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TRICKS & TREATS

for yourself in special workshop classes running on Thursdays and Saturdays through October at their studio in Liskeard's Old Brewery on Bay Tree Hill.



Not to be outdone, the [Sweet Spot](#) on Fore Street – our favourite place for a mix of confectionary & crafts – has jazzed up its window display and its product lines with some suitable unpleasantness.



Or why not pop to the shop next door to try some of [Unique Craft Cornwall](#)'s pumpkin glasses, crystal witches or skull bath bombs?



Members of our group have been busy preparing some truly lovely – err, sorry, horrible – gift items to mark the traditional festivities coming up on All Hallows' Eve.

Kirsty Freeman of [MonChic Mosaics](#) has produced a truly scrumptious – by which we mean terrifying – glow-in-the-dark pumpkin which would look wonderful in your window or as a truly striking centrepiece for a Halloween feast.

And our friends at [DAK Art](#) have been inspired by Day of the Dead designs to create scary skull and creepy pumpkin glassware – which you can recreate

OLD HAUNTS



By day, it's home to family-friendly crafting sessions run by [Pot Stars Studio](#), the gleaming glassware of the [DAK Art](#) gallery, and the lovely local landscapes of Cornish photographer [John Peters](#).

But by night, there are rumours of funny goings-on at Liskeard's Old Brewery indoor craft market.

In the run-up to Halloween, traders based at the Old Brewery are planning to mount an all-night vigil after they've found that various objects on their stalls appear to have moved around by themselves overnight.

It also seems that something unseen has been setting off the motion sensors on traders' security cameras after dark.

The building has a rich and strange history. It was rebuilt after having been devastated by fire during the Second World War. There are even rumours that there was once a nunnery on the site.

[Melanie Beer](#), an artist who paints and teaches in the Old Brewery, has commented on her own otherworldly experiences in the building.

'Sometimes you get a feeling of oppressive weight. Then you feel cold suddenly. Just for a moment and in particular spots around the building, you can, all of a sudden, feel chilled to the bone,' Melanie says.

Another trader said that she had experienced a dizzy pressure like vertigo.

The proprietor of the Mystery Ninja anime collectables store also commented on her own close encounter with these curious phenomena. 'It felt like something grabbed my ankle, like it was messing around. It was like a piece of string pulling at your leg,' she said.

A local clairvoyant has told tenants of the Old Brewery that she has sensed the aethereal presence of a tall male figure. 'He loves the place but is also quite naughty,' she said.

Alec Charles from Liskeard's Market Makers project mentors several of the businesses based in the Old Brewery. 'This sounds like a publicity stunt, but these people seem really sincere and serious about it,' he said.

'They were kind enough to invite me to their séance, but there's not a ghost of a chance of that. I'm afraid you wouldn't catch me dead there,' he added, with a slightly sinister grin.



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