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XMAS XHIBITION

We very much hope you'll join us this coming Saturday (3rd December) in celebration of Cornish arts, crafts and Christmas at our Market Makers Craft Fayre. The event will be open from midday till 5.00pm at the Liskeard Public Hall, 3 West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW.

All are very welcome, and entry is free.

Our Fayre will feature a range of art and craft works created by our Market Makers client members and enterprises, all local to Liskeard, including paintings, prints, photography, jewellery, mosaics, ceramics, fabrics, glassware, crafting kits, cards, gifts and treats.

There'll be a wide range of seasonal events in town on Saturday, as well as free parking, so it's well worth paying Liskeard a visit!



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Cornish Christmas Craft Fayre
Paintings, prints, photography, mosaics, glassware, cards, ceramics, fabrics, fragrances, crafting kits, gifts and treats

Saturday 3rd December, 12.00-17.00
Liskeard Public Hall
3 West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW

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Lots of other great events – plus free parking – in Liskeard that day!

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REVOLUTION ON THE HIGH STREET



The last few months have seen something of an arts and crafts renaissance hit the high street area in the centre of Liskeard.

In the summer, Unique Crafts Cornwall and The Scented Temple opened on Fore Street, offering a varied array of Cornish handmade gifts and luxury treats. Shortly afterwards, they were joined by The Sweet Spot, specializing in retro confectionary and local crafts. This autumn, the DAK Art Gallery opened at the lower end of Pike Street, selling paintings, decorative items, glassware and mosaic art.



The Scented Temple is moving to larger premises on Fore Street, the town's traditional hub of independent retail enterprises. The hand-crafted home-fragrance business is owned by local entrepreneur Jo Wallis.

'It's really exciting to be expanding the business so quickly,' said Jo. 'And it's great to see the "to let" signs

disappearing all across Liskeard’s town-centre shopping streets.’



Meanwhile, the latest retail establishment due next month to open its doors on Fore Street is Kids’ Clobber. The new shop will stock a large range of upcycled children’s clothes, along with work by local craftspeople.

The business is the brainchild of mother and foster-carer Fern Lief. Fern has previously worked in cooperation with local charities and says that she sees her new venture very much as a form of social enterprise.

‘When I lived up-country, I’d buy things for my daughter from a preloved clothing store. It was wonderful – really nice clothes at affordable prices. I always wanted to set up something like that myself,’ Fern says.

‘After the pandemic was over, I felt the time was right to start working on this. Then, in recent months, the cost-of-living crisis has made it so much more urgent that local families can still afford to buy good-quality clothes for their kids,’ she adds. ‘It also reduces waste and lets us do our bit to help save the planet.’

Along with Unique Crafts Cornwall, The Scented Temple, The Sweet Spot and the DAK Art Gallery, Fern’s business is a member of Liskeard’s Market Makers group of artists, craftspeople and creative enterprises.

‘With Christmas coming up, it’s wonderful to see the growth of these independent businesses in the heart of town. Along with the Santa crafting sessions run by our friends at Pot Stars Studio, Liskeard is really becoming a great retail destination for shoppers to stock up on beautiful, affordable and truly unique gifts and treats this festive season,’ said Market Makers manager Alec Charles.

‘These new shops stock the work of brilliant local artists like Kirsty Freeman, Lee Rendle, Karen Burden, Dee Knight, Ann Kinahan and Laura Welsh. It’s well worth popping in to take a look,’ he added.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

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