



WELCOME TO OUR Monthly Newsletter

The Apothecary, The beginning...



We are delighted to announce the opening of The Apothecary, my new studio, first gallery and shop. We are based on The Bank, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly.

The ethos of The Apothecary is centred around wellness through the nature of the artwork on exhibition and a range of products that enhance wellbeing.

We have been extremely busy renovating the front room what was previously a Chemist into a functional artist studio, gallery and shop space.

Over time, as The Apothecary evolves and the renovation continues throughout the rest of the building, we will be offering a range of creative workshops. We aim to expand even further by offering further spaces for wellness, classes and visiting practitioners.

↓ In this newsletter you will find:

The history, the renovation and the lead up to the grand opening!



The History

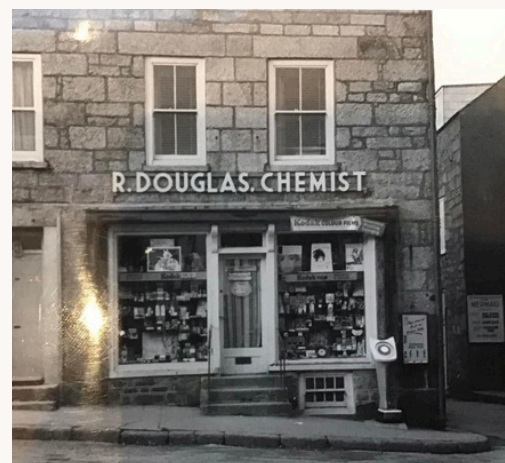
WHY THE NAME THE APOTHECARY?

We wanted to honour the history of the building by the name 'The Apothecary'. For 75 years the Douglas family served the Islands with their Pharmacy & Chemist before finally closing their doors in October 2024.

Previous to the Douglas family's chemist it was "The First and Last Shop". Due to the perfect harbour side location of the building, this is the place where tourists flock for their souvenirs and their wellness products before they board and come off the Scillonian.

We chose the name 'The Apothecary' to continue the legacy of the building contributing towards the wellbeing of the Islands. I am really excited to promote powerful benefits of art on our physical and mental health, as well as selling goods that contribute towards our wellbeing, in this historic building.

And what is most meaningful to us, my husband Rich worked here from November 2003-April 2025. This was his first job when he moved permanently to the Islands.





The Rennovation

THE JOURNEY SO FAR...

We always knew that this was going to be a big project and an even bigger expectation in knowing that it was us that had to do it! But it continues to be the most incredible, challenging and rewarding experience. The whole space has been stripped and in the process of being transformed...

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My favourite part of the journey has been the painting of the exterior and choosing our brand colour to fully complement the glimpses of the sea that surrounds the building.

And this is where we currently are...

All the interior boards are skimmed on the exhibition side, in position on the retail side, and it's time to tackle the floor...

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THE JOURNEY SO FAR...

And then the inside...

Preparing one side for the gallery, one side for the shop and the back of the room for my functional studio space.

Again the most challenging and rewarding part was the decoration! Ensuring we had the balance of perfect colours to light up the artwork as well creating a relaxed environment.

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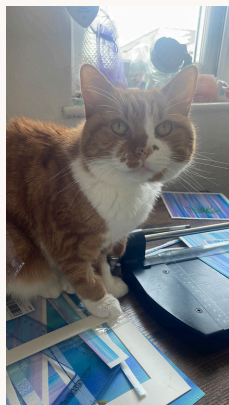
The Final Pieces...

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE IN THE APOTHECARY...

It has been quite emotional for me completing my final pieces in my home studio and getting them all ready for their new home in The Apothecary.

I've loved working in my studio, the abundance of light and being surrounded by the sea has kept me so inspired over the last 7 years.

The best challenge has been sharing this wonderful space with my cats!



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The Opening...

THE EXCITEMENT FOR THE BIG DAY...

All the finishing touches I loved, however, I couldn't believe how long they would take and how often I changed my mind.

It was really hard to set an exact date to open at this stage, stress was never allowed during this journey, so we just took our time and allowed everything to fall into place in it's own time.

We held a lovely preview evening for close friends and family the evening before we opened, of course there was some bubbles and a gorgeous cake!

Our opening day was on Thursday 24th July, and we could not have been happier with the positive response and gorgeous feedback from the local community and holiday makers!



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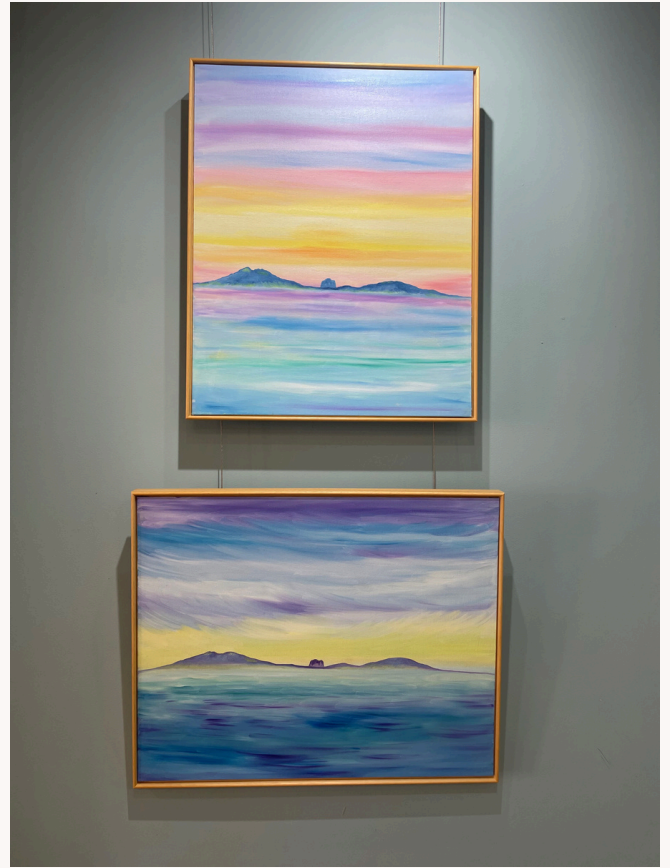
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We look forward to sharing more of our journey in our next newsletter in August, as we embark on the busiest month of the year!

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