



# Sea life inspires artists' work

CRAVEN artists Avneet Cheema and Marisa Marquez have created sculptures, drawings and paintings inspired by beautiful common dolphins and other marine life, and three Skipton primary schools have accepted the invitation to visit their exhibition at Mill Bridge Gallery, Skipton, to take part in a Blue Earth arts workshop with the artists.

Avneet Cheema is both a vet and artist. He grew up loving animals and his career as a vet and work as an artist are both driven by his love of the natural world. Avneet also travels widely with recent journeys to Australia and the Great Barrier Reef.

Marisa Marquez is a Spanish artist, now living in Skipton, who has exhibited internationally. Having lived on a boat for more than 10 years, she also has a great knowledge of, and connection with, the sea and marine life, often sailing in the company of dolphins.

Mill Bridge Gallery is open from 11am to 4pm, Thursday to Saturday.

The artists and gallery will be contributing 20 per cent of all sales during the exhibition to marine animal charities – the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, who protect coastlines and marine life, and the Whale and Dolphin Conservation charity.

'Blue Earth' runs from July 14 until August 6.