

News from the Studio



Dispatches from the strange world of Papier Mâché Patty

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Retail Revolution

I have Exciting News!! The launch of my very own online shop! It's been a while in the making but worth the wait I hope! In other news, I have been busying myself with willow tits for the Barnaby parade as well as various workshops. The sun has finally returned this week so I'm looking forward to a summer of bike rides, drawing trips and lots of online sales! Whatever you have planned, enjoy it.

New Online Shop!



It's here at last! My brand-new, all-singing, all-dancing online Shop!! Woo Hoo! A Big thank you to the long-suffering Martin for setting it all up. I promise I will try not to break it. If you've bought from me in the past through Folksy, then I hope you'll find it slightly easier to find what you want and ask for variations. It's all very customer-focused and bespoke, as we say in the trade!



More birds were on show at my recent exhibition with [Ann Robertson](#) at Tegg's Nose Gallery. If you didn't get a chance to see it, click [here](#) for a little video tour. Some of the papier mâché birds are still available to buy in my new shop (did I happen to mention I have a [NEW ONLINE SHOP??!!](#))



It's all gone a bit willow tit crazy lately. These pretty little birds have become a symbol of the campaign to save [Danes Moss](#). This is an historic peat bog and rare wildlife habitat on the southern edge of Macclesfield which holds massive amounts of carbon in its soil. Cheshire East council are planning a huge housing and retail development on 136 acres of the Moss., The willow tit is just one of the endangered

species whose habitat would be destroyed. I was asked to make this rather large willow tit to collect donations (see the slot in her back!) to help fund the legal campaign against the plans. I'm also working with them to create an even larger willow tit for the Barnaby Festival. Look out for her in the Parade on 16 June!

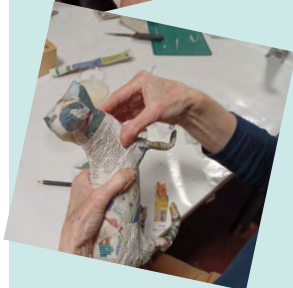


I did another of my occasional private life class bookings recently. It was a really big group some of whom had done some life drawing before and some for whom it was an entirely new experience. I'm sure for the latter it must be mildly terrifying. They all gamely gave it their best shot and there were some great drawings produced.



Workshop News

My latest Papier Mache workshop at [Macclesfield Community Artspace](#) was a great success. This time we've been making cats, a badger and a dachshund (also referred to by his creator as the Penitent Cucumber - you had to be there). They all developed such character and personality - looking forward to running another course soon. Get in touch if you'd like to have a go.



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