

WESSEX

Life and Land of the Southern Counties

4th – 22nd March 2023

The Jerram Gallery,
Half Moon Street, Sherborne,
Dorset, DT9 3LN UK

The Jerram Gallery's Wessex exhibition will be showcasing original landscapes, coastal scenes, buildings and cityscapes in this wonderful part of England, from 4th – 22nd March. There will be a wide collection of fascinating artists, including Kate Lynch, Richard Pikesley, Caroline Froid, Tom Hoar, David Parfitt and Vanessa Bowman.

The geographical area of Wessex originated as the Kingdom of the West Saxons. It started in Hampshire in the 6th century and gradually spread by conquest to encompass much of southern England. The term was revived by the Dorset writer and poet Thomas Hardy in the 1870s to designate the south-western counties. As Spring approaches, the Jerram Gallery's first exhibition for 2023 will celebrate this traditionally, culturally, and naturally rich area of the country by showcasing a variety of artists who seek inspiration from this region.

Popular illustrator and painter Kate Lynch will be contributing a selection of charming representations of Somerset craftspeople, capturing those who practice and sustain traditional rural activities such as hedge layering, dry stone walling and sheep shearing as well as the recreational entertainment of Morris dancing.

The exhibition will also include landscapes and coastal subjects. From the painstakingly detailed observations of Caroline Froid and the rich atmospheric watercolours of David Parfitt; to the colourful formalism of Malcolm Ashman and the painterly realism of Richard Pikesley - the variety and beauty of natural Wessex will be explored in this show.

In addition to the land, Ian Weatherhead's playful spontaneous mixed media works will ensure representation of the buildings and settlements of this part of the country, as will the stunning *en plein-air* painterly cityscapes and street scenes of Peter Brown.

The Jerram Gallery's exhibition will bring together a beautiful selection of original paintings which will not fail to bring pleasure to their viewers, representative as they are of this unique, varied, and inspiring collection of counties.

The Jerram Gallery is open Tuesday - Saturday 9.30am - 5pm.
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The Hedgelayer, *pastel*
Kate Lynch



Hawthorns, Summer, *oil*
Caroline Froid



Walking the Ridgeway, *oil*
Malcolm Ashman



Blue Lias and Hamstone, *mixed media*
Ian Weatherhead

