

Biography

David Hockney



David Hockney was born in Bradford, Yorkshire in 1937, the 4th of 5 children.

By the time he was ten, David knew he wanted to be an artist, so when he won a scholarship to go to Bradford Grammar School he was less than delighted – he would have preferred to go directly into an art college.

He finished school, though, and went on to Bradford Art College. From there, he went on to study at the Royal College of Art in London. David was awarded a Gold medal when he completed his diploma there.

Throughout the 60's, David's art career grew and grew. Always absorbed in his work, he drew, painted and etched for long hours each day, had many exhibitions and won scholarships - one of which led him to the USA. Since then, the most prestigious galleries across the world have devoted countless shows to his extraordinary work.

David bought a home and studio in California in 1970's, but returned to visit his family in Bradford at least twice a year – he spent just 3 Christmases apart from his mother Laura during her lifetime. These days, David spends much of his time in this part of the world

and his paintings of the East Yorkshire landscape are admired world-wide.

Home, then, has always mattered, so it wasn't surprising that when Jonathan Silver approached David about displaying his work in the Mill, David agreed. The two had first met in the 60's and had kept in touch, sporadically since then. The Galleries at Salts Mill are very proud of the large collection of David's wonderful work on show and deeply grateful to him for his continued support and interest.