

A pastel painting of a sheep in a field. The sheep is dark brown and stands in the center-right of the frame. To its left is a wooden fence with horizontal rails. In the background, a tall, thin windmill is visible against a soft, hazy sky. The overall style is impressionistic, with visible pastel strokes and a muted color palette of greens, browns, and blues.

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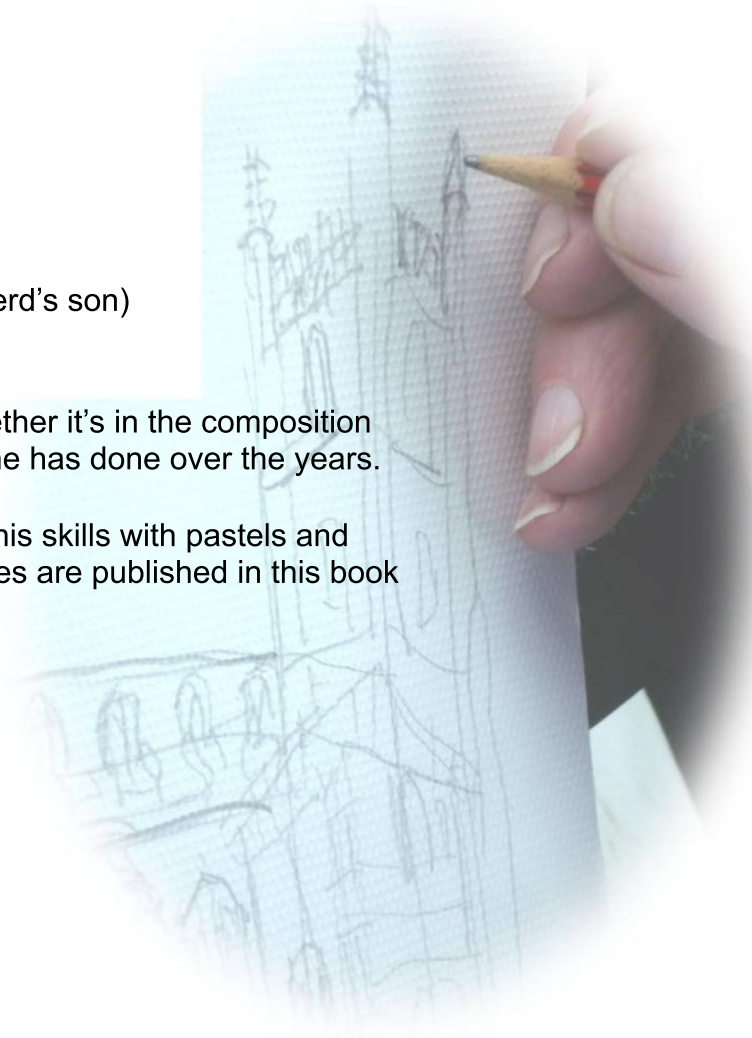
By Des Shepherd (Philip Shepherd's son)

Philip Shepherd has always has an eye for art, whether it's in the composition of photographs he took or drawings and paintings he has done over the years.

After his retirement, Philip had the time to develop his skills with pastels and created a number of pictures. Some of these pictures are published in this book which is a celebration of his art.

We hope you enjoy this selection.

Des Shepherd



Stormy Sea

Stand clear! Windy, a storm imminent with the last bit of blue sky receding over the horizon. But quite magnificent.



Venice

This drawing is based on a label on a bottle of Italian wine. Vivaldi was a prolific composer and spent much of his life in Venice.

Although a priest, he had a fondness for women. In other words he was a bit of a lad.



Mid-Winter Sussex

Just how quiet and peaceful can a meandering river be? It's somewhere in Sussex.

No noise, no sign of activity - animal or human - errie!



Thaxted Parish Church

A village in NW Essex. Once a prosperous cutlery town, but now a small and pleasant village. Gustav Holst lived here for part of his life and this fine church is the venue for musical events. It is sadly under the flight path to Stansted airport.



Glen Coe

Remote cottages far from the outside world.

Sombre, overpowering and scary when the weather closes in. Suitable for a recluse. OK if you like that sort of thing.



St Pancras Gas Holders

St Pancras Gas Holders are not the first subject one thinks of for a pastel drawing. The gasholders were close to St Pancras station. This drawing was inspired by a photograph in the Guardian. It is winter with the brilliant white sun close to setting.

The gasholders were dismantled to enable the construction of St Pancras International station and placed in storage as part of an agreement with English Heritage. They have since been reassembled at a new position north of the Regents Canal and form part of an enclosure to a series of apartment buildings.

By day Gasholder Park is a place to play or pause and take in the view over the canal and Camley Street Natural Park. By night, subtle lighting transforms the park into a destination for events.



Rural Lincolnshire

Pastoral, with cattle, grassland and an imposing church tower on the hill.



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Boats At Rest

The River Wey near the village of Send, in Surrey, partly shrouded by the early morning mist.

The church in the distance suggests the village is nearby.



Michelham Priory, East Sussex

While on a work visit to Eastbourne, a friend and I took the afternoon off and visited this ancient and beautiful Tudor building. It is low lying and surrounded by water.



August Heat in the Dordogne

A lazy midday at rented accommodation in the Dordogne. A swimming pool, a cool interior and good food and beer. And peaceful - a place to switch off.



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Beachy Head

Part of an impressive coastline in the south of England. Ideal for suicide if you feel so inclined. The white cliffs are composed of decomposed sea life, accumulated over billions of years.



Hadrian's Wall

Stunning. Atmospheric. Millennia spanning. An essential place to visit once in a lifetime. High on the international heritage preservation list. We have much to thank the Romans for - without them Shakespeare wouldn't have written 'Julius Caesar'!



Medieval Bruges

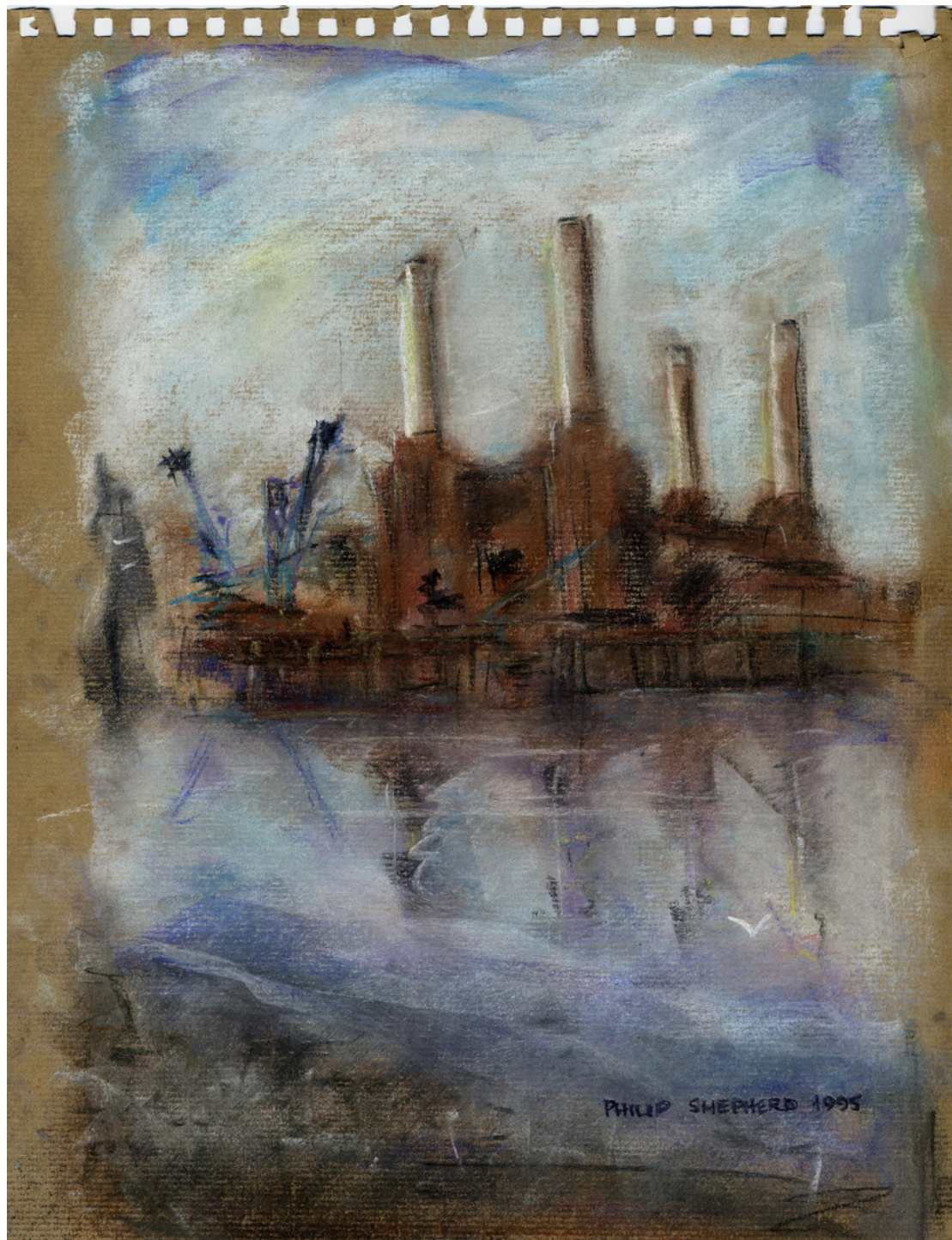
A much visited and partly restored ancient Flemish city. It's trade is now mainly tourism, but in the past it was an important commercial city and port in the southern Netherlands.

It is picturesque and offers a range of good restaurants and bars and a wide selection of Belgium beers. It also has a football team of some renown.



Battersea Power Station

Now redundant but restored as a historical monument. It has recently been developed for accommodation and recreation.



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