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*We hope you've enjoyed the wonderful warm weather over the Easter Holidays. It's been superb to see the spring bulbs lasting so long and all the trees bursting into leaf. We're now looking forward to our programme of exhibitions and activities for the Spring and Summer.*

## **Bucks Potters & Sculpture Group Annual Exhibition 24th April to 4th May**

We're delighted to host the Bucks Potters & Sculpture Group for their Annual Exhibition. With so many beautiful and individual designs on display, we hope you'll be able to visit this extraordinary collection before it closes 4th May.



## **Auction of Promises Fundraiser for Open Door**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
7.00 pm at All Saints' Church**

Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment, and a chance to bid on some fantastic items, hosted by the irresistible Stephen Hearn who has featured on BBC's 'Flog It!'). Separate email to follow with details of many of the exciting items on offer – to suit all tastes and budgets!  
For any queries or offers of lots (most welcome!) please phone Lily on 07970 737807



## **'Along the Towing Path'**

### **Submissions now open**

*An exhibition celebrating life along the Canal*  
**21st to 31st May**

Open Door invites artists in all creative media to be part of our forthcoming exhibition. We welcome all creative work celebrating different aspects of life along the canal, including 3D, textiles, wood, ceramics and contemporary

jewellery, as well as music and the written word. **Deadline for submissions: Weds 8th May.**

Enquiries: email [opendoorberko@gmail.com](mailto:opendoorberko@gmail.com) (subject heading 'Along the Towing Path') or telephone 01442 733806. Click here for a downloadable copy of the [Guidelines](#).

**Please share with any of your friends, family or contacts who might welcome this opportunity.**



## What's new for May

We can't bring you Aretha, but we can offer you the **Gospel Manna Community Choir**. Lift your voices in song on Monday evenings.

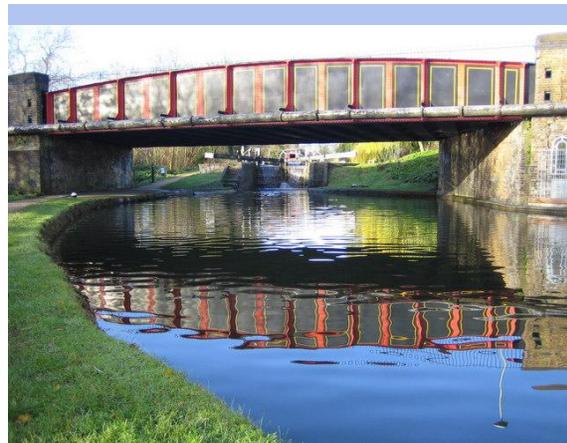
The little ones are always catered for at Open Door. New to the timetable is **Music & Singing for Under 5s**, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Berkhamsted Creativity Group is currently running a **Creativity Challenge** on the theme of '*Connection*'. All are invited to participate, and the results will be exhibited at Open Door 7th to 11th May. See [here](#) for details.

And not forgetting our focus on wellbeing, a new weekly **Tai Chi** class commences on Wednesdays at 6pm. The first session is free.

### May Highlights:

- **4-week Acrylic Painting course starts Tuesday 30th April. Book in advance.**
- **Fortnightly Creative Writing Group, Thursdays evenings**
- **Open Mic Poetry and Prose Night, 13th May. No need to book.**
- **Regular weekly Wednesday Art Group.**
- **Crochet and Knitting with Angela on Thursdays.**
- **Make your own lampshade, 9th May. A waiting list will be offered if over-subscribed.**
- **The Memory Cafe on Friday mornings is now held weekly.**
- **Next Yoga & Vegan Supper 7th June.**



### Guild of Waterway Artists

In conjunction with the exhibition 'Along the Towing Path' there will be a number of events throughout the month: films screenings, stories of life on the canal, and history about the canals of Berkhamsted.

This promises to be a fascinating themed series at Open Door.

All details for activities and exhibitions can be found at [What's On](#) on the website (see the timetable, and the gallery of posters at the foot of the page).



The heart of Open Door is our wonderful cafe that runs on a donations basis. Visitors appreciate the friendly welcome and the delicious baked goods.

A cuppa and cake and cheerful conversation are on your doorstep. Do pop in and say hello!

## People Feature

Meet the wonderful Lily, our Fundraiser Extraordinaire! It's thanks to her that the recent Quiz Night was such a huge success. She would say it's a team effort, which it is, but it takes someone with determination to pull it all together. She's now busy organising our next big fundraiser, the Auction of Promises. We hope you can support us. And thank you Lily for all your hard work.



**Volunteers - we always need more help, so if you have any time spare to help us at Open Door on a regular or ad hoc basis, or any special skills to share, we'd love to hear from you, including offers for fundraising and arranging events.**  
**Thank you for all your wonderful support. It helps to keep the door open!**

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