



loves so much she couldn't imagine not painting. But Ali says she owes her success to her husband Nigel, a chartered surveyor.

She said: "He recognised I had some ability so every January when the kids were small I took time off from household duties other than the absolute basics and I painted every day for a month. By the end of that month I'd have come on enormously because I had the time. I'm really lucky and grateful he enabled me to do that."

● The free exhibition *Inspired by Nature* showcasing Ali's work alongside Daphne Ellman and Richard Tratt is at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens in Romsey until Monday, May 6. For information call 01794 369318, or go to allindleyartist.co.uk

