

'IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY'

***'It Runs in the Family'* is an exhibition of artwork which will be on display in the Hub from 13 October to 18 November. Polly Warren thought that it would be exciting to include artworks by members of her family in her exhibition of linocuts.**

Polly was once a nurse, she then became a teacher but then returned to nursing and eventually retired as a nurse. Her passion is now for linocut printmaking. She attended an exhibition of prints many years ago and it ignited something within her that she would see grow into her staging exhibitions of her own. An opportunity arose for her to attend a three-day summer school course with the renowned artist Richard Bawden which she grasped with both hands. She was so inspired that she went back year after year.

Polly eventually established her own studio in her garage at home and set to work capturing memories of gardens and places in her artworks. She has continued to enjoy printmaking into her retirement. Her art has since been displayed in many galleries and exhibitions including the Harley at Welbeck, the Ferens at Hull, Doncaster Art Gallery and Museum as well as the Ropewalk at Barton.

She also had a solo exhibition in the Spotlight Gallery at Newark Town Hall. She is a member of the local art-group Artempo, Lincoln and Retford Art Societies and takes part in the annual Open Studios of Nottinghamshire.

The love of art has flourished within her family - some members of her family have been able to take their love of art with them into their working lives. Polly has brought together some of their artworks to complement her own to bring together an exhibition of family work which celebrates the pleasure and enjoyment of their individual creative activities.

Polly's exhibition is a collection of paintings, drawings, self-portraits, screen prints and linocuts. All of them are interesting, evocative, colourful and charming and demonstrate how the Warren family comes together to express itself through art. It really does '...run in the family'!

The next page shows a sketch of King's Park by Brett Warren, son of Polly Warren.

Notes to Editors:

- There are opportunities to demonstrate support of the 2017 Retford Arts Festival through: sponsorship of individual events, provision of printed materials and signage, donations to help toward the costs of hiring equipment and volunteering in any capacity. For further information concerning any aspect of the festival please visit www.retfordhub.org or call The Hub on 01777 860414.
- Retford Hub is home to the Tourist Information for North Notts, and the full range of services is available for visitors and residents.
- Retford Hub is run entirely by volunteers and is non-profit-making. It aims to promote local arts, attract tourists, support local business and provide an arts centre for the people of Retford.
- Retford Hub is a showcase for North Notts. It incorporates an arts centre with art gallery, workshops and resident artists studios with a farm shop selling local fruit and vegetables, artisan cheese counter and a variety of produce.
- Over 50 artisans' and 30 artists' work is on permanent display at Retford Hub
- Retford Hub is the headquarters of *'Retford Arts Festival'*

