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CHRISTMAS CARDS RAISE FUNDS FOR CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE



Market Makers member Ann Kinahan has produced a special set of uniquely Cornish Christmas cards to help raise funds for Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.

The cards come in four designs depicting local coastal scenes and wildlife in the depths of a snowy midwinter.

‘I really hope people enjoy these Cornish Christmas cards. It's a great pleasure to have created them in support of such a vital organization as Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust, and to play a small part in promoting their lifesaving work,’ said Ann.

Each year, Cornwall Air Ambulance's emergency helicopter helps more than 1,100 seriously ill or injured people. Since its establishment in 1987, the service has completed more than 31,000 missions. Its £5 million annual operating cost is primarily funded by kind donations from the generous people of Cornwall and beyond.

‘We're so grateful to Ann for producing these lovely cards to help support our lifesaving missions across Cornwall

and the Isles of Scilly,’ said Sherelle Puertas, Fundraising Officer for Cornwall Air Ambulance. ‘We are incredibly lucky to have amazing supporters like Ann, who are so passionate about the work that our crew do each and every day to save lives and keep families together.’

Now in her early 70s, Ann continues to compete as an international triathlete and is also a keen member of Liskeard's Market Makers group of artists and craftspeople.

‘Ann's simply a force of nature. She's a mainstay of our group, and a proper pillar of the community, playing active roles in everything from heritage open days to sustainable transport initiatives. Her Christmas card project shows her at her very best – creative, clever and kind,’ added Market Makers manager Alec Charles.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

Liskeard's Market Makers core client group of artists and craftspeople will be holding its Christmas Cornish Craft Fayre on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd December (12.00-17.00) at the Public Hall on West Street in Liskeard. Entry is free and all are welcome.

The show will include paintings by local artists Ann Kinahan, Lee Rendle, Melanie Beer and Karen Burden, plus ceramics from Laura Welsh and Gemma Curtis, mixed media artwork by Gail Cory, mosaics by Kirsty Freeman, and glassware by Dee Knight. There will also be handmade jewellery by Meg Bateson, prints by Dawn Curtis, and Cornish landscapes from photographer John Peters, as well as a selection of cards, gifts, luxury items and treats from Woodhill Studio, Pot Stars, The Scented Temple, Kids Clobber and The Sweet Spot.

We very much hope you'll come along to support our local creative enterprises, to see some beautiful work and get some brilliant gift ideas, and to enjoy what promises to be fun, festive event.



A CREATIVE CRAFTY CHRISTMAS



On Saturday afternoons from mid-November till Christmas, Pot Stars Studio in the Old Brewery indoor market on Liskeard's Bay Tree Hill are bring back their 'Paint with Santa' sessions which proved a huge hit last year, with families descending on Liskeard from far and wide to take part in the creative festive fun.

Children get to paint seasonal ornaments, and of course have a close encounter with a very special guest, out for the day from his home in the North Pole.

Pot Stars is a family enterprise making kids' crafting kits. Husband and wife team Marlon and Tiff Biddle established the business during lockdown as a way of encouraging families to come together in fun creative activities.

'Christmas is our busiest time of year. We love to host our Christmas crafting parties – and we do our best to make them great value for money so that everyone can enjoy a bit of Santa magic in these difficult times,' says Tiff.

Meanwhile, other members of the Market Makers group have been preparing their own crafty Christmas plans.



Jo Wallis from Unique Crafts Cornwall has created a gift set of luxurious wax melts in a series of festive shapes as a seasonal addition to her Scented Temple range of home fragrance products. Alongside these, her shop on Liskeard's Fore Street boasts an impressive array of yuletide gifts and decorations, as well as hand-painted Christmas cards from Karen Burden of Woodhill Studio. And there are even more Christmassy items at the Sweet Spot and Kids Clobber, also at Painters on Fore Street.



Meanwhile, our favourite mosaic artist Kirsty Freeman has created a very special pair of yuletide gonks. 'They're designed as to add a touch of class to your Christmas decorations, or as a fine centrepiece for your festive feast. And, of course, a mosaic gonk isn't just for this Christmas – it should last for life,' says Kirsty.

And mixed media artists Dee Knight and Abi Alister have also created not only glass Christmas tree baubles but also miniature glass Christmas trees, which are on sale in their brand-new shop at the bottom of Pike Street.



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

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