

# spotlight

WHAT'S MAKING THE NEWS IN BATH?

FILM

## The big picture

A film created by staff and students from Bath Spa University has won Best Debut Feature at the prestigious Luxor Egyptian and European Film Festival, as well as the Audience and Jury prizes at the recent Regards sur le Cinéma du Monde festival in France.

Sixteen is an urban thriller about an African former child soldier living in London. As his 16th birthday approaches, he witnesses a stabbing which forces him to confront his violent past.

The film was produced by Jake Hume and senior lecturer at Bath Spa, Nic Jeune, supported by film professionals and students from the MA in feature filmmaking, and directed by Bath Spa creative

media practice lecturer Rob Brown. "It was a great honour to screen in competition at Luxor and the award was a welcome surprise," said Rob. "This will help build momentum ahead of our UK theatrical release in late March as we prepare, supported by Bath Spa University, to ensure the film reaches its audience in cinemas and on video-on-demand."

Since its world premiere in London, the film has also played at festivals in the Czech Republic and Poland, and in March it will receive its North American premiere at the Cleveland International Film Festival in Ohio.

For more: [www.bathspa.ac.uk](http://www.bathspa.ac.uk)

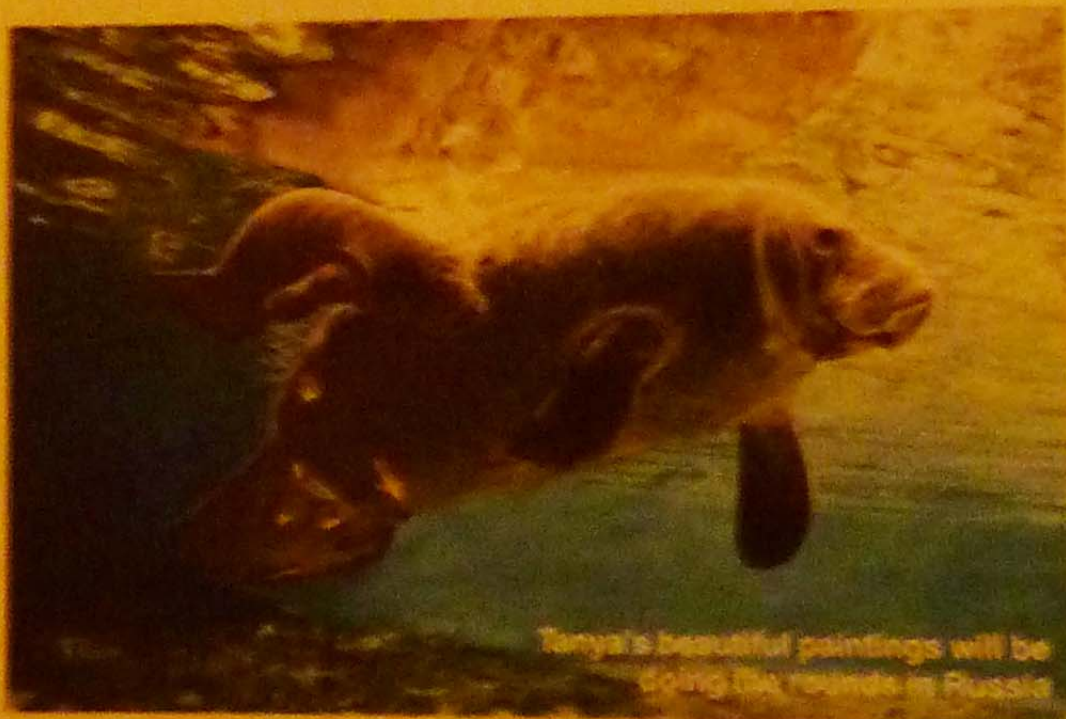


ART

## TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Paintings by a Wiltshire artist are featuring in a prestigious exhibition touring Russia. Tanya Lock from Bradford on Avon has had four oil paintings selected for The Russian Golden Turtle Wildlife Festival, and is one of just 36 finalists. The exhibition opens in St Petersburg and will travel to Moscow and other cities in Russia.

"I am thrilled to be one of the finalists, especially as it is a way for people in Russia to be made aware of the problems we all face on a global level with the loss of our wildlife," said Tanya. "I love to concentrate on fine detail in my paintings and often start by painting the eye of the



animal first," she continued. "If I get this correct I feel as if it's watching me while I bring the rest of it to life." For more: [www.tanyalock.com](http://www.tanyalock.com)

The edition has been updated to include changes to the city



BOOK

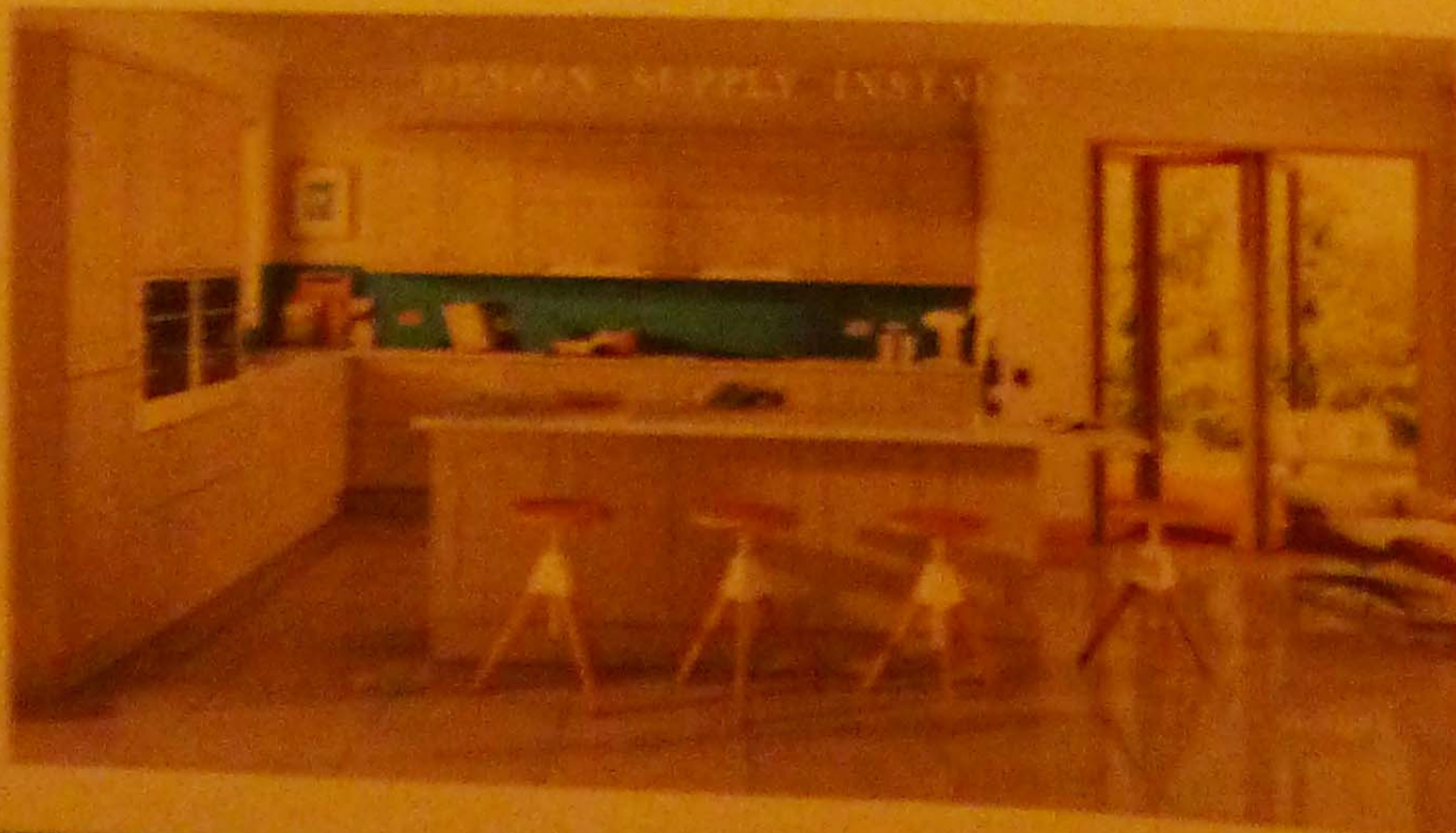
## CH-CH-CH-CHANGES

Local historian Kirsten Eley and photographer Neil Menneer have brought out an updated and revised edition of the coffee table book Bath.

First released in 2004, publisher Frances Lincoln felt it needed an update due to developments in the city – for example at Thermae Bath Spa, SouthGate, Western Riverside and the Holburne Museum – over the last 10 years. New pictures of these projects and revised historical text were put together in the book, which now sports a new cover of the Roman Baths.

"Bath has changed massively since my wife and I came here in 1987," said Neil. "Mostly for the better, especially with SouthGate and the Holburne. I'm really pleased it's becoming such a creative hub as clearly Bath could be one of the most successful, innovative and beautiful cities in Europe. We just need to keep striving!" The updated Bath is now priced at £25.

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