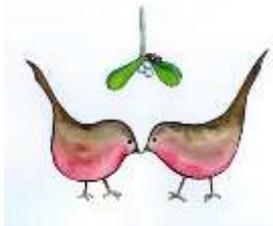


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Artist of the Week at Shoreham Art Gallery

I will be artist of the week at Shoreham Art Gallery 9-23 November 2015 so there will be more of my work showcased in the window. Our Christmas show begins on 16 November and we will have an open evening on Friday 27 November 2015, so please come and join us for complimentary mulled wine and nibbles. <http://www.shorehamgallery.co.uk/>



Join me at the Christmas Fair...

Come and join me at the Christmas fair in Ascension Church in Brighton, on Saturday 21st November 2015. There will be Christmas bauble making for £1.20 each and all of the items below will be available on my stall. Christmas market will be 10-2pm

<http://www.ascensionbrighton.org/>



Calendar for 2016

Meet Mr January! There is more about that specific character at the end of newsletter, from my new "Story Behind the Art work". This year I have created a 2016 calendar for only £10, and a preview is available below right of all the months. The 2016 Calendar is available from Shoreham Art Gallery or online at <http://claireharrisonart.tictail.com/product/2016-calendar>

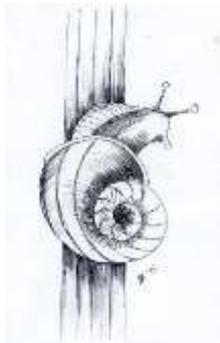


Christmas Cards



New Robin designs for 2015 shown on the left. All these cards are available at Shoreham Art Gallery or online at <http://claireharrisonart.tictail.com/products/cards> or alternatively just drop me an email with a list of what you are interested in.

Affordable Originals – Framed at only £17



This is a new affordable range of originals ranging from £17-£20, consisting of pen and ink and mixed media. These are available at The Shoreham Art Gallery or online <http://claireharrisonart.tictail.com/products/affordable-art-originals/framed>

Free Delivery!

I am offering free delivery to all my students, and those who live in the areas that I teach and live until Friday 18 December 2015. Just email me first if you would like this offer rather than ordering through my website.

Stories behind the Art Work



For those of you are regular visitors to the Shoreham Art Gallery, you may recognise my little Blue Tit above, called “Stuffed Full of Peanuts”, although amongst my fellow artists, he has been nicknamed the Fat Tit, however much I try and convince them that he is merely big boned, and puffed up ready for Winter...!

I live just north west of Shoreham, in what I like to call the no-man’s land of Sussex, as there is not a lot around, apart from the rolling hills and fields of sheep and horses.

I live on the edge of a farm, and like to feed the ever-increasing flocks of birds to my garden. My favourite, being the brave little blue tits, that are completely fearless, and that if human, I believe would be gang members! After a trip to my in-laws in Canada, I was enthralled with the bird feeders that suckered onto windows, so you could get a fantastic close-up view of the feeding birds, and I came home and put one up on my studio window. Sure enough, that winter the very first bird to visit was a blue tit, and then they ALL became brave, but as the feeder can only really cope with one bird, a queue of blue tit’s started forming along my windowsill waiting for them each to take their

peanut. The looming shadow of me inside and my loud radio just doesn't seem to bother them, and then they started to get cheeky...

As I have many feeders around the garden, the birds soon vacuum up all the seed and nuts, and feeders, admittedly can go empty for a few days until I get some more. Their record, I think, is emptying all feeders within 2 hours... However the brazen little blue tit's don't put up with this, instead they sit on my studio windowsill and in the empty bird feeder looking at me indignantly and even tap their beak on the window to get my attention! Unfortunately the first time this happened I was listening to Daphne du Maurier's *The Birds*, which had been dramatized on Radio 4 extra, to say that my heart leapt into my throat in fright was an understatement!!

Therefore my ink and watercolour painting was created in response to the brazen, greedy Blue Tit's that keep me company as I work away in my studio, and now that I have learnt my lesson, bird feed is bought by the sack, so that they never go hungry!

"Stuffed Full of Peanuts" is available as Mr January in my 2016 calendar, as a greeting card and the original is also available unframed in the browser at Shoreham Art Gallery.
