

BUCKS OPEN STUDIOS CELEBRATES**TWENTY FIVE GLORIOUS YEARS****WITH A SILENT AUCTION**

**to benefit Queens Park Art Centre & the National Society for Epilepsy based in
Chalfont St Peter**

on Sunday 23 May at The Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover HP22 6NX

It is twenty-five years since Bucks Open Studios became an essential part of the Buckinghamshire calendar. In its first year, in 1986, there were 43 exhibiting venues, 28 artist open studios, 9 galleries, 4 'Special Educational Projects' and 3 'Heritage' sites.

Twenty-five years later it has grown to accommodate a remarkable 258 exhibitions featuring the work of 448 arts and makers.

To mark its silver anniversary Bucks Open Studios is organising a Silent Auction featuring the work of 100 members of the Visual Art Group, the organising arm of BOS. The work will reflect 'twenty-five' or have a silver theme of a nature that inspires the artist. All work for auction will be not larger than A4. Proceeds from the silent auction will be split between Queens Park Art Centre and the National Society for Epilepsy based in Chalfont St Peter, nominated by Bucks Open Studio members.

Heather Hunter, Vice-Chair of the Visual Images Group said *'The twenty-five year anniversary we celebrate this year is a major milestone in our organisation. Few would have thought in 1986 that Bucks Open Studios would grow to be such an important event for the visual arts in our county. But here we are, as enthusiastic as ever and still providing an essential platform for our members to reach out to the wider world. Our anniversary Silent Auction is a great way to support two essential local organisations and we hope that many visitors will come and look and bid for the work on show.'*

The Silent Auction takes place at The Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover HP22 6NX on Sunday 23 May. The free auction exhibition opens at 2pm. Bidders will be able to place their written auction bid at any time during the day. The winning bids will be announced at 7pm. In addition there will be an exhibition of work from founding member artists and makers. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Silent Auction at The Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover HP22 6NX on Sunday 23rd
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The annual Bucks Open Studios – this year celebrating 25 glorious years –
runs from 12 – 27 June 2010

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