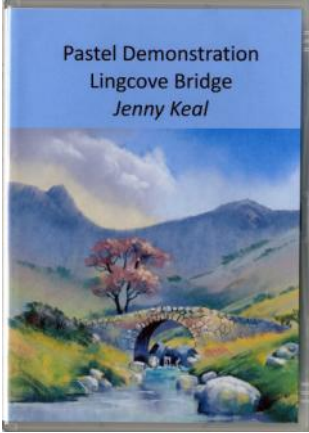


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# Bellamy's Bivouac

2015/16 David Bellamy Jenny Keal



**Jenny's latest DVD is now available.** In this DVD Jenny demonstrates how to paint a bridge in the landscape with soft pastel. She begins by describing the tools and materials she uses and how to store them. She then demonstrates how to use soft pastel to achieve recession and atmosphere in the landscape by the use of colour and tone. The painting is filmed in close up as it progresses with full commentary throughout, showing how to achieve fine detail or looser passages. 1 hour 23 minutes. £15 plus post and packing, (use order form to buy)



## The Joys of Sketching Outdoors

Some of the most precious moments in my art life are those days in the hills, and while many of my most exciting and dramatic ones have happened in spectacular overseas locations, some of the most memorable have occurred closer to home. One day in the autumn of 2014 I climbed Cadair Idris to sketch for a commission, on a fabulous day. Sitting on the summit I couldn't help thinking *'This is absolute heaven, and I'm getting paid to do this!'*

I descended via the rough, steep and rather unstable Foxes Path to Llyn y Gadair, where so many decades ago I had come on another commission, the instructions for the viewpoint being a grid reference and compass bearing. This turned out to be the middle of the lake looking towards the Cyfrwy Ridge, so I camped beside the lake and around 7 am swam out with a sketchbook between my teeth. The sketch of course was rather rapid and basic. As I climbed out of the water with not a stitch on an American lady hove into view and asked the time-honoured question of those who sleep overnight on Cadair, "Are you a poet or a madman?"

In April I was lucky enough to have a glorious day sketching and climbing Ben Donich, and this summer to spend a day on my favourite beach at Marloes where the surf was hammering in while the water sparkled in the strong sunlight. These moments linger forever in the memory and I hope that this will encourage you to get out with your sketchbook and enjoy our stunning wild places.

# Painting Courses 2016

There will be two painting courses and a 1 day workshop in the UK plus a painting holiday in Croatia. Beginners are encouraged on the UK courses and emphasis is placed on working out of doors as we feel this is the best way to improve your painting. Non-painting partners are welcome on all of the courses. **Please contact the venue direct** and they will send you complete details of the course and a booking form. The prices all include accommodation and tuition. We strongly recommend that you purchase holiday insurance after booking.

## 1 day workshop Cotswolds - April 2016

Following our very successful workshops at Windrush in the last two years we are returning to the beautiful home of the late James Fletcher Watson to run a one day workshop in and around the picturesque village of Windrush in the Cotswolds.

There will also be a watercolour demonstration by David the following day at the local village hall. Contact Jo Neil to book tickets.

*Details from:*

**Jo Neil**

Windrush House

Windrush

Nr Burford

Oxon OX18 4TU

Tel: 01451 844425

**Workshop full**

**Still places for  
demonstration**

**21 April 2016 (demonstration 22 April)**

Price to be confirmed (apply to Jo Neil)

1 day

Email: [info@jamesfletcherwatson.com](mailto:info@jamesfletcherwatson.com)

## Lake District—May 2016

Alpha Painting Holidays have found the perfect place for a painting location on the shores of Lake Windermere, near Ambleside. There are stunning views of the Langdale Pikes and the Coniston Fells from the hotel terrace and an abundance of superb sketching subjects all around including lakes, rivers, picturesque buildings and of course the fells. David and Jenny with both be available for tuition in any medium you prefer.

*Details from*

**Alpha Painting Holidays**

Unit 4a, Kirlklea Farm

Church Lane, Badgeworth

Axbridge

Somerset. BS26 2QH

Tel: 01934 733877

**This course is full**

**10th to 13th May 2016 (arrive 9th May)**

from £835 (full board) sharing

Single supplement £100.00

4 days

email: [joinus@alphapaintingholidays.com](mailto:joinus@alphapaintingholidays.com)

# Mid Wales— July 2016

We are once again returning to the Caer Beris Hotel . If you enjoy painting rivers, distant mountains, open moors, farms and other landscape gems, you will be over-loaded with subjects to paint. The grounds are extensive and bordered by the lovely River Irfon. As with all courses, David will be doing several demonstrations of watercolour painting and sketching and Jenny will be on hand if you wish to use pastel.

***Details from:***

**Caer Beris Manor Hotel**

Builth Wells,

LD2 3NP

Tel 01982 552601

**This course is full**

**24 to 29 July 2016**

from £670 (full board) sharing

Single supplement £100

5 days

email: [info@caerberis.com](mailto:info@caerberis.com)

## Painting Holiday to Croatia—September 2016

We will be staying in the lovely coastal town of Cavtat and visiting the distinctive old town of Dubrovnik as well as some of the islands such as Lockrum, Sipan and Lopud on the Dalmation coast.

We will have the opportunity to sketch and paint the lovely warm stone buildings with their terracotta roofs, all jumbled together around the harbours. There will be clear blue seas, boats, lovely old stone walls and doorways and intriguing lanes and alleyways and much more to explore.

David and Jenny will be available for sketching and painting demonstrations plus personal one to one tuition. Our aim is to create a relaxed, informal atmosphere which makes the holiday enjoyable for everyone.



This is the second holiday we have arranged with West Norfolk Art Centre. We had a great experience last year in Austria with Richard Cartwright, the organiser, and we are looking forward to another exciting trip this time.

**Still a few places available**

***Details from:***

**The West Norfolk Arts Centre**

**26 Ford Avenue**

**North Wootton**

**Kings Lynn, Norfolk**

**PE30 3QS**

Tel: 01553 631689

**10 to 17 September 2016**

Price available on request

Single supplement (as above)

7 days

email: [info@westnorfolkarts.co.uk](mailto:info@westnorfolkarts.co.uk)

David will be demonstrating on 9—11 June 2016  
for St Cuthberts Mill at Patching's Art Festival near Nottingham  
<https://www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk/patchings-festival-2016/>

## David Bellamy Watercolour Seminar 'Drama and Atmosphere'

at Pontypool Community Centre (The Settlement)

On Saturday 1st October 2016

From 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Tickets £15.00

The Seminar consists of a watercolour demonstration by David with commentary throughout followed by a Slide Presentation on creating Drama and Atmosphere in your watercolours. Questions are welcome. Tea/Coffee included

Use order form to purchase tickets or buy online at  
<http://www.davidbellamy.co.uk/shop/35-seminar-tickets>



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