

# MARKET MAKERS

LISKEARD · CORNWALL

## MARKET MAKERS NEWS ~ EASTER 2022 ~

### PRINT CLASSES START



Our new classes in printmaking started on Thursday 31 March.

Local artist Sian Bush, who taught the class, received very positive feedback from the participants.

‘I learnt new creative techniques which I will apply to my practice – and it was fun,’ said Dawn.

‘It was great meeting new people and learning new ideas. I can’t wait to try them at home,’ added Andreanna.

A keen painter, Lee said he was ‘really having fun experimenting with things I don’t normally do.’

‘It helped me concentrate in areas I hadn’t previously looked at – learning different techniques and how to refine them,’ said Laura. ‘Now I’m going to go home

and steal my mum’s placemats to use as printing boards – and make more of my own prints!’

Sian herself commented that she is ‘absolutely thrilled to be involved in this project’.

She added that the latest ‘workshop was so inspiring and experimental – these guys are always thinking outside of the box.’



Our classes are free to join, and all materials are provided. We can also help to support childcare arrangements for participants with young children and travel arrangements for those with mobility issues. Anyone interested in taking part should please call us on 01579 683063, visit our website, or mail us at [cmm.manager@liskeard.gov.uk](mailto:cmm.manager@liskeard.gov.uk).



### ENTERPRISE SUPPORT

After Easter, we will be starting our free programme of training and mentoring for new creative enterprises based in Liskeard – please let us know if you’d like to join us.

This programme will offer new entrepreneurs advice and guidance on how to meet the statutory requirements to establish a new business, how to run that enterprise day to day, and how to develop, grow and add value to that business.

We also run a free programme mentoring Liskeard’s established creative businesses – again, please let us know if you’d be interested in joining.

# MAKERS GROUP

The latest meeting of our makers group – our Creative Enterprise Network Forum – took place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at Liskeard’s Public Hall.

Our meetings discuss the progress of the project and opportunities to promote the work of artists and craftspeople based in the Liskeard area.

Each meeting also includes a workshop to discuss aspects of creative enterprise.

This month’s workshop looked at branding, brand design and the art of photographing and presenting makers’ work. The workshop was led by Tiff and Marlon Biddle from [Pot Stars Studio](#) and Abi Alister from Alister Design and [DAK Art](#).

Our group is welcoming, inclusive, and free to join – please just let us know if you’d like to come along.



## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

We are, as ever, most grateful to our friends in the press for the great coverage they give our project.



## Step forward for new arts studio

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The arts facility will form a key part of the redevelopment of the Cattle Market site and will stand alongside the "Workshed" professional digital and design spaces being built by Brady for Cornwall Council. The construction work is scheduled to be completed by early autumn.

Liskeard Market Makers is behind the project, which aims to promote, support and develop the creative industries and arts communities in the town.

The initiative, run by Liskeard Town Council and supported by European Structural and Investment Funds and Cornwall Council, offers free training in arts and crafts skills for residents not currently in work.

The project has recently completed a series of classes on watercolour painting, and at the end of March started running classes in printmaking, led by local artist Stan Bush.

The initiative has also started to de-

liver free after-school activities in arts and crafts for both children and their parents or carers at Hillfort Primary School.

Project manager Alec Charles said: "We're so excited to be working with Brady on this brilliant initiative. There's already been a lot of interest in these facilities."

"They should offer great opportunities for Liskeard's arts entrepreneurs and for the town's economy."

"It will help people establish, develop and grow creative enterprises. This process is supported by a network of more than 25 craftspeople and artists."

"We're hoping that some of the people who bring their children to our after-school clubs will go on to take part in our creative skills courses, and that some of those will join our scheme to help start their own arts enterprises, and may then progress onto our mentoring programme to build up their businesses – and might even move into our new Makerspace facilities."



The project aims to support creative industries and arts.



## Positive feedback over print-making

An initiative that aims to promote and develop the arts and crafts talent in Liskeard has staged its first printmaking class.

Local artist Stan Bush taught the class as part of Liskeard's Market Makers programme and received positive feedback from the participants.

Dawn, one of those taking part, said: "I learnt new creative techniques which I will apply to my practice – and it was fun."

Andreas, another participating, added: "It was great meeting

new people and learning new ideas. I can't wait to try these at home."

Keen painter Lee said: "It was really good having fun experimenting with things I don't normally do."

And Laura said: "It helped me concentrate on areas I hadn't previously looked at – learning different techniques and how to refine them. Now I'm going to go home and steal my mum's platemats to use as printing blocks – and make more of my own prints."



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