Art on view

Oxfordshire artist Lucy Pratt is exhibiting 30 of her paintings – many featuring the county – this month.

The solo show – All Around Me – will be at The Fosse Gallery, Stow on the Wold, from Sunday to Saturday, November 26.

Lucy, *pictured right*, comes from a strong artistic family on both sides, her father is a successful artist, her mother paints and her grandmother was a potter.

Born in 1970, she studied at Banbury School of Art, Loughborough School of Art and Cheltenham School of Art.

She worked at MOMA (Oxford) before teaching life drawing at Cheltenham School of Art.

With many successful shows in the USA, Far East and London, her paintings have been exhibited in the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition three times and it is her fifth solo show at The Fosse Gallery.

The 30 paintings, priced from £595 to £6,000, embrace subjects that Lucy holds close to her heart.

She has lived in the Cotswolds close to Chipping Norton all her life and many of the paintings are of local scenes, such as Bell Lane in Hook Norton, cattle in Evenlode, the windmill at Compton Wynyates, the local book shop and Bliss Mill.

Autumn and winter are well documented with January Sheep, Green lines, February and Magical March showing the glory of the Cotswolds in all its seasons and other passions – her love of her garden, Dudley the lurcher and Cuthbert the 45-year-old parrot – also find a place in the show.

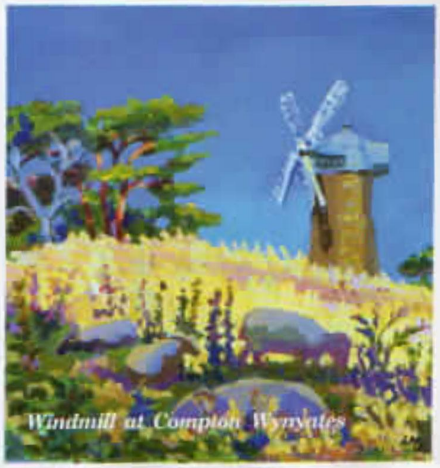
Hook Norton Brewery

The Fosse Gallery, The Manor House, The Square, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1AF, telephone 01451 831319.

Opening hours are Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 5pm. See fossegallery.com

Turn to page 119

What's cooking Dudley & Cuthbert



Windmill at Compton Wynyates

Blissful, The Mill

77 **Ramblings**
Take a guided tour around Capability Brown's Compton Verney

83 **Animal magic**
How scores of donkeys have found sanctuary in Oxfordshire

89 **History**
Looking back at Medley Manor's changing fortunes

94 **Museums**
Islamic art on show at Ashmolean's impressive new exhibition

98 **Blue plaque**
Family who gave city children a taste of the countryside

102 **Wildlife**
A *Dragons' Den* type event has conservationists pitching plans

105 **Gardening**
What to do in November and why Sheena loves trees

111 **Motors**
David Duffy takes a look at the Peugeot 308 GTI and Infiniti Q30 Sport

117 **What's on**
Some of the best events in Oxfordshire this month

123 **Social**
A charity evening for women and the Blenheim Literary Festival launch

129 **Oxford examined**
Richard O Smith becomes one of 12 not very angry men and women