



Dear BBL,

Here is our report for Quarter Oct/Nov/Dec 2017.

At every session we start by having a cuppa and a biscuit and share any news since last time we met. This is a really important part of the session as it allows everyone to reconnect and feel part of the group. During the last few months we have lost a much loved member but gained new people too.



11th October 2017

The group really enjoyed the calmness of cutting and sticking last session so we decided to carry on with that this time too.

Starting with some plain glass jars and some templates; we had to choose which jar we wanted to use and make sure the template we used was right for the jar size – not as easy as it sounds.



We then put the templates onto black card and cut around them. It was important to be quite precise.



The jars were then filled with a small amount of shredded paper and a battery tea light. The silhouette looked very effective when the room was dark.



25 October 2017

Today's session was the art of weaving.



First of all we started with some cardboard cut outs to form some lovely woollen baskets. We then stapled some colourful wool to the inner circle and wound the wool in and out of the spaces. There was lots of choice so the basket could be made as wacky or classy as they wanted.



This proved quite tricky to begin with but once the wool had been woven round a few times, the structure started to come together. During this time, the group chatted about types of dementia and how this has affected them.



We recycled some of the flowers from a previous Memory Lane project



Once the structure of the basket was more established we tied in some knitted flowers to add some texture. There was a choice of brightly coloured wallpaper samples to cover the base of our basket too. This added more colour and texture to the basket and looked very effective.



The finished results were not only pleasing to the eye and practical but something the group could be proud of.



8th NOVEMBER 2017

Today we experimented with our new glass paints, donated to the group.

We happily welcomed new members, husband and wife, Madge and Bill to the group. The existing members were happy to see the new faces and were very interested to hear of Bill's artistic past.

We drew some designs on paper before taking to the glass painting.



**Our new member
Bill, and Marti
being inquisitive
about his
fabulous past
arts adventures.**

Some print-outs of idea were bought in to help inspire the group to with designs and techniques that they might like to paint on to the jars. Marti was struggling for inspiration, whilst Andy was enthusiastic that he wanted to do birds or rabbits.

The group was soon ready to put brush to jar with plenty of colourful and metallic paint to choose from.





Intense concentration!



Madge mentioned how Bill liked to pick stones up and draw funny little faces on them.... It just so happened we had some in the cupboard. Bill was in his element painting a ginger beard and googly eyes.

The jars/mugs were perfect practice for maybe something more glitzy to come!





22nd September 2017

Just as the group was having a good natter over a cuppa Simon arrived with Sheila. We were overjoyed to see her return after moving in to a care home.



Bill and Madge also enthusiastically returned. Bill bought a wooden box full of photos and pictures that inspired him, to share



After the practice session of glass painting last week, we used our skills on glasses and mugs. As the festive season approaches it seemed like a lovely idea to make as gifts or have a nice hot chocolate in.



As you can see the results were absolutely stunning!



13th December 2017

Again we saw the return of Simon and Sheila, they both seemed very happy to be here. The mood soon turned to Christmas so we all had a good talk about shopping, family and the general festivities of the season whilst enjoying a cuppa and minced pies.

Sheila talked about when she was younger and how Christmas was different back then.





In this session we tried the art of quilling, this seemed perfect with the bright colours and for sticking on cards. There was a shape board so the paper could be moulded to make whatever shape was needed.



Sarah decided to go for pink hearts on her card. The ribbons of pink paper reminded Sheila of when she used to do ballet as a child and how she would perform at venues.



The group enjoyed the quilling and making cards but most of all we enjoyed a good old chat 😊