris Johnson advises:

'Together we have reached another milestone in our roadmap out of lockdown, but we must take this next step with a heavy dose of caution'

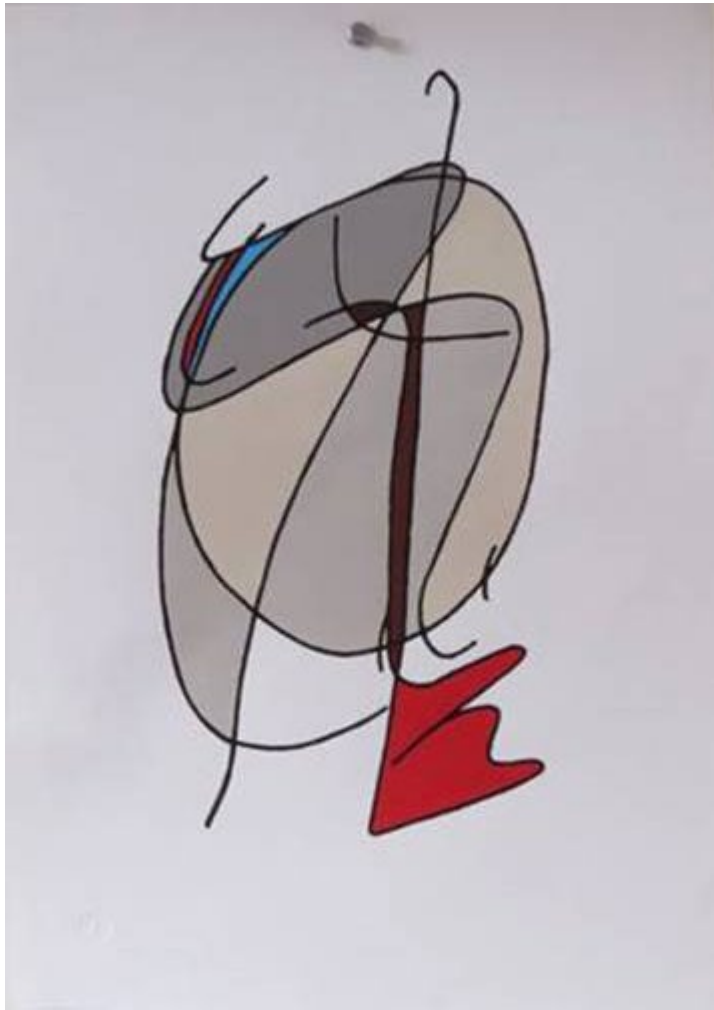
The data shows that the government's "four tests" for easing restrictions have been met.

Infection rates are at their lowest level since September, while hospital admissions and patients in hospital continue to decrease - with levels now similar to July last year.

From today we can socialise indoors in a group of up to 6 people or 2 households, including for overnight stays. Up to 30 people can meet outside. Pubs, theatres and other venues can open indoors. Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can open for people on holiday. [Read the guidance on what you can do.](#)

All the advice and guidance can be found on the Governments website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



Automatic drawing #03: 2020 a two-fold process of unconscious and conscious (painting) activity.

Amazing work Garry. Thank you for sharing.

All of Garry's images and other works can be found on the Art Matters Instagram account.



*I went through my
darkest time alone, so
Sorry if I act like I don't
need anyone..*

Thank you Raj for your words and the image.

Art Matters Business Plan - draft.

Please find attached the draft Art Matters Business Plan. Let us know what you think. If you would like to meet on Zoom to discuss the plan let us know.

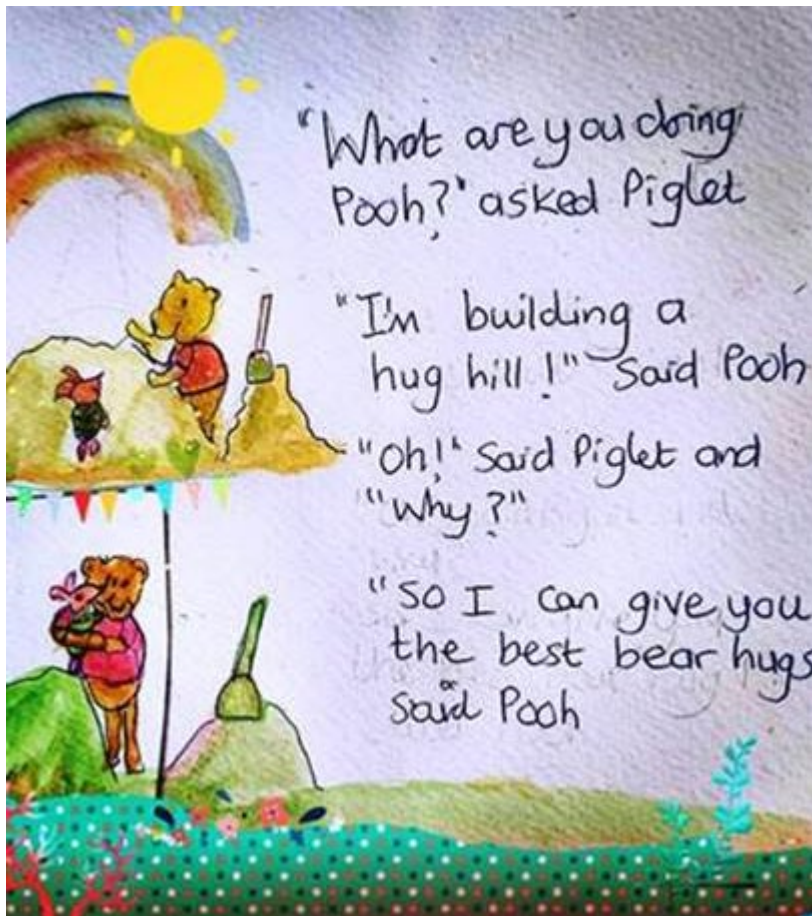
Surrey Artists Open Studios.

Art Matters are part of Surrey Artists Open Studios in June – please pick up a brochure from the studio.



Deanna has started a new cross-stitch embroidery.

Do you have a message for an Art Matters friend? Send it to us and we'll put it in the newsletter. Likewise, a thought for the day, a poem, an idea or a picture you'd like to share.



Philosophy of Pooh: In memory of hugs!

Thanks Lucy. The Government advise 'cautious' hugging from today!

Thank you everyone for sending in your work. It's an amazing collection. Art Matters feels very proud.

Richmond Fellowship: Working Together Forum.

'Revive, Reload, Refresh'

There is just one week to go before the National Working Together Forum on Thursday 20 May via Zoom from 10am – 4pm.

What's on?

- Exciting, co-produced workshops including Attitude of Gratitude, Mindfulness and Wellbeing, Exploring My Talents
- 'Tomorrow's World' – A interactive workshop between the people we support and staff on the future of care post-lockdown
- Recovery Stories
- An update from the Working Together Committee and the Working Together Leads
- [Click here to book your place today!](#)

How can you help promote the Working Together Forum?

- Forward the booking link and what's on section to the people you support
- Bring up the Working Together Forum in your team meetings
- Add the event to your calendar
- Feedback on how we can help the people you support to access the Working Together Forum.
- Display the attached poster in your service

If you have any questions or feedback please contact

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Please continue to listen to Government advice and stay safe and stay in touch. Look after yourselves and each other.

Contacting Art Matters: artmatters@richmondfellowship.org.uk - all staff access these e-mails. You can also call the studio number on 01737 766212 and if we are unable to pick up leave a message and one of us will get back to you as soon as we can.

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We'll see you soon.

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