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#### For The Main...

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> Crispy pan-fried pork belly Served with potato mash, cannellini beans in a tomato & chorizo sauce

> > Poached salmon fillet

Served on minted pea & new potato crush with shrimp, dill & spiced tomato hollandaise

Roasted red pepper, spinach & Cheshire cheese potato gnocchi (v) Finished with a rocket, apple & grape salad

#### To Finish...

Traditional Christmas pudding Served with cranberry compote & rum sauce

Warm apple & cinnamon flan Served with Mrs Dowson's Lancashire ice cream

Cheese platter

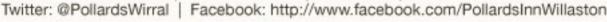
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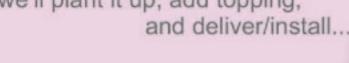
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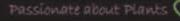






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# Keith Fenwick - SKY TV's 'ART DOCTOR'



#### **FAST FLOW**

- Q: A reader asks: Can you give me some tips on how to paint running water that looks realistic.
- A: Capturing running water is perhaps the most difficult element in the landscape to paint, so you are not on your own in that respect.

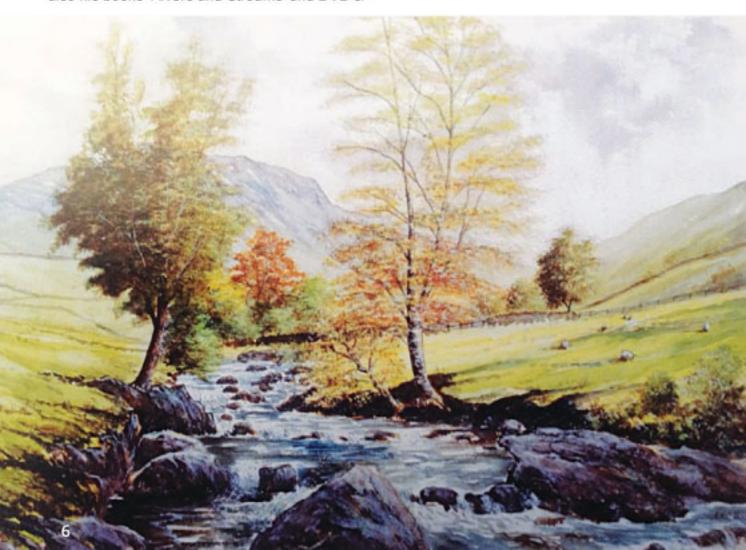
In the painting shown of Hartsop Beck the water is fast flowing between the rocks both large and small. In this painting I have used masking fluid to preserve the white of the paper representing white water.

The masking fluid was painted on using and old brush and when completely dry, cobalt blue washes were painted over the whole area of the water.

The paint must be completely dry before removing the masking with a finger to restore the white of the paper to represent white water.

An alternative way would be to paint in the white water over the blue underpainting using white gouache or acrylic paint.

If you would like to paint like Keith see his website (www.keithfenwick.co.uk) for the materials used, details of his painting holidays in the Lake District (£285 for 3 days tuition accommodation and B/B) also his books 'Rivers and Streams' and DVD's.





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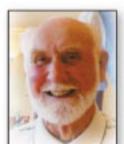




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In memory of a local Wirral Gent, who touched so many lives.



# Bev Hughes May 1929 - September 2012 His Early Years Reminiscences by George Hughes

#### A 'Diamond Man' of Many Facets!

Bev was born 21st May 1929 in Kirkdale, Liverpool, the third son of Joe and Edith with two elder brothers, Joe and Jim and later a younger sister Jessie, a brother George and sister Edna.

He was educated at Saint Athanasius C of E School in Kirkdale. Joe, Jim and Bev all passed the 11-plus for Alsop's Grammar school but due to family commitments and then war time they were unable to attend but all gained apprenticeships.

Bev's apprenticeship was with the engineering department of the Mersey Tunnel Queensway as a fitter. He also attended Walton Technical Collage where he gained his Ordinary National Certificate.

Called up for National Service at 18, he joined Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm serving at HMS Blackcap and HMS Ringtail as an engine fitter then after promotion he was made the Cos' Writer which opened up a completely new field. He served 8 months over the normal 2 years due to hospitalisation after cadging a flight in a Mosquito used for towing drones for aerial shooting practice. Clearly this was not in the line of duty but a bit of a jaunt! The undercarriage collapsed on landing. Bev had broken both legs and had other complications which effectively finished his football career, as a Junior with Everton.

On discharge from the FAA, it was arranged that Bev could finish his apprenticeship at Lithgow's ship builders at Port Glasgow in Scotland.

Finishing his apprenticeship, he joined the Merchant Navy with the T & J Brocklebank Shipping Company as a marine engineer rising to the rank of Senior 2nd Engineer. It was on a visit to Head Office in Cunard Building he met Rita (she was in accounts and after that Bev had to watch his seagoing bar bills) and they sailed together on a short trip on the company's ship Maidan.

Rita was also a hostess at Atlantic House, the Apostleship of the Sea - overseen by Farther Firth who ran a Very Strict Ship. Even after Bev and Rita were engaged, Bev had to ask his permission each time for him to be able to take her home.

Bev and Rita were married in 1956 and he decided to come ashore and they set up home in Aintree Lane. Karen was born in 1958, followed by Ian 1961. Bev joined Chas. Howsons, Ship Repairers but had a serious accident when a chain-block bracket broke when removing a ships prop. Shaft, killing two fitters and leaving Bev's hand mangled. It took months of recuperation and his iron will to recover and he wore out the arms of his chair excercising his fingers!

He had a brief spell with British American Tobacco designing cigarette and pipe tobacco manufacturing machines but left to rejoin Howsons. Just as well as BAT closed their factory shortly afterwards.

After a great deal of soul searching, Bev and Rita decided to head off to a new life in Australia and to a job at Holdens Motor Company in Adelaide. Instead, he joined Adelaide University on secondment to NASA developing pressure and vacuum release modules for Space Flight at the Rocket research Facility at Woomera where he also worked on the ill-fated Blue Streak Missile. His experience there proved invaluable later on when he moved on to undersea exploration.

He was head hunted by Professor Raddock who wanted to form a Faculty of Oceanography at Flinders University and when Bev asked how many were in the department he was told; "Just the two of us!". Their grant was £2,500 for one year. Their first job was a feasibility study for Shell to see if larger tankers could navigate a narrow entrance to an oil refinery over submerged rocks at different states of the tide and weather.

Shell gave Bev the use of a 30,000 ton tanker and crew to sail in and out for 6 weeks to prove it could be done.

This opened up the narrows to shipping between Queencliff and Sorrento Points into Port Phillip Bay and allow access to the refinery at Corio/Geelong, Victoria.

The University received £180,000 for the work and Bev even sweet talked Shell into donating to the faculty every piece of test equipment and instrumentation that Shell had supplied for the tests.

Bev served on ships under the flag of at least nine different nations including an American Navy vessel involved in a joint Antarctic expedition and later on Britain's own Research Vessel 'Discovery'.



Research Vessel 'Discovery'

#### Coast "Bugged" By Tide Gauge



A guage sent to the University's Horace Lamb Centre for Oceanographic Research by the University of California to predict South Australian tides and aid scientists in their study of world tides. Above Mr 8. Rights obecks the garge of Albeiro Websishy.



Bev Hughes (far left) studying a chart of the WA coast at Flinders University. The chart covers the area in which they discovered the world's deepest known canyon off the coast.





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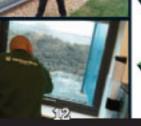


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Continue along the lane and in about 10 minutes you will climb the hill into Storeton. Once in the village, look left for a signpost. Your path is a few yards to the left of this, a wide farm track which leads you past farm buildings, which later becomes a cart track.



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If the weather is clear you can view Wales from here. Once at the end of the track youwill arrive at a bachelor gate which allows you into a field. Go straight across, towards the motorway. Go over a stile to reach a path which runs parallel to the M53 motorway for 200 yards and then cross 2 step-stiles to reach Brimstage Lane. Here the way is to your right, to pass under a tunnel under the motorway. Soon you will pass a WW11 gun emplacement and arrive at Brimstage. Once arrived at Brimstage you will see a tower which dates back to 1398 and all that remains of the original Brimstage Hall - notice the slit windows for the archers. Turn left into Brimstage Road and after a few yards. look right for a signpost. This oints you over some steps and a stile into a field. Go straight across to reach another stile and the next field. Now go forward over a further 3 fields, keeping close to the hedge. The path across the next field ends at a bachelor gate. Go through, then cross a private road to reach another field. Carry on the same course across the field through a gate. Now turn right along a byway which leads you past farm buildings to Thornton Common Road. The way is now left. Go forward to the crossroads and straight across. Stay on the lane for a while until you go over the M53. The lane then leads you down to the stone bridge. Here you turn right and head up the hill back to Raby Mere.



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#### There are three different types of muscle:

Skeletal Muscles - These are attached to the bones in order to create movement. You can locate the places where the muscles are attached to bones by tendons if you feel around your wrist or back of the knee.

Smooth Muscles - These are involuntary, which means we have no control over their movements and are usually unaware of the work they are doing. They are found in the internal organs such as the blood vessels, stomach, arteries and digestive system. They work continuously, providing a vital role in supporting the body. Our body would be unable to cope if we had to consciously think to make them work.

Cardiac Muscles - These are also involuntary and are found only in the heart. They contract automatically in order to keep the blood circulating and moving oxygen round the body. The more strain it is put under the harder it has to work. This can be a good process if caused through exercise. The heart can be put under constant pressure through poor health though

which can have detrimental effects.

The skeletal muscles are the ones we train in order to acquire strength and definition. They require ever changing stimulation through weight, movement and timing. The cardiac muscles movements can also be strengthened through cardio exercise (running and cycling)

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5th (in aid of Hospice of the Good Shepherd) Abba Tribute Night - Whitby Sports and Social Club. 7.30pm. Tickets £8.50. Contact Phil on 01244 851 811

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#### 7th Pillbox Vintage at Woodcote House Hotel.

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- The words "abstemioius," and "facetious" both have all the five vowels in them in order.
- The youngest pope was 11 years old.
- The word "diamond" comes from the Greek word "adamas," which means "unconquerable."
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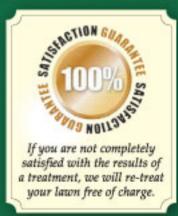
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#### Why do bats sleep upside down?

#### Answer:

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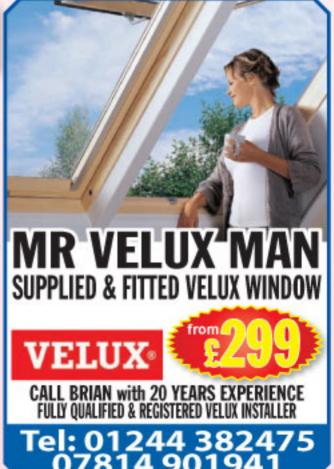




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