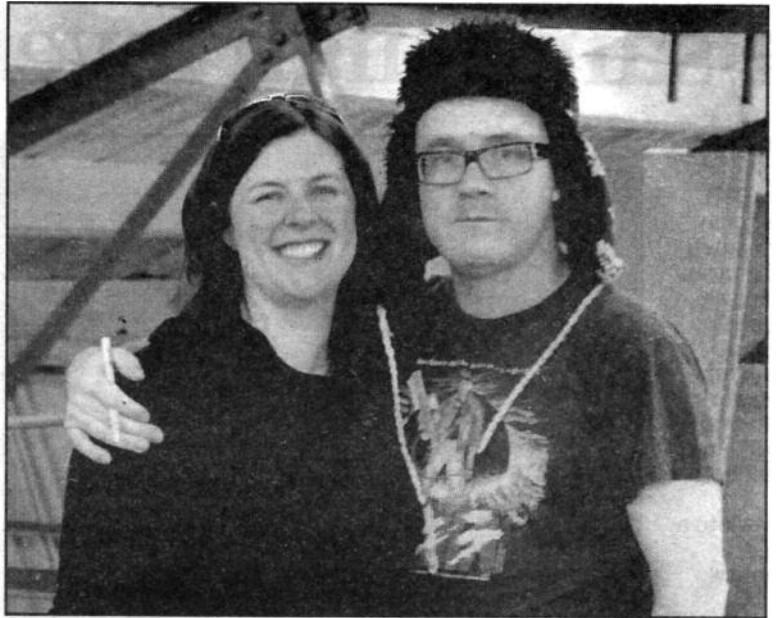


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**SURPRISE MEETING:** Angela Yarwood with Damien Hirst, right, and above, the print of The Diamond Skull.



# Thanks, Damien

A CHANCE encounter on a routine research trip to London, reaped unimaginable rewards for Devon gallery owner Angela Yarwood.

During one of her regular London trips to source new and exciting works to sell at the Brook Gallery in Budleigh Salterton, Angela chanced upon artist Damien Hirst.

After a chat about her new venture in Devon, the celebrated artist gave her a personally signed diamond-dusted silk-screen print of his controversial work 'For the Love of God' – which has gone down in history as the most expensive work of contemporary art by a living

artist, and is valued at more than £50 million.

Angela said: "He was absolutely charming and, after a brief conversation about his work and my gallery in Devon, he produced one of the limited-edition prints of his famous diamond encrusted skull 'For the love of God, The Diamond Skull'. Who could refuse such a generous and spontaneous gesture!"

With her business and customers in mind, and revelling in the controversial nature of this contemporary work of art, Angela has hung her personalised print in the gallery for all to see. However, although it is worth £10,000, 'it is definitely not

for sale' she is quick to add 'at any price!'

● The Brook Gallery sells fine art original and limited edition prints.

Artists range from Picasso and Matisse through many Royal Academy members, including Norman Ackroyd and Sir Peter Blake, to exceptional Devon talent such as Kathleen Caddick and Simon Ripley.

It is open every day from 10.30am to 5pm but is closed on Sunday mornings.

To celebrate Budleigh Salterton's late night shopping evening, the gallery will remain open until late when the skull print will remain on view.



**GALLERY official Angela Yarwood with one of the fascinating prints.**

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## Dennis and Desperate Dan will soon be in town ...

IMAGES from some of Britain's favourite post war comics - *The Beano*, *The Dandy* and *Victor* - will be on display at the Brook Street Gallery in Budleigh Salterton through an exhibition of work by artist JP Reynolds, who is currently exhibiting in Harrods of London.

He has secured the licence to reproduce the famous images such as Den-

nis, Desperate Dan and the Bash Street Kids.

He says: "Of course Dennis is a national icon, so what he says in the speech bubbles takes on a kind of symbolic power."

*From Bash Street to Budleigh* will be open from February 10 to 24, 10.30am-5pm (closed Sunday mornings).