

## The Blue Duck Gallery June Newsletter

### Exhibition of the Month

**You are invited to an exhibition of art by  
Helen Rhodes  
Starting on  
Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>**



We have been stocking Helen's wonderful work for many years and it has always been a firm favourite with both men and women who come into the gallery. So much so that it has even settled long running arguments about what people are going to have on their walls.

Based in Leicestershire Helen has been painting for many years and has established something of a name

for herself in the art world. She started off studying textile design and used her art to support her while designing, however, the painting really took off and it was this that she carried on after college. Helen has won many awards over the years, including Gift of the Year and Best Up and Coming Artist.



We will have several original paintings plus a really good selection of her prints which start at around £45 unframed. Please do pop in and have a look at her beautiful and uplifting work. For more info and a sneak preview, have a look on our [Events Page](#) and click on the link to Helen's Exhibition.

### New Jewellery

We have some stunning new pieces from Kokkino, Collette Waudby, Wendy Penrose and Tracey Birchwood. Here are a few examples but do have a look on the web at our [Jewellery Page](#) for more details.



Leaf Pendant



Droplet Pendant



Bling Ring

### Car Raffle

Picture the scene, you're sitting beneath the Christmas tree with your 3 children on Christmas morning. Their shiny faces are

beaming up at you in excitement and anticipation. Father Christmas has left an ENORMOUS present under the tree and they're desperate to start the inevitable paper ripping frenzy. Once it is all over and they have stopped being more interested in the wrapping paper than the present, they are left with the car that they've been gazing at through The Blue Duck Gallery window for months. And here's the best bit – it has cost £1. Yes, fab' news for those who have been coveting our gorgeous pedal car (men and boys alike) – we have decided to raffle it off. Tickets will cost £1 each and the value of the car is £295. It is suitable for children of between 3 & 7 years of age, has a chrome grill, chrome adjustable windshield, flare wheel arches, spare wheel mounted on the back and red leather upholstery. It does nought to quite quick in 5 seconds. To buy tickets for this extraordinary offer, please pop into the shop or give Clare a ring.



### Reading Retail Awards

Yes, they're back and in our desire for world domination we wondered whether you would be so kind as to vote for us again please? As you know we won the Service With A Smile award last year thanks to your efforts, kindness and support and so we thought maybe we'd try to go for it again. It's worth voting whoever you vote for as the £500 prize is up for grabs again and indeed one of our customers actually won it last year. To vote you can fill in the attached form or you can go online to: [www.readingretailawards.co.uk/customer-nominations](http://www.readingretailawards.co.uk/customer-nominations) or for those of you who don't have a computer you can pop into the shop and do it from here as a couple of you did last year.

### Bit of time off

Just to let you know I will be closed on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – having a little bit of time off to relax with my husband. For details of opening times you can look online at the [Contact Us Page](#) on the website.

### Picture Sale

We still have a few prints and paintings left on sale. Prices for framed pictures range from £50-£95. That is a reduction of well over 50% on many images. If you're a fan of Mary Ann Rogers' Hares, Kirsten Jones' Birds' Nests or Lynne Timmington's Seascapes we have some treats for you.