

Name: Michael Cook

Venue: Cavavin

Who are you and what do you do?

I am Michael Cook, I retired from architecture to become a full-time artist. The basis of everything I do is drawing and my life has been a love affair with Indian Ink!

How has your practice changed over Time?

Like most artists I went through an experimental period and tried all sorts of things and soon realised that I could not go abstract and the subject and some sort of narrative are important to me. I now draw with same instinctive freedom that I enjoyed in my earliest years.

What themes do I pursue?

I am a diary painter: my themes come from everyday encounters, places, what people say and so forth. Travel is important to me, especially frequent visits to Cornwall.

Name three artists who have influenced your work.

Artists who have influenced my work include Honore Daumier and John Minton for their graphic work and Sickert for his spirit of place.

What couldn't you live without?

I think that has to be sunshine!

