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Gallery builds on winning formula

THE new owners of an East Devon gallery are celebrating the opening of their business by giving away a limited edition lithograph print in a joint competition in the *Sidmouth Herald* and the *Journal*.

On Tuesday, July 3, Brook Gallery in Budleigh Salterton will re-open under the ownership of East Budleigh couple Angela and Peter Yarwood, who aim to be ambassadors for fine art and the artists they represent.

Angela said: "In taking the gallery forward, we are building on what is good about it - the integrity and variety of the art which we sell; and making the rest of it even better"

With a background in IT and marketing, Angela believes that using the many means of communication available allows more people to have access to art, and find inspiration and enjoyment.

"We want the gallery to appeal to a wide range of people, and at the same time offer information in a variety of ways. We will have a screen showing short information videos, alongside the works of art. We have commissioned these videos ourselves, and some will feature a particular artist while others will go behind the scenes in a studio or workshop.

Videos produced so far feature artists (Lynn Bailey, Sonia Rollo, Simon Ripley and Mark Heald) and techniques (lithograph, collograph, screenprint, relief print, etching) in a friendly way.

Angela likes the immediacy of the short videos, providing an unexpected look at artists and their methods.



Some changes to the decor and display areas at Brook also reflect anticipated changes in the needs of collectors and browsers. Sculpture and bespoke pieces of craft will be added, along with new lighting and wall displays. The online website is progressive in its presentation of the art, and has been extremely well received by both regular and new customers alike.

The squiggles in the gallery's new logo



represent the ripples in the brook opposite and also the initials B and G from the business's name.

Angela said: "The gallery needs to combine professionalism with enjoyment. People need to feel welcome. We see art as part of life, not separate and exclusive."

An exhibition celebrating Royal Academicians past and present will open at the Brook Gallery on Tuesday, July 3, and run until Friday, August 17.

Brook Gallery is open from 10.30am - 5pm (closed Sunday mornings) and can be contacted on (01395) 443003.

The limited edition print *Messenger of Light* is a lithograph by an artist called Jacqui Jones and is being sold at the gallery in aid of the NSPCC.

How to enter...

Send your name, address and contact telephone number along with the answer to the following question, to *Messenger of Light* competition, Brook Gallery, Fore Street, Budleigh Salterton EX9 6NH by Saturday, July 7.

Question: What do the squiggles on the Brook Gallery logo represent?

NOVEMBER 2007

Hirst art goes on display

A CHANCE encounter on a routine research trip to London, reaped unimaginable rewards for Devon gallery owner Angela Yarwood.

During one of her regular London trips to source new and exciting works to sell at the Brook Gallery in Budleigh Salterton, Angela chanced upon artist Damien Hirst.

After a chat about her new

venture in Devon, the celebrated artist gave her a personally signed diamond-dusted silk-screen print of his controversial work *For the Love of God* - which has gone down in history as the most expensive work of contemporary art by a living artist, and is valued at more than £50 million.

Angela said: "He was absolutely charming and, after a brief conversation about his work and

my gallery in Devon, he produced one of the limited-edition prints of his famous diamond encrusted skull.

"Who could refuse such a generous and spontaneous gesture?"

With her business and customers in mind, and revelling in the controversial nature of this contemporary work of art, Angela has hung her personalised print in

the gallery for all to see. However, although it is worth £10,000, 'it is definitely not for sale' she is quick to add 'at any price!'

● The Brook Gallery sells fine art original and limited edition prints.

It is open every day from 10.30am to 5pm but is closed on Sunday mornings.

Artists range from Picasso to Sir Peter Blake.



SURPRISE MEETING: Angela Yarwood with Damien Hirst.