

VIKING GALLERY

A community space in Cliftonville

One of London's first female minicab drivers, a cordon bleu chef, running a catering business on a Thames pleasure boat in the heady days of the sixties and now art patron, Pamela Price has headed up a succession of highly successful ventures. She has now brought her considerable entrepreneurial prowess to Thanet, in the shape of the Viking Gallery in Margate's up-and-coming Cliftonville area. Her connection to Thanet goes back to her great uncle's 1930s holiday footage of the area.



Housed in a beautiful Art Deco building, the newly refurbished spacious interior of the gallery easily lends itself to large art and craft exhibitions and workshops, and is a perfect venue for social events, including stylish parties, receptions or product launches. In earlier days, the building was used as a Hammam or Turkish bath, and the old iron furnace, with its red frontage, on the lower ground floor has been retained, adding an unique decorative accent to the contemporary décor.

Just a short walk from the seafront, Margate Old Town and the Turner Contemporary, the gallery features a large modern, light and airy space on two floors, available for hire, where visitors can see exhibitions of original artwork by emerging and established artists, with an emphasis on undiscovered talent, often featuring great local and regional art.



Terence Millington



There is also a small tasteful shop stocking Viking jewellery, gifts and toys from the British Museum, as well as handcrafted artisan items and a selection of delicious produce from local and regional farms.

Pamela is keen for the gallery to be at the disposal of the community and offers the space for a variety of events, such as photo shoots, poetry readings, meetings and seminars, as well as markets, filming, yoga, rehearsal space and dance classes.

Between 29 October and 12 November, the Viking will be hosting an exhibition by renowned painter, etcher and printmaker, Terence

Millington, whose paintings and prints have been exhibited across the UK and overseas. His work is also included in public and private collections worldwide, notably the Arts Council of Great Britain, Tate Gallery and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Core opening times: Thursdays to Sundays 12-6pm. For gallery hire, call **01843 446626**, email info@vikinggallery.co.uk or book online at vikinggallery.co.uk.

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