

## Local bird artist exhibits at Holt

Sue Perry has an opportunity to exhibit her bird paintings in Norfolk in the popular Georgian market town of Holt, a well known East Anglian tourist attraction with some prestigious art galleries.

Sue has lived most of her life in Suffolk, growing up in the village of Elmsett. She attended Hadleigh High School where she developed a keen interest in art. She left school in 1987 and followed her other love, which is animals, and has been working at Highcliff Veterinary Practice for the last 26 years, mainly as a nurse, latterly becoming a receptionist.



Painting has always been her hobby and her love of nature clearly shows in her work. Her prime subject to draw and paint is birds and she has become a keen birder in her spare time. Her main medium is watercolour to create very detailed work but she also enjoys using pencil. Sue has been exhibiting locally for over twenty years, starting with a local gallery in Hadleigh and continuing at various local other venues including St Marys Church Exhibition as well as Bildeston and Stoke by Nayland Church exhibitions. She has been a regular contributor to the Art Exhibition at the Hadleigh Show for the last ten years, being featured artist in 2011. She sits on the Art Exhibition

Committee and is one of the stewards at the Show.

Her work was so well received at the Picturecraft Gallery at Holt that she is now able to extend her coverage across the region by having some space provided to display her ever expanding range of birdlife. Her work goes on display there from April 11th to May 8th and we wish her continued success. Sue still paints from her home in Elmsett where her conservatory studio overlooks her many bird feeders.

**A selection of greeting cards depicting Sue's paintings are available all year round from Keith Avis, 68 High Street, Hadleigh**

## Hadleigh & District Footpath Volunteers

**Our walk this month will be on Saturday 13th April**

We will travel by bus to Valley Farm Lodge Sproughton, departing from Hadleigh Bus Station (car park side) at 9.30am. We will walk from Valley Farm Lodge back to Hadleigh, via Washbrook Grange, Washbrook Village, Washbrook Church, Coles Green Farm Chattisham, Chattisham Village, Hintlesham Duke Street, Hintlesham Great Wood, Hintlesham Ramsey Wood, Cobbolds Farm Hadleigh, and on to Hadleigh Town via Durrants Farm, and Tower Mill Lane. The walk is 8.5 miles in length, and we hope to be back in Hadleigh by 1.30pm. This walk is suitable all walkers including older children and dogs. We recommend participants to wear strong shoes, or walking boots as some of the paths, and tracks can be rough and wet in places. There are some wonderful views on this walk especially around Washbrook and Chattisham, these will we think make it worth the effort.

**Further information about this walk, or the other activities of the Footpath Volunteers may be obtained from David Warner (Hadleighs Footpath Warden) on 07749 732941 or E-mail david.warner@stmaryshad.co.uk**

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## Howard at Paramount Centre Point London

The Hadleigh Chamber of Commerce has now climbed off the fence and has rightly decided that another supermarket in Hadleigh is not in the Town's best interests. I attended a large

meeting of the Chamber a couple of weeks ago. A representative from Babergh District Council sought to persuade us that the District Council is taking measures to promote the Town and its commerce. I have seen little evidence of that and suspect that the manpower at Babergh District Council dealing with the Tesco application outweighs those promoting the Town many times over. I believe that a Tesco would almost cause the ruination of the Town as we know it since neither the Co-op or the small shops are likely to survive. As I mentioned in my last column Hadleigh's shops offer you a good service and quality goods – please use your Town.

As it has been so miserable, I treated myself to a foray to London. This was a job for my long distance chauffeur Christof. How one is meant to manage in London without a chauffeur heaven-alone knows – parking is dreadful. I felt very trendy as I enjoyed dinner at Paramount on the top of Centre Point in New Oxford Street some 33 floors up. The view was amazing and I spent an hour in the bar at the top of the building just taking in the sights from all sides. What a treat. The picture (a little dark) shows me by one of the windows.

The correct answer for our Competition is that I have been qualified for 27 years. I can still remember the excitement of receiving my Certificate from the Law Society. Whilst the job today is terribly demanding, I am a professional and am pleased to be able to offer the benefit of that to you. I had many entries but the winner of our Competition is Linda Johnson of Lavenham (in the nether regions of the magazine's circulation) and I will have pleasure in presenting her with a bottle of Champagne. Well done Linda.

Several people have telephoned me recently to say that they have been cold-called by will making firms; that they have made Wills and have agreed to pay monthly storage charges and sums towards administration fees for their estate after they have died all of which amounted to tidy sums. These Will writers are largely unregulated. Why not contact us and receive good old-fashioned service. It is quite important also that you should consider putting in place a Lasting Power of Attorney in order that someone can administer your affairs during your lifetime should you lose the ability to do so yourself.

*Howard Gibbons*

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