



Dear BBL,

Here is our report for Quarter Jan/Feb/March 2018

### 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

It was wonderful to see some of the regulars' happy faces in the new year ☺. Last year we briefly tried our hand at quilling. This proved to be quite fiddly but the group liked it. This time we tried quilling but had different paper to use for back grounds and decoration as well as lots of new ideas for inspiration.



Marti said she wasn't sure if she'd like something like this but once she got the hang of it, she enjoyed herself.

She chose to do a card with a lion on which she thought would be good for a child. This got the group talking about when they were children which led on to music and

.....lots of other subjects.

Some of our  
proud  
attendees!



The two hours went by so quickly  
and no one wanted to leave.

Our finished articles were gorgeous!





**24/01/2018**

The weather was miserable and at first the group seemed quite small but slowly people started trickling in. We welcomed a new couple to the group- Phyl and Frank. Phyl was **so** happy to meet new people who were in a similar situation to her.

The table was completely full of people and today we attempted to do some wire sculpting. Andy liked this because he considered it quite 'manly' 😊



Phyl said she didn't have much strength in her hands so she carried on with some of the rag rugging. We heard about Frank's exciting life as a footballer whilst the group was bonding. This gave him ideas to make a goal out of the wire and some mesh.



Bill wanted to draw as usual and so decided to put his masterpiece on a canvas.





Sheila decided to use the wire and some beads to make a beautiful necklace and posed for the camera.

It's great that the group has now been going so long that we have amassed a collection of materials and tools and can offer people attending various activities, to suit their strengths and skills. We are currently planning an exciting project for the group, to be displayed at Blackfriars Arts Centre...watch this space ☺



### **14<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

We had a week of weaving this week.





Sheila was fascinated by all of the different fabrics and ribbons we had available today. When she started to wrap the beautiful piece of lace around her head, we tied it and she wore it for the whole of the session.

We've printed a picture for her to keep as she loved it.

She also saw another piece of wrapped lace and said it reminded her of a beautiful ball gown.

We provided her with a piece of white card and Sheila spent ages arranging the layers of the dress and adding more detail.

She was so pleased with the end result.







**28<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Today it was snowing a blizzard but to our surprise people piled in through those doors in glee, including a new member to our group, Margaret.



We had a lovely array of different pots which we painted using different techniques. Margaret was so happy with hers. She couldn't believe she'd done it and kept asking if someone else had done her for her 😊.



Marti quoted that these sessions mean so much to her and Andy that turning up in the snow didn't faze her at all!

We had a lovely chat and heard about some funny stories from snowy memories in the past. The group was very happy with their finished products, which will soon be planted with Forget-Me-Nots.

Margaret's beautiful work  
second from right!





### **14th March 2018**

Today we went on a trip to Doodles art studios in Spalding, a lovely quaint setting with old barns each turned into studios with different craft techniques.

Everyone met promptly in excitement to catch the coach from Mayfields. When we arrived Lucy had some spring inspired pottery to paint.

The group were in good spirits and the atmosphere was upbeat and energetic.



We were given a choice but most of the group wanted to paint the daffodil tea light holder.

There were lots of colours to choose from and tools so we could paint whatever designs we wanted.

Janet was especially happy to be there as she has been caring for her husband for years but he had, in the last week, gone in to full time residential care. She enjoyed being around the group where she could talk openly about her feelings with like-minded people.

The finished products will be put into a kiln for 24 hours at 1000c, ready for collection at the next meet up.







After we had finished painting and giggling we went to the café just across from the studio.

The group enjoyed a nice warm cuppa along with some homemade cakes....  
Everyone agreed that they were **delicious!** ☺



We then had a wander around the wonderful setting before heading off home on the coach... this proved to very tiring for Bill ☺





### **28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Today was the first of our 7 sessions with glass artist Liz Pearson. With our Boston Big Local funding and some additional financial support from Transported Arts NK we are going to be working with some exciting materials to produce, amongst other things, some glass hanging tiles.

The group were very excited to hear that our work will be displayed at Blackfriars Arts Centre throughout the month of July

Memory Lane Creative Arts runs on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 10am to 12 noon at Mayfields Extra Care unit, Broadfield Lane, Boston.

Newcomers are always welcome and there is no need to book. The sessions are completely free of charge as Boston Big Local and Boston Mayflower fund the project. If you care for someone living with dementia and would both like to join us to take part in the activities or just sit and chat, with refreshments, please feel free to call in and meet the group.

Mayfields offers freshly cooked 2 and 3 course meals at lunchtime. If you would like to book lunch to follow the session, please let us know and we'll contact the restaurant for you. Call 01205 365 5000 and ask for a member of the Telecare Team.