

**Charity  
Art Exhibition**



**Watercolours by**

**Chris Boulton**

**In aid of  
Pelican Cancer Foundation and  
My Cancer My Choices**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December 2021**

**10am - 4pm**

**The Base**

**Greenham Business Park**

**Newbury**

**RG19 6HN**

**Opening by David Bruce OBE  
12 noon on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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*cancer foundation*



## Introduction

*Welcome to my exhibition. I have never formally trained as an artist but have been painting watercolours all of my adult life. I enjoy doing this "on the go" but having lived a busy and active life I seldom had the time to paint, even on holidays we were always engaged in various sporting activities. The last time I added to my "collection" was after heart surgery in the late 90's. Recently, with a grown-up family, the dubious benefits of the Covid lockdown and enforced rest due to cancer treatment I have had lots more time, always carrying my watercolour kit with me and trying to capture images when I can. If not, I simply take a photo and paint it later. As you may imagine, I have lots of photos taken over the years I haven't painted yet!*

*After a diagnosis of bowel cancer in November 2020, the outlook wasn't great but thanks to the support of an excellent medical team and being a lucky one, after two periods of treatment this has improved considerably.*

*I have benefitted from the support of many people, most of all my wife, Jennifer. As a very active person I really struggled to cope with not being able to enjoy even normal life. I had already started painting again during "lockdown" in early 2020 and stepped this up during my period of treatment and on days I didn't feel up to much else, it helped.*

*I have well over 200 images painted over the last couple of years and some from before. Over 120 are featured in my exhibition. The images in this catalogue are very small (there were so many to fit in!) and don't really do the paintings justice, they also look so much better mounted. Do come along to meet me and see them at The Base at Greenham Business Park if you can. All the originals are for sale and prints too. The net proceeds will go to Pelican Cancer Foundation and My Cancer My Choices. You can find out more about these charities via: [www.pelicancancer.org](http://www.pelicancancer.org) and [www.mycancermchoices.org](http://www.mycancermchoices.org)*

*I have my own style and know this won't be to everyone's liking. I hope you will enjoy looking even if not buying but please do buy if you can, to support two charities that do so much to help with the fight against cancer. Originals are a minimum of £30 and prints a fixed price of £15, both mounted but feel free to pay more if you wish! If prints aren't available during the exhibition, then they are available to order – delivery about 2 weeks. Any originals marked with a red dot will have been sold beforehand.*

*I will also do a limited number of commissions for a very special and personalised present. Ask me....*

*Finally, thank you to Katy, Steph and Camilla at The Corn Exchange/The Base for help making this event happen and for their wonderful venue. Thanks also to David Bruce, OBE for agreeing to open the event.*



*I look forward to meeting you at The Base.*

**Chris Boulton**

## The collection

*My collection of watercolours is made up of an eclectic mix of subjects, mainly relating to activities I am or have been involved in, places we visit regularly or some subjects I have just done for fun or to “test” myself by trying to capture something a bit different. I hope you enjoy looking.....and hopefully buying. If you do, then thank you!*

### Chamonix and The Alps

**Aiguille du Dru** – Watercolour. Image size 125mm x 95mm



*I have gazed at this iconic mountain for days on end in various weather conditions during our frequent trips to Chamonix over the last 30 years – this one shows the Dru in the early evening sun.*

**Alpine Marmot** – Watercolour. Image size 150mm x 160mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*Cute Alpine animal often very difficult to spot...I have only seen one once in over 30 years of visiting the Alps.*

**Argentiere Church** – Watercolour. Image size 150mm x 100mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*One of the landmarks in Argentiere – our favourite village in the Chamonix Valley and base for many an Alpine adventure....*

**Above Chamonix** – Watercolour. Image size 205mm x 175mm



*I love being high in the Chamonix Valley with the settlement below shrouded in cloud.*

**Cosmiques Arete** – Watercolour. Image size 210mm x 180mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*I climbed this spectacular route, finishing at the Aiguille du Midi with my good friend and guide Mark Seaton in 1996.*

**Haute Route – Last Climb** – Watercolour. Image size 170mm x 160mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*I did the Haute Route in 1984 just after running the London Marathon for the first time – I was super-fit then. It was a tough trip and there were tears at this point – the emotion of getting to the top of the last climb.*

**Hotel de la Couronne** – Watercolour. Image size 120mm x 110mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*I first stayed at La Couronne in 1982 and have been there almost every year since. We even spent the last two nights of our honeymoon there. It holds many special memories.*

**Le Savoy Bar** – Watercolour. Image size 180mm x 160mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*Classic Haute Savoie venue for many an après ski drink or two!*

**Skinning** – Watercolour. Image size 270mm x 200mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*Most winter ski trips have included some ski touring or ski mountaineering. A very satisfying way (for some!) of going uphill when and where lifts aren't available.*

## **Tarte aux Myrtilles – Watercolour. Image size 105mm x 90mm**



*A favourite. I aim to have at least one of these a day when in the Haute Savoie!*

## **Cycling**

*Cycling has been a lifelong passion for me, I started cycling competitively at the age of 13 and then after a long break started again in my early fifties and became a coach. During my illness it has been the activity I have missed most, and I look forward to riding again, albeit my racing days are over!*

### **Cycling Icons (small)**

*A collection of some of the most prolific cyclists in history and the most well-know. All are watercolours and the images are all 110mm x 145mm*

*De Kleine Van Mere (Lucien Van Impe)*



*El Pistolero (Alberto Contador)*



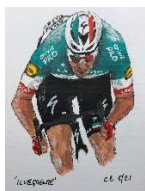
*Froomey (Chris Froome)*



*Il Pirata (Marco Pantani)*



*Il Vegente (Elia Viviani)*



*King Kelly (Sean Kelly)*



*King Of Flanders – (Greg Van Avermaet)*



*Joop (Joop Zoetemelk)*



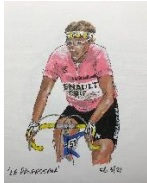
*La Fucilata Di Goodwood (Giuseppe Saronni)*



*Le Blairean (Bernard Hinault)*



*Le Professeur (Laurent Fignon)*



*Major Tom (Tom Simpson)*



*Pou Pou (Raymond Poulidor)*



*Super Mario (Mario Cipollini)*



*The Canibal (Eddy Merckx)*



*Tomeke (Tom Boonen)*



*Peter The Great (Peter Sagan)*



*Wiggo (Bradley Wiggins)*





## Cycling Icons (various sizes)

*Some slightly larger images – sizes shown*

**Alaphilippe (Julian Alaphilippe)** – Watercolour. Image size 140mm x 185mm



*I like the style of this flamboyant French rider and 2 x World Road Race Champion.*

**Cav** – Acrylic. Image size 140mm x 185mm



*Pictured in his second Stage win in the Tour de France 2021. What a comeback!*

**Filippo Ganna** – Acrylic. Image size 125mm x 200mm

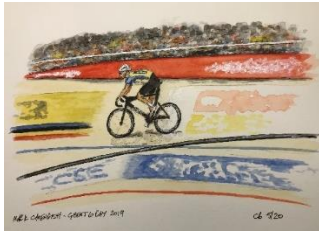


*Ace Time Trialist and 2021 Time Trial World Champion – pictured in the Giro d'Italia 2021*

**Mark Cavendish - front on**– Watercolour. Image size 110mm x 185mm



**Mark Cavendish - Ghent 6 Day 2019**– Watercolour. Image size 300mm x 200mm



*Cav pictured from the crowded track centre.*

**MVDP vs WVA**– Watercolour. Image size 190mm x 190mm



*I never cease to be amazed at the sheer versatility of these two riders – Mathieu van der Poel and Wout van Aert*

**Pogacar** – Watercolour. Image size 160mm x 175mm



*Pictured in the penultimate day's TT in the 2021 Tour de France – a prolific young rider*

**Sagan (side on)** – Watercolour. Image size 200mm x 175mm



*Nearing the end of his career but a talented and flamboyant “great” of the sport*



## The Spring Classics

*A collection I painted in the Spring of 2021 to celebrate each of the Spring Classic races*

**Amstel Gold**– Watercolour. Image size 355mm x 220mm



**De Brabantse Pijl – Pidcock**– Watercolour. Image size 110mm x 100mm



**Dwars Dr Vlaanderen**– Watercolour. Image size 185mm x 205mm



**Gent – Wevelgem**– Watercolour. Image size 245mm x 205mm



**Gent - Wevelgem - Menin Gate**– Watercolour. Image size 285mm x 200mm



**Gent - Wevelgem – Kemmelberg**– Watercolour. Image size 215mm x 140mm



**La Fleche Wallone - Mur De Huy**– Watercolour. Image size 220mm x 220mm



**Liege - Baston – Liege**– Watercolour. Image size 235mm x 135mm



**Milan - San Remo**– Watercolour. Image size 245mm x 235mm



**Paris - Roubaix – Arenberg**– Watercolour. Image size 170mm x 225mm



**Strade Bianche**– Watercolour. Image size 150mm x 165mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



**Tour of Flanders**– Watercolour. Image size 285mm x 185mm



### General Cycling

*Various cycling images that captured my imagination, in a variety of sizes*

**3 Peaks Cyclo Cross**– Watercolour. Image size 120mm x 180mm



*I love this event – one of my biggest (cycling) regrets is not having ridden it. I have supported riders taking part though!*

**Bunch Sprint** – Watercolour. Image size 155mm x 90mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*Based on an actual bunch sprint – everyone seems to like this one!*

**Dutch Corner**– Watercolour. Image size 100mm x 110mm



*A Tour de France sight not to be missed while riding up the course just before the race to get the orange paint on your tyres and up your back!*

**Last Ride Out** – Watercolour. Image size 135mm x 115mm



*On a Majorca training camp just before the Covid pandemic took hold – I sat on the back of the group during the last ride out, enjoying the draft!*

**Cap De Fomentor** – Watercolour. Image size 205mm x 145mm



*A favourite jaunt on Majorca cycling trips.*

**Cresting Walbury Hill** – Watercolour. Image size 165mm x 130mm



*One of the favoured local climbs in West Berkshire and scene of the annual Walbury Hill Climb*

**Down At The Track Today**– Watercolour. Image size 160mm x 150mm



*Newbury Velo riders at the Newport Velodrome*

**Giro D'Italia - Stage 2 Sprint** – Acrylic. Image size 310mm x 175mm



*And what a sprint it was!*

**GVA Leads the Group** – Watercolour. Image size 150mm x 135mm



*Legend in his Olympic champion's gold helmet.*

**Kuipje, Ghent** – Watercolour. Image size 230mm x 150mm



*The venue for the legendary Ghent 6 Day – I first went there in 1980 and was completely enthralled by the smoke laden atmosphere, even met Eddy Merckx who had just retired and have been back a few times since.*

**Milan San Remo Sprint 2017**– Acrylic. Image size 200mm x 185mm



*From a photo – the angles of the riders' bikes were insane.*

**Over The Cobbles**– Watercolour. Image size 200mm x 150mm



*I have seen Paris – Roubaix a few times and love riding over the cobbles myself.*

**Sunflower Cyclists**– Watercolour. Image size 145mm x 100mm



*While riding in the region around Mont Ventoux in France the sunflower fields are always magnificent.*

**World Champ In The Peloton** – Watercolour. Image size 240mm x 120mm



*From the 2019 Cycling World Champs in Harrogate.*

## Flowers

**Bluebells**– Watercolour. Image size 130mm x 245mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*My favourite wildflower.*

**Bluebell Wood**– Watercolour. Image size 235mm 220mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*I cycled past a bluebell wood near Crux Easton and just had to stop and capture the image...*

**Pollination**– Watercolour. Image size 110mm x 170mm



*Inspired by the bees in our garden.*



**That Time Of Year**– Watercolour. Image size 120mm x 150mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*My wife hates me buying red roses on Valentines Day due to the cost – so I normally paint at least one!*

**Spring Garden** – Watercolour. Image size 345mm x 230mm



*An experiment while creating another image labelled “Joy” for an art competition – I quite liked it.*

**Sunflowers** – Acrylic. Image size 230mm x 190mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*A friend of my mother’s told me she liked sunflowers – so I painted them...*

**UK Mountains**

*I love the mountains and have been fortunate to spend a lot of my time in the hills of the UK and the Alps. During a period when I haven’t been able to go there it’s been therapeutic to paint some of my favourite views. Various sizes.*

**Carn Mor Dearg Arete & Ben Nevis** – Watercolour. Image size 290mm x 230mm



*This route is spectacular and best done in snow and ice on a clear winter’s day – feels like being in the Alps!*

**Helvellyn - Red Tarn - Striding Edge** – Watercolour. Image size 230mm x 200mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*A mountain I have probably climbed more than any other.*

**Pavey Ark** – Watercolour. Image size 230mm x 200mm



*If you haven't done the Jake's Rake scramble on Pavey Ark, it's one not to miss.*

**Pinnacle Ridge, St Sunday Crag** – Watercolour. Image size 230mm x 190mm



*Probably the finest ridge scramble in The Lakes.*

**Scafell Pike from Wasdale** - Watercolour. Image size 240mm x 230mm



*Only climbed it once from this side with some scree running on Great Gable on the way.*

**Snowdon from Crib Goch** – Watercolour. Image size 255mm x 210mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*Another favourite – especially at night on the Welsh 3000's challenge!*

**The Brecon Beacons** – Watercolour. Image size 290mm x 200mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*Have done the "horseshoe" walk many times in all weathers!*

**The Cuillins From Loch Coruisk** – Watercolour. Image size 340mm x 230mm



*My favourite mountain range in the UK. The complete traverse of the Cuillin Ridge is unfinished business for me....*

**The Langdales** – Watercolour. Image size 230mm x 200mm



*The first time I went to The Lakes in 1982 it was the Langdales that captivated me and got me going back.*

## **Local Interest**

*Images of local buildings or events in north Hampshire and West Berkshire*

**Cold Ash Brass – Victoria Park, Newbury** – Watercolour. Image size 190mm x 165mm



*An enjoyable afternoon in the park with this excellent local brass band!*

**The Base** – Watercolour. Image size 205mm x 155mm



*I am so glad we created this building at Greenham Business Park – the venue for this exhibition....*

**Highclere Castle** – Watercolour. Image size 240mm x 190mm



*It's on our doorstep but took me 23 years to get around to painting it!*

**Highclere Church (Large)** – Watercolour. Image size 280mm x 290mm



*The first image I was ever asked to sell was of Highclere Church – for printing on a commemorative tea towel!*

**Highclere Summer BBQ** – Watercolour. Image size 260mm x 180mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*An annual event in our village and lovely way to spend the afternoon.*

**The Crown, Aldbourne**– Watercolour. Image size 180mm x 150mm



*We stopped here on a bike ride, and I thought it looked attractive.*

**The Newbury** – Watercolour. Image size 180mm x 160mm



*I always enjoy a visit to The Newbury and 138 Distillery.*

**The Red House, Highclere – Watercolour.** Image size 200mm x 170mm



**St James, Ashmansworth – Watercolour.** Image size 140mm x 120mm



**St Martins, East Woodhay – Watercolour.** Image size 140mm x 120mm



**St Michael & All Angels, Crux Easton – Watercolour.** Image size 140mm x 120mm



**St Thomas, Woolton Hill – Watercolour.** Image size 140mm x 120mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



**Westridge Studio, Highclere – Watercolour.** Image size 200mm x 155mm



*Our local village arts venue*

## Miscellaneous

*An eclectic mix of images of things that have just captured my imagination – enjoy*

**A Take On Matisse** – Pen and Acrylic. Image size 270mm x 310mm



*One of my work colleagues liked this image so the whole team had a go at recreating it in an on-line team meeting.*

**Soul Shoes** – Watercolour. Image size 180mm x 245mm



*I had a pair just like this in the 70's. Loved them.*

**Surfs Up** – Watercolour. Image size 230mm x 180mm



*Always wanted to see if I could create a seascape – used up a lot of white paint!*

**Too Good To Eat** – Watercolour. Image size 170mm x 170mm



*Actually, it wasn't – it was demolished.*

**Chicago Pose** – Watercolour. Image size 170mm x 200mm



*Another experiment.*



**Last Order** – Watercolour. Image size 165mm x 170mm



*I captured the last pint of Guinness I bought at the Highclere Red House just before the first Covid Lockdown. It was 9 months before I had another one!*

**Latino** – Watercolour. Image size 150mm x 210mm



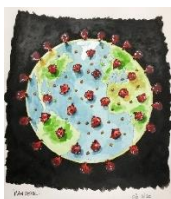
*From an image I came across although developed it from that. Tango time....*

**Leaping Ballerinas** – Watercolour. Image size 220mm 100mm



*Again from an image that helped me develop the idea.*

**Pandemic** – Watercolour. Image size 240mm x 260mm



*A go at a topical cartoon*

**Suez Crisis** – Watercolour. Image size 170mm x 225mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*Another cartoon attempt.*

**Salvation** - Watercolour. Image size 125mm x 105mm



*My last cartoon picture.*

**Traore** – Watercolour. Image size 120mm x 195mm



*A unique Wolves footballer*

**Lambretta** – Watercolour. Image size 125mm x 150mm



*Love these.*

**Swans On The Kennet & Avon Canal** – Watercolour. Image size 240mm x 150mm



*Inspired by a walk along the canal in Newbury.*

## Music Stars

*Music has been a large part of my life, from record collector to sometime radio DJ....*

**Agent "OO" Soul** – Watercolour. Image size 160mm x 170mm



*The one and only Edwin Starr – I sang on stage with him once.*

**Motown Museum** – Watercolour. Image size 180mm x 170mm



*A reluctant Detroit Real Estate Broker took me to the museum in 1996 – took me a few years to paint the image.*

**Nile Rogers** – Watercolour. Image size 140mm x 200mm



*My musical hero.*

**Northern Mix** – Watercolour. Image size 180mm x 170mm



*A Northern Soul dancers' montage. Inspired by a visit to an All-nighter and the crowded dancefloor*

**Wacko Jacko** – Watercolour. Image size 155mm x 155mm



*Never got to see him live – he died too young. We had tickets.....*

**Record Collection** – Watercolour. Image size 280mm x 210mm



*I have an extensive Northern Soul vinyl collection – these are some of them.*

**Mary Wilson** – Watercolour. Image size 100mm x 140mm



*She sadly passed away in early 2021 – I painted this while confined to bed for almost a month, post treatment.*

## Pop Art

*I like “testing” myself with different genres and capturing other images – this was an experiment in Pop Art! All the same size images*

**Black Suedes** – Watercolour. Image size 190mm x 220mm



**Green Platforms** – Watercolour. Image size 190mm x 220mm



**Red Heels** – Watercolour. Image size 190mm x 220mm



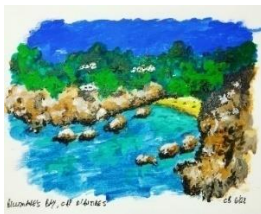
**Red Stilettos** – Watercolour. Image size 190mm x 220mm



## South of France

*One of our favourite places in the world is the Cote d'Azur. We have been there many times. One day, not too long now I hope, it will become our home, part-time at least. I'm looking forward to the rich seam of painting opportunities it will provide. We were very fortunate to make a long-awaited visit there again this September. I painted every day!*

**Billionaires Bay, Cap d'Antibes (Acrylic)** – Watercolour. Image size 220mm x 160mm



*Vibrant in acrylic*

**Billionaires Bay, Cap d'Antibes (Watercolour)** – Watercolour. Image size



*And in watercolour.*

**Hotel du Cap Pool** – Acrylic. Image size 210mm x 330mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*Love this place – always pop in for a drink or a meal if we can.*

**Juan Les Pins** – Watercolour. Image size 175mm x 160mm



*Great to capture the ambiance of Juan Les Pins.*

**La Garoupe Plage** – Watercolour. Image size 205mm x 145mm



*After missing a year, it was so good to be painting in Antibes again and outside!*

**La Plage, Juan Les Pins** – Acrylic. Image size 370mm x 270mm



*A bit racier than the Cap d'Antibes.*

**Keller Plage** – Watercolour. Image size 155mm x 110mm



*Probably my favourite beach in the world.*



**Keller Plage, Cap d'Antibes** – Acrylic. Image size 240mm x 170mm



**Les Rocher** – Watercolour. Image size 250mm x 175mm



*Great bar/café for a sundowner overlooking Garoupe Beach.*

**Nice from Garoupe** – Watercolour. Image size 225mm x 165mm



*My day's view from the sun lounger.*

**Picasso** – Watercolour. Image size 245mm x 395mm



*After a visit to the Picasso Museum in Antibes I just had to try to paint in one of his styles!*

**Plage de la Garoupe** – Watercolour. Image size 200mm x 140mm



*The beach from a mid-morning drink at Les Rocher.*

**Plage Joseph, Cap d'Antibes** – Watercolour. Image size 280mm x 195mm



*I'd done this one a couple of years before.... slightly different – see below!*

**Plage Joseph** – Watercolour. Image size 280mm x 170mm



**Plat du Jour** – Watercolour. Image size 250mm x 320mm



*I enjoyed lunch so much I painted it!*

**Rosé On The Beach** – Acrylic. Image size 185mm x 200mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



**Sliders** – Watercolour. Image size 220mm x 185mm



*Mr Smith's sliders.*

**Sunset** – Acrylic on canvas. Image size 455mm x 610mm. Original only **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*This one is a bit different and very large for me.*

**Vieil Antibes** – Watercolour. Image size 240mm x 170mm



*I had looked forward to painting this view for nearly two years.*

## **South Wales**

If the Covid Pandemic hadn't happened I don't think I would have ever gone to the Mumbles and the Gower Peninsula – I'm glad we did. More to come I'm sure...

**Old Mumbles Lifeboat Station** – Watercolour. Image size 400mm x 210mm



*An iconic Mumbles landmark.*

**Rhossili Bay** – Watercolour. Image size 230mm x 150mm



*One of many stunning beaches on the Gower Peninsula.*

## Yorkshire

*My eldest son, Albert, his wife Amelia and family live in York, it's given us a great excuse to explore this wonderful county – there will be more pictures in due course I'm sure*

**Garden Bar, Grays Court, York** – Watercolour. Image size 205mm x 145mm **ORIGINAL SOLD**



*A lovely place for lunch within the City walls. Thanks to David Bruce for the recommendation.*

**Scarborough Harbour** – Watercolour. Image size 180mm x 130mm



*Always enjoy a trip to Scarborough – lots to paint.*

*Thanks so much for looking at (and hopefully buying) my paintings. All for two good causes. If you have this catalogue before the exhibition and would like to buy but can't come along, please contact me via [cgboulton@aol.com](mailto:cgboulton@aol.com)*

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