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## EXHIBITIONS

1989	The Dog With 4 Bums	Salisbury Arts Centre
1990	The Dog With 4 Bums and Other Pictures	Norwich Arts Centre
1991	A Game of Three Halves	Cambridge Darkroom
1992	Waterbeach Salvation Army	F Stop Gallery, Bath
1994	This Man's Army – Travelling Light Touring Exhibition (Non Gallery Locations East Anglia)	Norwich Arts Centre
1995	This Man's Army	Norwich Arts Centre
1998	This Man's Army	Watershed Media Centre, Bristol Focal Point Gallery, Southend
1999	This Man's Army Generations (Norwich Millennium Commission)	Side Gallery, Newcastle Upon Tyne Norwich Arts Centre
2000	This Man's Army The Victory Club	Firstsite @ The Minories, Colchester Peterlee Community Centre Gottingen University, Germany
2001	The Victory Club	Victory Club, Horden Side Gallery, Newcastle Upon Tyne
2002	Theatre Resource – Permanent Display Norwich Castle Museum Renovation Norwich City FC Centenary Bullwood Hall, Young Offenders Windmill Portraits – Children with learning disabilities Bullwood Hall, Young Offenders – Life Prisoners Bourn Fertility Clinic	Theatre Resource, Ongar Norwich Castle and Museum Norwich Castle and Museum Southend Central Library Image Gallery, Bedford  Chelmsford County Hall
2003	The Forum Public Arts Project  Coalfield Stories	Wysing Arts Norwich Arts Centre The Forum, Norwich Norwich and Norfolk University Hospital
2004	Bedford Project (André Stitt) Tyne Portraits (permanent) Great Yarmouth Architecture	BCA Gallery Tyneside Discovery Museum SeaChange Gallery, Great Yarmouth and other venues.

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

1994	Relative Values John Kobal, National Portrait Awards	The Photographers' Gallery, London The National Portrait Gallery, London The Royal Photographic Society, Bath
2001	Digital Dialogue (Year of The Artist)	Firstsite @ The Minories, Colchester
2001	Amber Collection - Durham Coalfields	Gijon, Spain
2002	Amber Collection- Durham Coalfields	Durham Museum and Art Gallery; Touring community venues ongoing
2004-2006	Self	Angel Row Gallery, Nottingham Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery other venues nationwide

## COLLECTIONS

The Imperial War Museum, London,  
Side Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne,  
Tyneside Discovery Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne

## **POETRY**

Experienced poetry performer, both as an individual and with The Joy of Six. Performances across UK and in New York. First collection The Little Book of Harm has been reprinted four times. A new collection is due for publication in 2005 with Eggbox.

## **MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

<b>The Dog With 4 Bums</b>	The Independent Point to Point – Terence Brady Pelham Books
<b>This Mans Army</b>	The Telegraph Magazine John Kobal Portraits Awards Catalogue - National Portrait Gallery Second Site Magazine Half Tone Press The Independent Magazine Interview & Feature Amateur Photographer The British Journal of Photography Connecting Business With The Arts Business Connection
<b>The Prince's Trust</b>	Breaking The Barriers - Art2000 - A Celebration of 100 Artists - East England Arts
<b>Year of The Artist</b>	Profile
<b>East Life Poetry</b>	Includes: Smiths Knoll, The Rialto and Rattapallax (New York)

## **BROADCAST**

2001	The Victory Club Project	Tyne Tees TV
2002	Bourn Fertility Clinic	Anglia TV
2003	Profile	Anglia TV

## **BOOKS**

This Man's Army	Dewi Lewis Publishing 1998 Text: Billy Bragg, Antony Beevor & Liz Wells
The Little Book of Harm (Poetry)	Firewater Press 2000 reprinted 2001,2002,2004
Ahem (Poetry Collection)	Scheduled 2005 Eggbox Publishing
The Joy of Six (Poetry)	Three Rivers Press 2002 Anthology Package (CD) 2004
Ahem (Poetry)	Eggbox - scheduled for publication 2005

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Cambridge Darkroom Gallery - Board of Directors 1990-92  
Eastern Arts Board - Advisor 1997 – 1998  
Half Tone Press – Board of Directors 1998 – 2004  
Optical Allusions Photographic Festival 2000 Management Board, 1999-2000  
Voices – Literary Project Cambridge Management Steering Committee 1999  
Arts Unlimited – Literary Project for Mental Health Groups 2002 – 2004  
CafeWriters – Committee Literary Organisation 2003 –  
Bedford Creative Arts – Trustee - Board of Directors 2004 -

## RECENT COMMISSIONS

- 1999 Norwich City Council/Norwich Arts Centre** Commissioned to make new work on the theme of generations for exhibition at Norwich Arts Centre as part of Norwich's Millennium celebrations.
- 2000 Side Gallery, Newcastle Upon Tyne** Commissioned to make new work in Horden, Durham in The Horden Victory Club and surrounding area. The work to be shown at Side Gallery and other venues. This was a Year of The Artist project.
- 2000-1 East England Arts, Year of The Artist (YOTA)** Appointed as the documentary photographer for Year of The Artist from 180 applicants. Responsible for documenting selected YOTA projects across all art forms. The work has been used in a wide variety of publications, the YOTA web-site and exhibited at Firstsite, The Minorities Art Gallery, Colchester.
- 2001 The Princes Trust** Commissioned to produce a publication for the promotion of artists supported by The Prince's Trust in the South East of England.
- 2001 Theatre Resource, Ongar** Commissioned to make new work for permanent exhibition at Theatre Resource's renovated premises reflecting their activities.
- 2001 Norwich Castle Museum** Documenting the production, installation and finished work of the artists on the Castle Museum Renovation. Also to document the outreach programme of the artists. To be exhibited at the Castle Museum in Autumn 2001.
- 2001/2 Norwich FC Centenary** Project to photograph Norwich City footballers at their homes for an exhibition at Norwich Castle Museum July 2002. Commission extended by Delia Smith to produce Norwich City FC calendar for 2003.
- 2002 The Princes Trust** Commissioned to produce a publication for the promotion of artists supported by The Prince's Trust in the South East of England.
- 2003 Wysing Arts** Bourn Fertility Clinic. Recipient of an Awards for Artists grant. Exhibition at Wysing Arts December 2002 And Firstsite, Colchester in 2003..
- 2003 Papworth Hospital Trust Annual Report, Runner up Nexus Awards**
- 2002-3 The Forum, Norwich** Commissioned to undertake a project for simultaneous exhibition at Norwich Arts Centre and The Forum in 2003.
- 2002-3 Bedford Creative Arts** The Bedford Project – photography in support of Andre Stitt.
- 2003 Strategic Rail Authority** The Case For Rail
- 2003-4 Norwich Castle Museum** Visualising Norwich Market Place with excluded young people – Project Co-Ordinator with Norwich School of Arts and Design, Museum and Youth Services.
- 2003-4 Sea Change Trust – Young Roots Project** Creating new work and working with young people with Mental Health problems.
- 2003-4 Commissions East, -Coast Project** Documentary photographer on Coast Project, First Site, Gallery The Minorities; Essex County Council.
- 2003 Tyneside Discovery Museum** Commissioned to take portraits for 'Wall of Images' for new museum on modern uses for The Tyne River. Permanent large scale installation over two storeys.
- 2004 Norwich Castle Museum** Commissioned to Work with young offenders.
- 2004-5 Norwich and Norfolk Hospital** Collaborative commission with Sue Ridge. Landscape panoramas for permanent show at Breast Imaging Department.
- 2004-6 South Beds District Council** Residency project on new industrial estate in Dunstable and WDA site prior to demolition. For touring exhibition.
- 2005 Shape** Essex schools project in collaboration with poet Helen Ivory.

## Clients and Other Publications Include

The Telegraph Magazine, The Independent on Saturday Magazine, Channel 4 Television, BBC Television, The Arts Council, Commissions East, Channel 5 Television, Marks & Spencer, Flag Communications, The Design Company, Mail on Sunday, The Observer, The Guardian, The Daily Telegraph, The Times, The Sunday Times, The Independent, The Independent on Sunday, David Porter & Associates, Field, Radio Times, TV Times, Camgas, Management Today, People Management, Human Resources, VNU, Nursing Times, Health Service Journal, The Morse Partnership, Warman & Bannister, Building Magazine, RIBA Journal, Management Consultancy Magazine, East England Arts, Regeneration Magazine, Cambridge University, Internet Business Magazine, Papworth Hospital, Strategic Rail Authority, Essex County Council, Tyneside Discovery Museum, MedEconomics, Dr Kildare Ltd, Children Now, SeaChange Arts Trust, Norwich Castle Museum.