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T HAS recently been announced that a ollection relating to the Scottish shale oil ining industry held by The Almond Valley Heritage Centre in Livingston has become the 37th Recognised Collection of National Significance.

There's history – lots of it – in them thar bings

West Lothian has long been noted for he red shale bings which dominate the vironment and are a constant reminder of the brief period when Scotland was one of the first major oil producers in the world. ndustrial heritage is indeed a crucial aspect of West Lothian's identity and, in visual art terms, has been celebrated frequently, an example being the earth sculpture by the M8 notorway near Bathgate (complete with red sheep) which has echoes of the monumental shale bing known as The Five Sisters.

A new project begun early on in 2010 ngages with another aspect of the shale dustry. Commissioned as part of The rassroots Public Art Project and entitled he Shale People, the works focus on the shale oil workers and their families, thereby inging a human dimension into the frame

Arguably, this side of the industry could e said to have been somewhat forgotten.

vershadowed by the enormity and impact of ne discovery and its significance in shaping e modern world. The Shale People Project acceeds in rectifying this, giving the workers ne recognition other aspects of the industry as hitherto received.

A group of contemporary visual artists ave collaborated to create a series of public rt works specifically dedicated to the shale orkers. Project co-ordinator Shirley-Anne Murdoch has throughout the year been working alongside fellow artists Dr Andrew rummy, Mike Inglis and Al McInnes and Fin Macrae (the duo known as DUFI) on everal site-specific installations in the

oxburn and Uphall areas of West Lothian These include a mural 'Homage to the Shale Workers' by Andrew Crummy (the esigner of The Prestonpans Tapestry), Clocking Off' by DUFI and 'Shale People

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Trail' by Mike Inglis. The latter involved the artist conversing with groups of local senior citizens during meetings. which became known as 'chewin' the fat' sessions. Inglis has used the stories and tales related to him in the

sessions to develop narratives as a basis for art works which have been placed in strategic locations throughout the area.

The 'Clocking Off' piece was also aided by the community in the shape of pupils from Broxburn Academy. The installation aptly positioned on the exterior walls of the local swimming pool considers pastimes and leisure activities enjoyed by the workers in their free time such as the game of quoits and gala days.

The project has gained extensive community support, which has led to the setting up of Artichange, a community group whose aim is to continue the work of visual generation in the area and maintain the existing art work in the future. Shirley-Anne's initial inspiration to pay homage to the shale people arose from her own family connection with the industry. She feels too that previous projects have concentrated on the interests of the landed gentry rather than "those hard working people who had come as economic migrants"

She is confident that the project will develop and grow even though it is officially due to end in December. There is scope, she maintains, for other areas in West Lothian to set up Artichange groups and there are also encouraging signs from local secondary schools that they are communicating and sharing local histories

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It would be interesting also if some interaction could happen between the heritage centre and the artists who are now bringing the shale oil industry back to life in the community.

Shirley-Anne would welcome the opportunity to exhibit aspects of the project at the centre in some format. She has discussed the potential of joint projects with Dr Robin Chester from the museum however, she understands that this would depend on the Trust's remit.

Dr Chester seems equally enthusiastic, being impressed by the research and historical accuracy of The Shale People Project. He admits that it might be difficult logistically to exhibit contemporary art in the centre but, significantly, does not rule out the possibility of some interaction in the future.

So, bearing in mind that recognised collections are allowed access to special funding from Museums and Galleries Scotland to "explore new and exciting ways to deliver their viewers experience"; it might provide an opportunity to consider options that could make this possible?

CATHY BELL More from www.shalepeopleproject. wordpress.com

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The great mistake we have all made over the years is to ask him to undertake the wrong tasks and not help him sufficiently to undertake the ones for which he is so outstandingly suited. Riccardo (ArtWork's

it seemed that Tullie House in Carlisle has failed in its helmet, found in Cumbria, which was put up for auction a corrected. short time ago. In just under three weeks, the museum raised £1.45million, but was outbid by an anonymous buyer who paid £2m. What is known about the buyer is that he lives one of only four or five of its in Britain, so Tullie House is now hoping to negotiate so that it can display the helmet on loan.

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Notes of harmony

Lanark stood as an empty relic of Scotland's industrial past, owned by a scrap dealer who seemed intent on denuding the place of anything he could sell. Fortunately, great efforts were made by a small number of people to achieve the preservation and restoration of Robert Owen's legacy, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage

There, he demonstrated that to preach his ideas on the an owner of cotton mills at the height of Britain's industrial decent wages, facilitate their education, provide decent housing and sell them goods at prices that were not inflated to his advantage. Thus Owen became the father of the Cooperative movement. Now, the Scottish government has backed the Bank on Owen' campaign that seeks to commemorate Owen on a Scottish banknote in time

THERE WAS a time, in the mid 1970s, when the village of New the Co-operative in 2012. The campaign has the support of 6 campaign has the support of 65 MSPs across the chamber and a considerable groundswell of support has built up since the launch of the campaign. As for the Co-operative movement in Scotland its worth to the economy is estimated at £3billion

What many may not know, however, is that Owen established New Harmony in America, where he continued importance of education, the need to pay workers a proper revolution could pay his workers wage, and the need for a fair distribution of goods and services

He also advocated equal pay for men and women. His time at New Harmony is celebrated in a marvellous building by Richard Meier but. what is interesting, is that the Americans play down his social reforms while emphasizing his pioneering spirit. Maybe they also need his picture on one of for the UN International Year of their banknotes.

And about time too...

IN THE coming months, in a number of locations across Edinburgh, long overdue tribute is being paid to one of the great movers and shakers on the Scottish artistic scene for many decades past.

Richard Demarco's 80th birthday is being celebrated from across the artistic globe. the Mound to Dundas Street and beyond

While the recognition is welcome it has come far too late. Ricky is a tricky person to label and even trickier to tie down. He can be infuriating. exasperating and maddening. Many of his very generous backers over the years will have felt on occasion that he had failed them

preferred name for our *fratello*) is above all else a people person. If the word networker was not coined to describe him then it should have been.

And it is these supreme skills which we should have encouraged him to deploy

Instead, in a mean, valuefor-money sort of way, we have insisted that he should be lumbered with the burden of a hundred leaking roofs, rotten timbers and dodgy leases.

into his dazzling people skills to breathe life into our brain dead cultural institutions like our 'national' galleries and the once inspiring Edinburgh International Festival.

Someone should have been big enough to take the risk and manage this wayward and erratic genius for the best. Instead he has been surrounded by pygmies. Sorry,

Riccardo - s'pose that's life

Moment of truth for Dundee's **Discovery Point**

FOR THE PAST month people have been pouring in to see the exhibition in the library of Abertay University, Dundee showing the six shortlisted designs for the V&A at Dundee, which is due to open in 2014.

More than 120 architectural practices took part in the competition for the £ 47million building that will be built next to Captain Scott's ship, RRS Discovery on a site that will project out into the River Tay. The winner of the competition will be announced this month

Undoubtedly, the inspiration for having an outpost of London's Victoria & Albert Museum in a brand new and, if possible. spectacular building is the Suggenheim Museum in Bilbao n Northern Spain, which has done much to put this somewhat undistinguished industrial city on the tourist map.

And there are, indeed, many ilarities between Bilbao and Dundee. So, since the hope is that V&A at Dundee will attract 500.000 visitors annually, employ 900 people and add £ 5.5m a year to the city's income, do any of the competition entries seem likely to fulfill this promise?

Unfortunately, the one Scottish entry, by Sutherland Hussey Architects, is an unexciting composition of rectangles and squares which one visitor to the exhibition described as 'looking ike a sewage works.' The architects describe it as 'a crannog."

But it doesn't look too like the crannog that sits in the River Tay beyond Perth.

Then there is the entry by Steven Holl - the American architects responsible for the new ouilding for Glasgow School of Art – but quite frankly this entry looks like a very rushed job. It is a narrow skyscraper that is supposed to float above the River Tay, and the interior consists of odd, narrow and cramped spaces.

Then there are two very horizontal entries, one by the Japanese firm. Kengo Kuma

& Associates, the other by a multidisciplinary team called Snø hetta based in Norway. The former resembles the hull of a wooden ship and certainly has a very dramatic exterior while, inside, it contains basically square and rectangular galleries, a big inner hall and offers reat views looking down the river. The latter 'floats' on the surface of the Tay, suggesting a giant ice flow and, surprisingly, offers very few views of the river from inside Here, there is a big, main hall with galleries on either side. The last two entries are the

most spectacular. That by the Austrian practice, Delugan Meissl Associated Architects, looks like the space ship in the film. The Day the Earth Stood Still, and seems to be balancing precariously on its base. The building even has a long horizontal 'viewing station' facing the centre of Dundee. One can imagine that a robot might descend at any moment. Its interior is dramatic and surprisingly well organized.

The other entry – and maybe the one that best meets the expectation of an iconic design s by the American practice, Rex, and looks like a crystalline shape that has burst open towards the sky. Inside, separate spaces are organized around a central square in a way that, the architects say, allows different programmes to be developed as clusters within the building. It. too, is very dramatic

One of the things that the exhibition did not seem to address is how whichever design is chosen

will affect the setting of RRS Discovery. It will certainly make Discovery Point look even more ridiculous. Also, bringing the V&A to Dundee and rejuvenating the McManus (see ArtWork 160) has not been without cost: this includes the closure of three galleries within the McManus itsef, as well as Barrack Street Museum. It is also expected that the V&A at Dundee will cost £2m a year to run, which could turn out to be a heavy drain on the city's finances.

There is also the sad record of the gallery in Dundee Contemporary Arts which, when opened, was intended to feature exhibitions of an international standing that would bring Britain's art cognoscenti flocking to Dundee.

Nothing like that has happened. Instead, very few exhibitions at the DCA have attracted large crowds exceptions have been those showing work by Will Maclean and the Glasgow practice. One Foot Taller And the fact that the gallery is not available to Dundee Printmakers' Workshop, which is housed within the DCA, does not help the gallery to appeal to local people.

Instead, the gallery seems rather to have helped various curators. including its first - Andrew Nairne enhance their reputations so that they could get a more prestigious job south of the Border. Thus, not only does the building for the V&A at Dundee have to be spectacular; the exhibitions within it must be able to appeal both to a local and a national

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More protection for helmets

What is surprising is that, though there is a portable antiquities scheme designed to the law

AT THE TIME of writing this, keep such finds in Britain, it seems that helmets are outside its definition - an anomaly efforts to buy a Roman bronze that Roger Bland of the British Museum says needs to be

> So, those people in Cumbria who raided their piggy banks (among other sources of wealth) in an attempt to buy the helmet, known as the Crosby Garrett Helmet and kind in Britain, must now hope that Tullie House is successful in its negotiations.

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But then I had this revelation Last spring twenty five of us hired this damp d dismal country house for a week. It was one those places where there wasn't a single room where a coffin would look out of place. Then thank God some magician managed to persuade this famous Scots chef Christopher Trotter to come along and spoil us all rotten. And, no exaggeration

t both changed my life and saved the holiday. A confession. I already knew Christopher s a family friend (his father was my own ather's best man) and over the last twenty years ad proudly watched his career blossom from truggling wee chef to national treasure with an ternational reputation for his Fife restaurant and shop and top of the tree consultancy to the Scottish as bruised old apples are slow cooked with pork urism industry.

But none of that prepared me for watching n close at hand that week with a decent budget nd access to some of the best produce in the orld

During the holiday the sweat poured off him or ten hours a day as he made sauces from the perries of lobsters, twiddled around with venison, callops, wild salmon and organic vegetables. The an's a ruddy genius and rather than go for walks the rain we would sit mesmerised in the kitchen and watch him perform his gastronomic dance. You can write your own adjectives for what

was like for those of us who ate that food. nd don't hold back. Ludicrous superlatives are stified

The thing about Christopher is his passion for cotland and his whimpering zeal for celebrating ur country through an almost manic need to



show us what can be done with its fantastic food. It's as if he wants to make us all better people, and indeed a nation, through teaching us all to take the growing, preparing and cooking of our food more

seriously His latest book, The Whole Hog, written with Carol Wilson, is completely ridiculous, but it's bound to be a best seller.

It's a massive volume, and expensive too. twenty five quid, and it doesn't have a single word in it about diets or restraint.

Instead you are taken on this helter skelter ride of shameless gluttony as every possible morsel of a pig but the oink is jointed, chopped, minced, sliced or squeegeed from the slaughter house floor.

This is primarily a book about cooking bits of pig for eating in cold weather and the recipes come from all over the world. Ragouts and casseroles, goulashes and ragged jack kale, cassoulets and chorizo, castilian pigs' trotters, lardy cake and tripe. It teaches you how to make sausages with rhubarb relish, rejoice in black puddings studded with lumps of white fat, salivate in anticipation

chops to be served with butter-rich peppered mash It's a heart attack between two hard back covers which are appropriately printed as if soaked

in grease and even to read it leaves you dribbling and feeling dirty. This winter I have every intention of growing

even fatter through cooking my way through its pages and if next spring finds me dead on my Cramond Mill House's kitchen floor with Christopher Trotter's magnificent The Whole Hog clutched in my blood grimy hands be assured that I will have a smile on my grease-coated lips.

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GETTING feet over the threshold is a constant preoccupation of galleries everywhere. Contemporary art may be more popular than ever - witness the numbers who visit Tate Modern - but there are still lots of people who shy away from going to see it, especially in spaces smaller than the Turbine Hall.

They may feel a little uncomfortable with something they may not immediately understand or think they know nothing about, or they may have acquired somehow an almost subconscious feeling that art's not for the likes of them. Gallery directors and curators are optimists however, and have faith that once people see the art they'll find interest and enjoyment. They're often right.

It's worked at the Gymnasium Gallery at Berwick-upon-Tweed. The gallery is now running its fourth annual open exhibition, with 137 artists and makers from north east England and the Borders showing their work.

The range of art and craft on show is so wide that there must be something for everyone and since it is a selling show you can take it away if you pay your money.

Curator Matthew Walmsley says: "It's an extremely diverse exhibition, ranging from paintings and sculpture to photography woodwork, textiles, glass, collage, and stone carvings

"There is more woodwork and furniture this year and more of the traditional skills, like wood and stone carving and engraving.

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The Gymnasium Gallery Open has grown from its first exhibition, when 87 artists took part. Exhibitors are not invited to take part, but respond to adverts about the show. Each year since the first about a third of them have been newcomers, which keeps it fresh

Visitors get a chance to vote for which artist should get the prize for the audience's favourite work in the show.

With such a variety of media that could present difficulties, but Matthew Walmsley says the votes are usually shared by only a handful of pieces that stand out. Schoolchildren, who are also involved in the exhibition, get a separate vote and they usually go for something completely different

"What is important about the Open is that it gives artists within the local community a chance they would not normally get to exhibit in the gallery," Matthew Walmsey said.

"Then they come on board and support a more challenging contemporary art programme that we have through the rests of the season.

"Through the sheer numbers of the exhibition we get a lot of people in -380 people at the first opening - and that has a fantastic knock-on effect.

"It gives the gallery a high profile in the town and people come back." So that's one way to get those feet in the door

For those outside the area, it may seem odd to go to a gym inside a barracks to see art. But the barracks, under the guardianship of English Heritage, have a place in British culture

They were among

Gallery in a gym, camped on Berwick's ramparts

built, in the early 18th century, to the design of Nicholas Hawksmoor, Wren's assistant in the planning of the new St Paul's and architect of nany of London's finest churches after the Great Fire of 1666

The gymnasium, which still has its climbing ladders, dates from 1901 and was used for training soldiers up until the 1960s. The gallery has for 15 years run a fellowship programme offering young artists time and space to develop their work, ending with an exhibition.

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A Hawick dynasty Four generations of an artistic family are in the frame

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LIKE father, unlike daughter... when their work is seen side by side, that's the first npression of the two most recent artists in e McNairn family, apart from their both ing painters admired for their use of co-

They can be compared at Hawick's Vilton Lodge Museum, which remarkably s showing paintings by four generations of IcNairns, hence the title of its current exbition, A Line In Paint.

The earliest picture on show is a townape of Hawick done in 1871 by the John IcNairn born in about 1830 – or rather it's photograph of the original, which is in the Miró disturbing, but during travels in Spain ollection of the museum, but kept in the extile Tower House in Hawick Ĥigh Street

Then there are a pair of landscapes by ne John McNairn born in 1881, showing views around Hawick, one of them uniden

But the bulk of the show in the mueum's Scott Gallery, and overshadowing heir forebears, is by the John McNairn

born at Hawick in 1910 and by his daughter Caroline, born at Selkirk in 1955. Yet another McNairn gets a look-in

Stella McNairn, Caroline's mother, who is represented by a single harbour scene.

The 1910 McNairn went to study at Edinburgh College of Art in 1927 and, like many of its students at that time, went on to study abroad, in Paris and Spain.

His interest in colour was said to have been inherited from his father and it showed in his attraction to the work of the Fauves and the post-impressionists. He found the work of Surrealists like Dalí and developed a great admiration for El Greco.

He returned to Scotland to teach at West Calder High School, but when war broke out saw service in India. Afterwards he picked up his old job but then became head of the art department at Selkirk High School and with his wife opened a gallery

He painted local scenes in an increas-

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ingly loose style. Thin paint is swiftly applied in big brush strokes, often leaving patches of canvas bare. Detail may be added with a thick squidge of pure colour, perhaps a vermilion flower head. It looks almost slapdash, but it's confidence, not carelessness.

The result is work that's decorative in that he used what he saw before him to create a satisfying picture rather than put down an accurate record. What makes his pictures hang together more than anything is his unerring colour sense.

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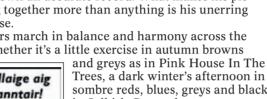
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I have just read the article by Cath Bell ArtWork 163. I completely agree!

I suspect that there may be some egative feedback about what she wrote,

ut it needs saying. There is much mediocre art out there

and much of that is produced by subsidy rom councils. The quality of art in Scotland needs to improve. More art does

iot mean better art. Thank you, Cath, for writing what you did

ALISTAIR SHEWAN. (ArtWork 163, p7/8). **East Lothian**

I enjoyed reading Cath Bell's article ntitled An End to Production Line Grants p11, ArtWork 163).

Unfortunately a lot people are ployed to look busy doing nothing - and probably nothing to do with art and culture either. For some a job is only one if

you have a budget to go with it and if you manage to blow it in a year you get a raise romotion maybe, and you can ask for a igger budget. Accountability is very lax... it's art you

anow? I don't.

Things are hopefully going to tighten p intellectually and financially and maybe focus on the real needs and end result. Why are the artists not self financed, thriving on ability, strategy and professionalism Or borrow money like small businesses or iniversity students do.

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I write regarding the September/October issue of *ArtWork*, which for me included two items of extrreme contrast. I refer to the complete sense expressed in the article by Cath Bell (see above), and the utter nonsense of the article featuring Bea Last

Is Denis (Column) Inch aware that <alistair315@btinternet.com> there are some actual artists in Dumfries and Galloway?

At a time when the arts are facing further funding cuts it is pure folly to publicise the work of vet another artist whose Arts Council funded tripe (I refer to both 'art' and statements) can only serve t further alienate the general public

Bea Last's work falls clearly into the category of 'my-kid-could-do-better-thanthat,' and the accounts of her 'challenging year' are unintentionally hilarious. This kind of painting is facile and lazy

and in no sense 'groundbreaking' (which I assume she feels it to be). Must cease ranting now as I need to go

to work. **RICHARD INMAN**

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temporary Art & Craft held at St Andrews Museum last month, was, as its curator, Claire Barclay admitted, something of a misnomer. In it, nine artist/craftsmen, including Barclay nerself, showed ceramics, jewellery and culpture that revealed their subversive attitude wards thinking and making, sometimes veloping relationships between different eces, and investigating how sculptural form nd material could affect the viewer both vsically and psychologically.

But, if the title of the exhibition, also companied by a one-day symposium, uggested that a bulldozer might have blazed its ay through the display, this was anything but e case. As one of the delegates noted, those tending the symposium were greeted as they ntered the door of Kinburn Castle, given cups tea or coffee and treats once inside, witnessed belled, and then proceeded to the symposium n St Andrews' Gateway Centre that was run in n orderly and civilized way. So, where was the haos?

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"This was made out of a stupid material pottery," he said, and was followed by a series of garden shears and builders' trowels in which the traditional handles were replaced by ceramic ones. Then, Slee got bolder. He made a coat the traditional handles were replaced by ceramic ones. Then, Slee got bolder. He made a coat hook that was four times the normal size so that, he said, it became a functional object that becomes a representation of itself. There was something in this object that reminded me of Rauschenberg.

If Slee's theme was From Utility to Futility (the title of an exhibition currently at the V & A). then the other speaker at the symposium, Jane Simpson, took as her theme the n exhibition that was immaculately laid out and development of very ordinary items - including Tupperware - into something extraordinary. Sh had developed the technique of making rubber casts while a student at the Royal Academy and other everyday items in ceramics, some



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f which were shown in the exhibition What is happening is that, by changing their material, utilitarian objects turn into sculpture. (Well, of course, that has always been the case of particularly eautiful earthenware or porcelain ises.)

The destruction of the usual aning of objects continued elsewhere in the exhibition: Hans Stofer showed an pturned silver jug with a slice cut out f it; Johannes Nagel, a cast porcelain Cloud; Shari Pierce, Cardboard emocracy that looked like a ball on a chain made out of discarded cardboard, eftover housepaint and fake gold/ silver chains; and Siobhan Hapaska, a piece called Safe in which the end of a coconut, looking like the head of a nouse, peeps out of a round shell made

n fiberglass. Nothing is quite what it seems to

If one thing is true about Causing Chaos, that a very different approach is being taken o the arts and crafts, and this is also true of the Fife organization that mounted it. Directed y Diana Sykes, who has risen like a phoenix om the ashes of the Crawford Arts Centre in St Andrews, Fife Contemporary Art & Craft is otable for not being based in a gallery but in the former Town Hall of St Andrews, and being funded by Fife Council and Creative Scotland s a catalyst rather than as an exhibiting body

It also has an international remit so at, for example, an exhibition of work from Papua New Guinea has been shown at the Kirkcaldy Musem & Art Gallery and crafts have been offered for sale in the Byre Theatre. St Andrews. In addition, there are two 'Pods'

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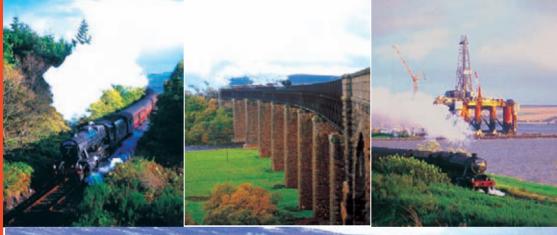
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