

# From the Shipyard to the Canvas

## ART IN SPENNYMOOR

### PETER BURNS

#### **From the Shipyard to the Canvas, at the Bob Abley Art Gallery in Spennymoor.**

The Bob Abley Art Gallery in Spennymoor Town Hall are delighted to announce an exhibition of stunning art for sale by the highly accomplished and acclaimed artist Peter Burns.

Peter's for sale exhibition includes a large variety of his work, including, many that are of the characters that he worked alongside in the shipyards, the social history of the north east, the shipyards and its people all of which he captures in his own unique and stunning way.

Peter was born in 1944. After leaving school he served his apprenticeship at the Swan Hunter shipyard on the Tyne.

Peter spent his working life as a ship's plater at the Swan Hunter Shipyard at Wallsend and it was here that he found much of the subject matter for his paintings. He is a mostly self-taught artist who cites the work of Leonardo da Vinci as one of his main artistic influences.

In 1978 a placement with British Shipbuilders gave Peter an opportunity to visit and paint in shipyards throughout the north of England over a period of 18 months. This project resulted in an exhibition of his work at the Northumbria University Gallery.

In 1984, Peter was invited by Shell UK to provide the illustrations for a calendar entitled 'Shell and the Community'. Two of Peter's paintings subsequently went on show at The Barbican Centre in London as part of an exhibition marking 60 years of Shell advertising. Peter's work was included in The Shipyard Painters exhibition which was held at The Old Low Light Heritage Centre in North Tyneside in 2016.

**The Bob Abley Art Gallery in Spennymoor Town Hall, DL16 6DG, Telephone 01388 815276, is open seven days per week 9.00am – 4.00pm and with FREE ENTRY and PARKING it really is a must visit venue for those looking to view, buy or invest in art. With 30 other artists exhibiting their work for sale including Chris and Steve Rocks and Norman Cornish the gallery has an incredibly large and stunning selection of art for sale to suite all tastes and budgets.**







