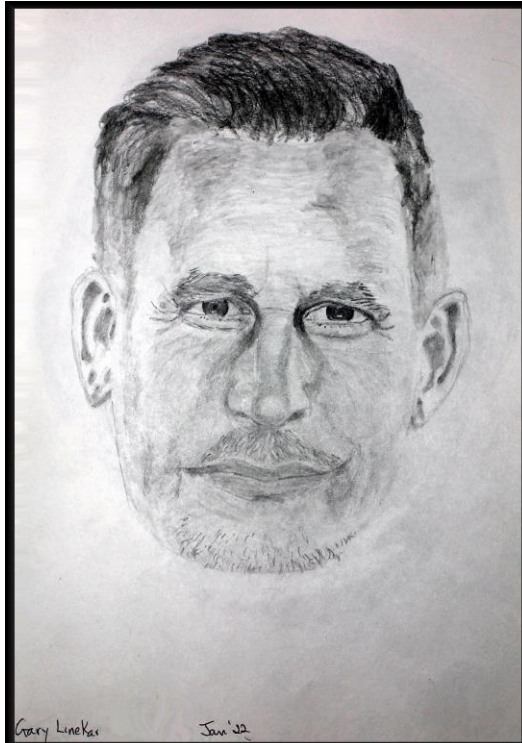


Pencil to Brush



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Cover:

Garry Lineker – (Pencil Sketch)

Castell Coch – (Brush Watercolour)

Foreword

The Gek Contemporary is pleased to have yet another new artist's works, Maurice a fellow resident and friend here in the Court, on show in the galley. His full-size paintings were photographed and miniature prints of them mounted to put on display.

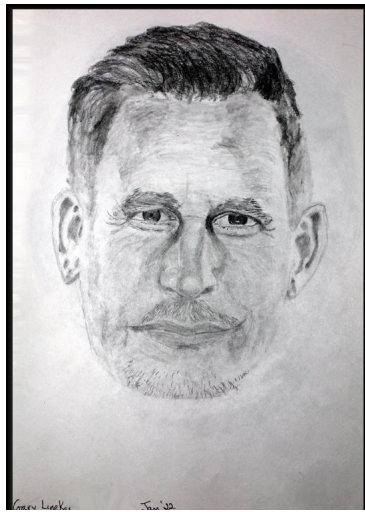
With a pencil or a brush, Maurice's efforts are full of detail and result in unique images for us to enjoy.

Artist Statement

I am 77 years old and only took up drawing and painting during the covid lockdown period in order to pass the time. I had not then done any artwork since my school days. I was pleasantly surprised how much I enjoyed it. I spent most of that time drawing with a pencil and occasionally doing some watercolour and acrylic paintings. As I am partially colourblind, I tend to produce very vivid colours in them.

I now manage to go to a local art club ever week where I am lucky enough to receive excellent advice from a local, talented artist, Andrew Coslett.

With a Pencil

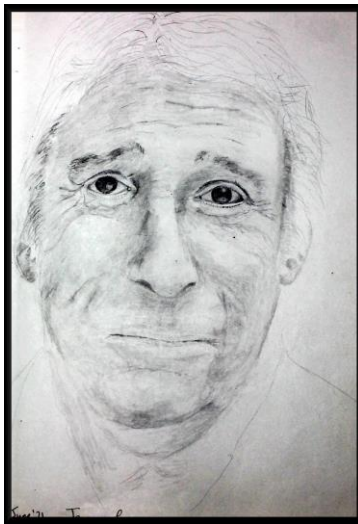
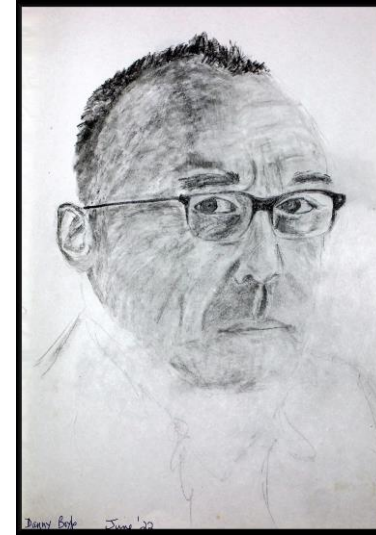


Gary Linekar

Gary is an English sports broadcaster and former professional footballer who played as a striker. He is the only player to have been the top goal scorer in England with three clubs: Leicester City, Everton and Tottenham Hotspur and won 80 caps for England. His media career began with the BBC, where he has presented the flagship football programme *Match of the Day* since the late 1990s, the longest tenure of any MOTD presenter.

Danny Boyle

Danny Francis Boyle was born on 20 October 1956,¹ in Radcliff, Lancashire to Irish parents Frank and Annie Boyle, both from County Galway. With an eclectic array of films to his credit, director he emerged from his native England to become one of the most celebrated and revered filmmakers of independently-minded cinema.

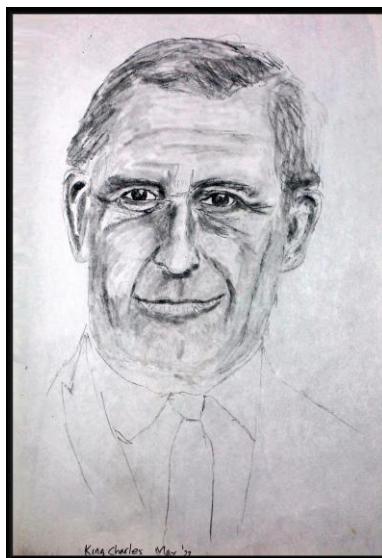
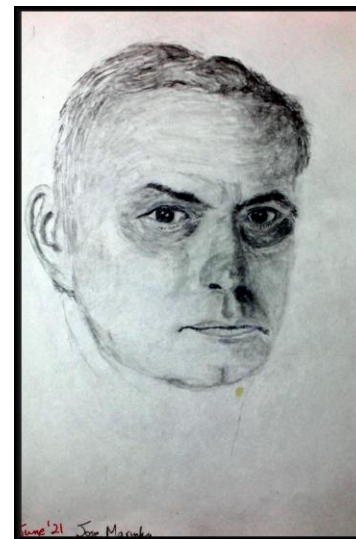


Jeremy Paxman

Jeremy is an English former broadcaster, journalist and author. Paxman became known for his forthright interviewing style, particularly when interrogating politicians. These appearances were sometimes criticised as aggressive, intimidating and condescending, yet also applauded as tough and incisive.

Jose Mourinho

Jose is a Portuguese professional football manager who has managed many top clubs in Europe.



King Charles III

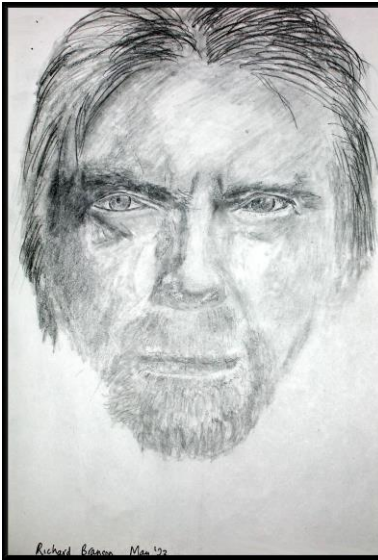
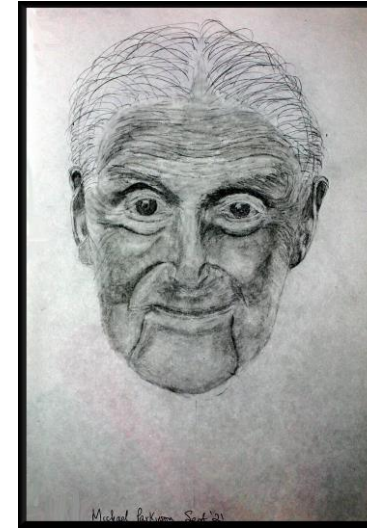
"Throughout my life, music has meant a great deal to me. I know that is also the case for so many others.

"It has that remarkable ability to bring happy memories flooding back from the deepest recesses of our memory, to comfort us in times of sadness, and to take us to distant places.

"But perhaps, above all, it can lift our spirits to such a degree, and all the more so when it brings us together in celebration. In other words, it brings us joy."

Micheal Parkinson

Journalist and TV presenter. With his wry, confiding demeanour and his characteristic facial twitchiness, asking polite but occasionally convoluted questions in his soft Yorkshire accent, often while fiddling self-consciously with his hair or scratching his nose, he interviewed more than 2,000 guests over 20 years, ranging from Hollywood actors to favoured sports stars, actors and comedians on his eponymous show.

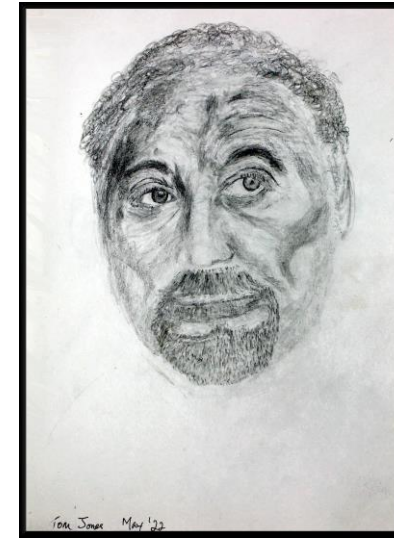


Richard Branson

Richard has dyslexia, and had poor academic performance; on his last day at school, his headmaster told him he would either end up in prison or become a millionaire. Branson's parents were supportive of his endeavours from an early age. His mother was an entrepreneur; one of her most successful ventures was building and selling wooden tissue boxes and wastepaper bins.

Tom Jones

He began singing at an early age; he would regularly sing at family gatherings, weddings, and in his school choir. He did not like school or sports, but gained confidence through his singing talent. At the age of 12, he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Many years later, he said, "I spent two years in bed recovering. It was the worst time of my life." During this time, he could do little else but listen to music and draw.



With a Brush



Castell Coch

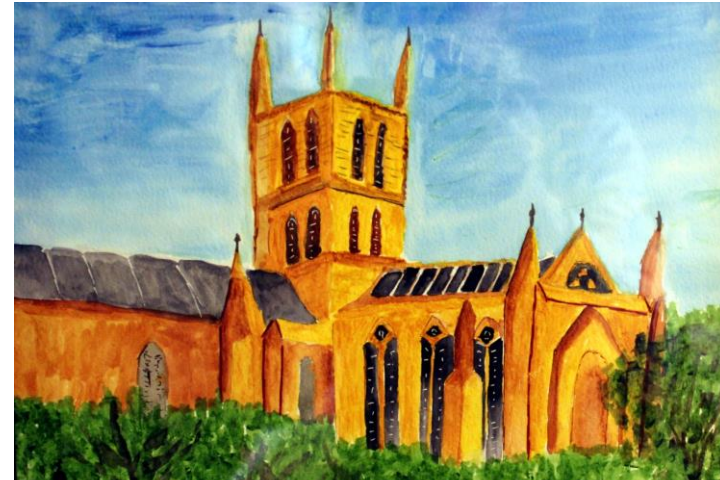
(Watercolour on paper)

A popular tourist attraction near Cardiff

Southwark Cathedral

(Watercolour on paper)

An early attempt at using watercolour.



Farmhouse at Night

(Watercolour on paper)

An Early Painting

(Watercolour on paper)



Café at Night

(Watercolour on paper)

I love van Gogh works, an attempt at one his.

Adapted from another Dutch Artist

(Watercolour on paper)



Attempt at Monochrome

(Watercolour on paper)

Abstract

(Acrylic on paper)



Bird One

(Watercolour on paper)

Bird Two

(Watercolour on paper)



Reflection on a Vase

(Watercolour on paper)

Still Life

(Watercolour on paper)

The first ever still life.



Couple

(Watercolour on paper)

Acknowledgements

Thank you for visiting the Gek Contemporary. Hope to see you again soon.