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Artwork by Ray Bradshaw, below, is on show at The Granary, Arts Centre, Washington.

Splash of colourful humour

Penshaw Monument, the airshow, the Black Cats and more inform the art of Ray Bradshaw. Katy Wheeler speaks to the local artist about his latest exhibition

Colourful characters spotted at Sunderland's annual airshow are among those to feature in a new exhibition by Ray Bradshaw.

Canny Folk features about 30 pieces by Ray, of Moorside, who depicts Lowry-esque figures in familiar scenes.

The works, which are available to buy, are on display at The Granary, at Arts Centre Washington, until February 24.

Ray explains: "I contacted the Arts Centre after reading a post on their Facebook page about local artists.

"From there, I sent them a link to my website and they asked me to exhibit my pieces.

"Apart from three pieces which are of the Lake District, they are all North East-inspired. Some are of Tyneside, but I always make sure to put a little red and white Mackem in there somewhere.

"Though my work is inspired by the places I've been and know, it's also inspired by the characters I see out and about.

"I always like to inject some humour into the pieces, so often there will be a little pick-pocket in a crowd, but someone will be looking at him over their shoulder, so you know he's



going to get nabbed. It's all tongue in cheek."

Ray has exhibitions at The Old Vestry Tearooms in Fawcett Street, Sunderland, and the North East Art Collective in Eldon Gardens, Newcastle, as well as in galleries in the Lake District and Derbyshire.

Prints of his work at Arts Centre Washington are priced about £70-£80, with original paintings priced from £150.

● For more information on his work visit www.artbyraybradshaw.com.



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