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WINTER SOLSTICE - Edition #4

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"This shortest day,
As promise awakens in the sleeping land,
They carol, feast, give thanks,
And dearly love their friends,
And hope for peace.
And so do we, here, now,
This year and every year..."

Susan Cooper

The year rolls on and a thousand and one jobs conspire to keep us out of the place we love to be most of all - namely our studio! The art ideas have piled up (as they do) but we haven't so much as picked up a brush, pencil or sheet of paper between us for months! Not good.

But that's not to say Carmen hasn't been busy printing an expanding range of her handmade greetings cards - you'll have seen the range in our mid-season bulletin of a few weeks ago - and our thanks to those of you who ordered.

And a pleasant surprise lay in store when a picture featured on one of her cards produced the sale of the original artwork - a pastel which had lain slumbering in a forgotten portfolio since way back in 1995! It was a lovely compliment paid by one of our most ardent collectors. Thanks for that!



"The Fens" - the pastel original 490 x 350mm by Stuart, 1995.

And by the time of the Spring Equinox edition (#5) we *sincerely* hope to have a few new items to show the world!

Arwen's cruel winds

When we first arrived in the Forest, power cuts were quite a frequent event and we made the decision then to give ourselves the luxury of a standby generator. And so we did. There was the odd hour here and there and, as time went by they became less frequent and the generator got stored

and fell into disuse in the garden shed.

Then of course - and you won't need reminding - "Arwen" swept destructively down the North Sea coast and destroyed electricity supplies to tens of thousands of homes. We were lucky - only losing lighting and heating for 24 hours - others weren't.



The eponymous "Arwen Undómiel" - she of Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*.

© New Line Cinema

Hard to believe that a sweet little elf like this was responsible for all that!

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Still in need of some inspiration... or maybe you'd just prefer a little relaxation? Then why not head over to Newent, where you can tantalise your tastebuds with mince pies and mulled wine, as you feast your eyes on the lovely works of some of our fellow FarOpen artists at:

'The FarOpen Christmas Winter Exhibition'

by Members of FarOpen
15th - 23rd December 2021



Until 23 December
farOpen Christmas Exhibition
Come and explore!

The Secret Gallery
The Shambles, Newent
Open Tues to Fri 10-4 Saturday 11-4
Paintings, glass, textiles, cards, wood

LATE NIGHT OPENING
Wednesday 15th & 22nd December

Open until 6.30pm

With mulled wine and mince pies while you shop!

www.faropen.co.uk

Downstairs giftshop only from 6pm

This show is absolutely chocka with original paintings, print-work, textiles, glassware and woodcarving... with well over 100 originals by 16 artists and makers, there is definitely something for everyone's taste and pocket

from little gifts and cards to larger original artworks.

With treasures by Monique Oliver, Delartful Designs, Eleanor Kercher, Annie Tyhurst, Helen Crawford, Sara Rickard, Charlotte Keating, Leah Robinson, Jane Foot, Anita Davies, Lisa Dear, Christina MacDonald, Paula Brady, Leigh Sladen, Deborah Gane and Issi Lammas.

And so for this year...

We say farewell and wish you a very enjoyable Festive Holiday and a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

We look forward to getting in touch once again at the Spring Equinox of 2022.

Meanwhile... love each other and love the ART!

