

We hope you enjoy this painting from the Pannett Art Gallery

'Whitby, 1932' by Sir Henry George Rushbury (1889 –1968)

This delicate watercolour painting by Henry Rushbury really captures how it feels to be taking a stroll on the East Pier in Whitby on a blustery day.



I love the 1930's style of clothing that the people in this painting are wearing.

Looking at the clothes people are wearing, what time of year do you think it might be?

Have you ever walked by the sea on a windy day?

How did that feel?

At just 13 years old Henry Rushbury received a scholarship to study at the Birmingham School of Art, and later in his career he studied at the Slade School of Art, London. He became a prominent English painter and etcher, becoming one of the most sought-after printmakers of his generation.

He was appointed as an official war artist in both the first and the second world wars. In 1949, he was elected Keeper of the Royal Academy and Head of the Royal Academy Schools, a post he held until 1964. He belonged to many prestigious art organisations and in 1964 he was appointed a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.