



# News from the Studio

Dispatches from the strange world of Papier Mâché Patty

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## Back to School!

When I was a kid, I used to hate the way Woolies plastered 'Back to School' over everything before you'd even broken up for the holidays. That said, as we are now in September I thought I'd use the excuse for a quick round-up of classes and workshops that will be restarting in the next few weeks. Hope you can join me for some of them...

## Save the Date! 6-11 September 2026

OK, it's a whole year away, but that's when I'll be running my next papier mâché residential at Glorious Glenthorne in Grasmere. You can read about last year's trip in my [blog](#). Booking is through the Glenthorne website



## Papier Mâché Workshops

If a year seems a long way off, you might want to sign up for my Thursday afternoon workshops in Hurdsfield, which start on 25th September and run for 6 weeks. If you're new to the craft, you'll learn the basics by making a four-legged animal. If you've been before, you'll know the possibilities are endless and you might want to try your hand at something more ambitious. Check [my website](#) for all the details



## Foremothers

It's been lovely to take part in this recent exhibition at Christchurch with a number of other artists. We created 'shrines' to celebrate our female forebears. I chose



my nana, who I was very close to growing up. I cut a chunk of my hair to include but did so rather ineptly so I now have a weird tufty bit where it's regrowing. Oh well.

## Creative Art Workshops Exhibition

If you've been in Macc lately, you will hopefully have seen my students' work on display in one of the Mill Street shops. These colourful pigeons were the final project completed before our summer break. I'll be re-structuring the workshops slightly in September, with a 6-week block on Tuesday afternoons, followed by another 6-week block on Thursday mornings to take us up to the Christmas break. You can take a look at what we'll be doing [here](#) (Tuesdays) and [here](#) (Thursdays). If you'd like to join us for either, or both, you can get all the booking info [here](#).



## Patty's Coach Tours!

My coach trips have proved a popular new venture this year! We started with a trip to see David Hockney's work in Saltaire. I managed to fill the coach before you could say 'A Bigger Splash'. This gave me the confidence to organise another, this time to see Jim Moir's bird paintings at the Lady Lever in Port Sunlight. I am definitely hoping to do more next year so if you want to suggest possible destinations [let me know!](#)



## And finally...

ArtSpace had lots of fun at the August Bank Holiday Parade. Our theme was the Edwardian Seaside. Cue some very dapper looking gents. I went for a Bathing Belle sandwich board outfit. Well, it was original. I hope some of you managed to come along and see us promenading by! Next biggie is Lunar New Year – the Year of the Horse! We'll be starting work on it very soon...



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