



**Dear BBL**

**Thank you for your continued support of Memory Lane Creative Arts.**

**Here is our report for the Quarter October, November & December 2023**

We have supported 32 people at Memory Lane this quarter.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

Closed due to our attendance at a Dementia Conference.  
This session will be carried over to next year.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

It's been a long time since we last used clay. It's such a lovely medium to work with...as long as you don't mind getting a bit messy. Gonks are very much 'in vogue' this Christmas, so we practiced several techniques with clay, then just went for it! We can't wait to see what they look like when they're painted.







## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Today we were eager to see how our clay had dried. They looked just perfect. Air dry clay is quite delicate so whilst painting we needed to treat our fragile pieces with care. Paint and varnish helps to stabilise the pieces so they are a bit more robust.

Whilst we painted, we planned what people would like to do in the next couple of sessions and chatted about what everyone was doing for Christmas. We have a Winter Sparkle event with an amazing singer that everyone is looking forward to.

A resident of Mayfields, who is living with dementia, came to see what we had been making and was most impressed. She loved a little mouse that someone had just painted and it was immediately gifted to her :)

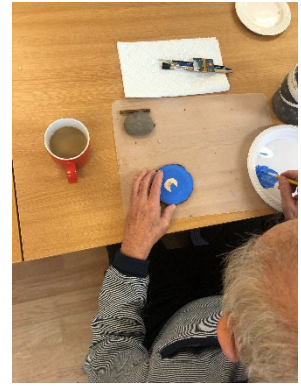




**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Today the session was all about the red red robin who came bob-bob-bobbin along.

Some very simple materials were turned into the most beautiful decorations that everyone was proud of, under the expert guidance of Debs Oliver.



We felt it was a bit too early for xmas music, but during the next session, we are definitely going all out with the xmas vibes.

It was a little bit sad, as we chatted about group members we have lost over the years of our BBL creative sessions. However, while they were with us, we had some good times and made some great memories, as was obvious in our discussions today.



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We have had a sneaky peak at our next session plan and our red breasted friends feature there too :)



### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

This was our last session of 2023, so we wanted to finish in style. Festive refreshments, decorations, crackers, music all set up and ready to go. Unfortunately due to covid and other winter bugs, we only had one attendee. Debs kindly agreed to do another session in the new year to replace today's. So, we had our refreshments and a chat and a little planning time with Debs and now look forward to the 2024 sessions.

Thank you for your continued support BBL. Jan-March 2024 will be our last quarter with you, but Memory Lane will live on. Our Memory Lane Day Service grew from the creative arts sessions and continues to provide respite for carers and a safe environment for those living with dementia.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all.