



# News from the Studio

Dispatches from the strange world of Papier Mâché Patty

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## Happy Lunar New Year!

OK, I'm a little late with that, but it's been on my mind after quite a challenging make at Artspace for this year's parade. I'm writing this on the penultimate day of winter (officially...) and the sun is shining. If that isn't an excuse to break out the biscuits and put your feet up for a little read, I don't know what is.



## Lakeland Larks

I'm hoping to run another papier mâché holiday at the wonderful Glenthorne Quaker Centre in Grasmere. I've been offered dates in November. If that sounds like something you'd be interested in, please [get in touch](#) and I will send you more details. The centre offers full board and I will provide all the materials. If you've never done papier mâché before it's a lovely introduction but if you've already been on one of my courses it's an opportunity to extend your skills and create something more ambitious.

## The Year of the Wood Snake

*The Snake will be easy, everyone said. Oh, how wrong they were. This was the most difficult of the animals yet! We had several false starts, until some genius suggested using cats' play tunnels to build it on. It still wasn't plain sailing even then. It was only once we started getting the black and gold on that I began to think it might look OK. And, in the event, she did look pretty smart leading the Lunar New Year Parade through Macc. But I definitely wouldn't want to make another. Roll on next year's Horse...*



I was asked by the good folk of the Royal Oak, a community-led pub in Rushton Spencer, to put on a craft workshop for them. Staff and regulars joined in with a concertina book-making workshop and produced some lovely work. They were rightly very proud of themselves!

# Gallery

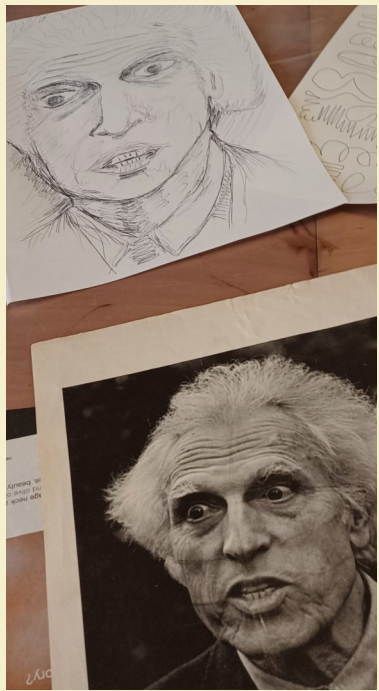
I had quite a slew of commissions over Christmas but as they were all intended as surprises I've not been able to share them until now. As you probably know (I've been banging on about it enough) Noddy was raffled to raise money for East Cheshire Hospice and made £10,200 in total! Happily, he was won by a die-hard Slade fan. Apparently, he thought it was a wind-up when Noddy himself rang him with the news. The 2 schoolboys and 3 poodles were ordered by the same person. Happily, he didn't want a partridge in a pear tree as well.



Say Cheeeese...

## New Workshops - Part Deux

As well as my adventures in Rushton Spencer, I was also asked to give a workshop for 3 generations of the same family who wanted to do something creative together. They took part in my 'Making Faces' drawing workshop. If you have a group of like-minded friends who enjoy getting together for some creative fun, get in touch about this or my bookmaking sessions. Prices start at £50 for 2 hours, materials included.



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