

Those Blue and Yellow Signs

Between 26th May and 3rd June 2007, *Artweeks* celebrated its 25th anniversary with exhibitions staged around the county by four hundred artists. You must have seen the bright blue and yellow signs around the Wychwoods, indicating the location of exhibition, by our local artists. This year there seemed to be more than ever.



sketches (see page 5), but the full extent of her talents became apparent as I looked around at her many paintings and drawings adorning the walls (see photograph). Sadly, for me, the painting that appealed most to me was already marked with the little red spot, indicating a sale.

The Ballroom at Asthall Manor

I attended two preview showings and looked in on a large exhibition mounted by several artists in the ballroom at Asthall Manor. Several beautiful sculptures by Chris Townsend greeted us- the perfect setting for his work. Inside, the ballroom was hung with paintings and more sculptures by Chris, beautiful framed photographs, mostly of local views, by Terry Wigley and drawings by another artist local to the Wychwoods, Liz Hogarty. To complete the selection on display there were also ceramics by Gilly Whittington and paintings by Di Blenkinsop. The next morning I joined Jan Harvey in her studio in Sipton. Jan often contributes to the magazine with her

Sophie's Space

Another site, in Milton, was that of Sophie Thompson. This year Sophie shared her space with Andrew Thompson and Nic Vickery. Sophie's work involves scavaging farms for old, rusty pieces of machinery, which she transforms into stunning sculptures of animals and birds. Entry to all sites was free and no one felt obliged to buy.

If you missed all those wonderful art works this year, go along next year and look at as many exhibitions as you can manage. I would recommend collecting a catalogue of *Artweeks* sites, which will be freely available from the Library, Surgery and local shops in the run-up to the event in 2008. You will be amazed at the amount of talent out there.

Christine Halliday.

MUW Allotments and Garden Association Show

The **Milton Village Flower Show** will take place on **Saturday 18 August** in **Milton Village Hall**. It is open to everyone, MUWAGA members or not, with categories for crafts, flowers, vegetables, children's classes and many more. We will be sending the show schedules to all MUWAGA members at the beginning of August. If you are not a member and want to have a go and get a schedule contact Joanna Van de Pol on: 01993 830090 or me on 01993 830653.

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