Digitally scanned A4 prints above fireplace:

- 1. Lady in Blue 1937 Matisse, post card, bought Paris.
- 2. Edge of a Portrait 1994 Watercolour Mali Morris
- 3. Bill Evans in his wildflower meadow. Photo: MM
- 4. FLowers in Vase 1953 Morandi. Catalogue, Bologna
- 5. Christmas card, 1999, print by Marilyn Hallam
- 6. Portrait of a Lady 1460-6. Pollaiuolo pc Berlin
- 7. Yasujiro Ozu (1903 1963) Newspaper clipping
- 8. Woman's smock c1600 pc from Gina Medcalf
- 9. Bowl. Book-cover. Poems by Elizabeth Cook 2006
- 10. Paul Rutherford. Obituary, Guardian 2007 Photo: Caroline Forbes
- 11. Mute. Poem by Martha Kapos From collection My Night in Cupid's Palace 2003
- 12. Beaded bag. Gift from Gina Medcalf.
- 13. Angel, fresco Chapel St Anthony (detail). 1798, Goya. pc.
- 14. Geoffrey Rigden, Cyprus, 2003. Photo: Jennifer Harding
- 15. Las Meninas 1656 (detail) Velazquez. pc Prado Madrid
- 16. Conversation (Four poems) Elizabeth Bishop.
- 17. Whitechapel Gallery cat 1991 exh Marketa Lusacova
- 18. Portrait on Egyptian Tomb. pc British Museum
- 19. Venetian Mirror 18thc. pc Kettle's Yard Cambridge
- 20. Masked Ball 1873 Manet. pc Paris.

Digitally scanned A4 prints on wall next to door:

- 21. Portrait John Frederick 1509 Cranach (Elder) pc RA
- 22. The White Plumes. 1919 Matisse pc
- 23. Hunting Scene 1450 Follower of Pisanello. c NG
- 24. Rare Earth. 2011 Stephen Lewis. Sweyne Park School Rayleigh, Essex. 396 x 226 x 147 cm Painted steel
- 25. Young Woman. Petrus Christus 1740. pc Berlin
- 26. Harry Corbett, Stephen Lewis, Sooty 1963
- 27. Lemba, Cyprus, Watercolour 1989 MM
- 28. Window in church, France. 2010. Photo: MM
- 29. The Rivoli Ballroom, SE London. 2009. Photo: MM
- 30. Twinkle Park 2, 2011 Rob Welch, acrylic on canvas.
- 31. Branch of White Peonies 1864 Manet pc Paris
- 32. The Lemon. 1880 Manet pc Paris
- 33. Carys and Steve, Dec 26 2010 Photo: Ranil Jayatillake
- 34. Blind Man's Buff. 1789, Goya. pc Prado, Madrid.
- 35. Window in Noel's house, France. Photo: Noel Forster
- 36. Sand-dunes, Harlech. Mid 80s Photo: MM
- 37. Betty Welch with ice cream 2008 Photo: MM
- 38. Laputa 2000 Acrylic/canvas MM
- 39. Marvell's Mower. 1999 Acrylic/canvas. MM
- 40. Birthday card from SL, 2011, copy of Rousseau painting.
- 41. Ile Saint Louis, 1909, Rousseau. From book, 1966.
- 42. Prince & Flowering Bush, Mughal painting, 1635 pc EC
- 43. Llanddwyn Island, Anglesey. pc 1950s
- 44. Infanta of Spain. 1654 Velazquez pc National Gallery
- 45. Bouquet 1880 Renoir. Birthday card.
- 46. Krishna Rajamannar (detail) Bronze. 12th c. pc RA
- 47. Suite Segond 100 No 3, Bernard Frize 1980 ex card.
- 48. 19 Paul Celan poems. Gift from Chelsea students 1995
- 49. Roman mosaic in Plazza Armeria (detail) pc Sicily
- 50. Three birds in flight 1961 Georges Braque pc Paris
- 51. 2 pages from Shells of the Seashore, a childhood book.
- 52. Lap (Maroon/Yellow) 1998-2000 Acrylic/canvas MM
- $53. \ Teapot\ on\ cushion.\ Photo:\ MM$
- 54. Still Life with Drapery 1894-5 Cezanne. pc NYC
- 55. La Desserte, 1908 Matisse. pc RA 'From Russia'.
- 56. Brett's flower stall, Deptford Market. Photo: MM
- $57. \ Loon, John \, McLean. \, 1997. \, Birthday \, card \, to \, S \, Lewis$
- 58. Her Majesty's Theatre, London 2007 Photo: MM
- 59. Woman Seen from Back 1862 Onesipe Aguado. pc NYC
- 60. Untitled (Q-84) 2006 Thomas Nozkowski. Cat Dublin.
- 61. The Annunciation 1449 Fra Angelico pc Florence

- 62. La Plage de la Goulette 1926 Albert Marquet Catalogue Connaught Brown Gallery, 2010
- 63. Chandeliers, market stall Bologna. 2011. Photo: MM
- 64. HMS Plywood. Deptford Creek 2010 Photo: MM
- 65. Boat on Deptford Creek near studio, 2010, Photo: MM
- 66. Juggler, copied early 70s from book on cinema.
- 67. Studio wall. Mali Morris Angel Row Catalogue cover Photo: John Riddy (detail) 2004.
- 68. Angel 2 Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh. pc EC
- 69. Christmas Eve, Casares, Spain. 1980s Photo: MM
- 70. Wall in Deptford Market, 2010, Photo: MM
- 71. Le Navaire in a storm. 1899 Rousseau pc Paris
- 72. At Gersaint's . Watteau 1720 (detail) pc Berlin
- 73. Birthday card to MM, mid-1980s, from Stephen Lewis
- 74. Mosaic (detail) M di Galla Placidia pc Ravenna.

BACK TO FRONT - Notes on the exhibition at Eagle Gallery, London, 14 Sep - 13 Oct 2012

On a wall in the studio, away from the painting area, I am in the habit of pinning up (on impulse, with instinct) postcards, cuttings, and objects. These don't have a direct influence my work, but they sometimes show unexpected links - with each other, and with forms that emerge as I work through my paintings. Sources and selection are random - cards bought as souvenirs of exhibitions or places visited, some from friends, photographs taken casually when something caught my eye. I put them together without much thought, an indeterminate activity, peripheral and enjoyable, only later to find relationships between them, some more connected to the paintings than I imagined.

The particular architecture of this gallery suggested an experiment. I made A4 scans of the ephemera and composed them as a grid, to formalize their haphazard origins. They are installed in the entrance lobby, separated from the works in the main space, as they do not generate the paintings. I like the way that threads and echoes move through the arrangement of prints, and I hope to show in a parallel way that paintings also reveal themselves through their installation. Each painting is an individual work, but all sorts of links and undercurrents become visible when many are hung together.

I think of painting as a never-ending process, an investigation into what I find beguiling and mysterious about pictorial structures, which take in the world, are related to it, but have their own language of light, space and boundary. The imagery in my work, such as it is, comes from this exploration. The prints form an archive, or scrapbook, and the paintings are the work.

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