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Dear Friends and Artists. We hope you are well.

The brilliant prints above were created on Saturdays 'Open Day' when more than a hundred people visited. Thank you tutors, staff, old friends, new friends, families and artists, for making such a special day.

Included in this edition of the newsletter are contributions from Art Matters artists Lucy, Jakki, James, Nigel, Angela Y, Angela D, Annette, Barry, Sue and Ahmed. Alongside photographs from the Open Day, we have new pictures of Linda's Mosaic Ball and Tony's Soapstone workshop.

We close for Summer Recess on Friday 15th August at 3:30 but we'll be busy before then with 16 enrolments planned and a review meeting. We also hope to announce our new member of staff! After the short break, the studio reopens on Wednesday 27th August at 9:30.

Please remember, contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Just drop us a line or have a word.

Congratulations to the Lionesses!

Our best wishes and thanks to you all.



Masks from Ian's busy workshop that ran from start to finish over the day. Also note, beautiful soapstone works by Alice and Henry.



Thank you, Lucy. It was great to see you and we all look forward to working with you again.

Mosaic Wonder.



David, Liz and Paula at work grouting Linda's 'Mosaic Ball' in one of last week's workshops. Linda had started this work before she sadly passed away. David and the Art Matters mosaic artists have now finished the work, a testament to Linda's creative vitality, generosity and lust for life.



Linda's Mosaic Ball pictured on the Open Day. Thanks to everyone who helped in finishing the piece.



Jakki's extraordinary new work.



James's bold and vibrant new painting.



Works in progress from Tony's Soapstone workshop last Monday.



Devine geometries in Nigel's wonderful new painting.



I made this painting a few years ago on an artist's pad. I used mixed media & followed an inspiring YouTube video. Angela.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful painting, Angela.



Annette's prep for new Phoenix work.

Charlotte's visit to Butser Ancient Farm.



I recently spent a lovely day at Butser Ancient Farm. Butser is an open-air experimental archaeology museum and active research centre in Hampshire, learning about the past by recreating it.

I happened to go on their Anglo-Saxon re-enactment day, there were some extra stalls demonstrating Nalbinding (an early form of single needle knitting), archery, flint knapping, chalk carving, a couple of little battles (happy, smiley battles!). There is a small café and shop and an outdoor seating area with a lovely view of the site.

Butser is in a beautiful little valley near Waterlooville, Hants (just off the A3), the historic buildings are amazing (Saxon Halls, Iron Age/Celtic village, Stone Age settlement and Roman Villa). It is a peaceful place, very welcoming (particularly to dogs).

They do a range of craft courses, examples include bronze casting, nettle spinning, natural dying, copper puppet making ... all sorts of interesting things and also a number of events that include solstice celebrations (these are said to be very crowded). Full what's on calendar in link below

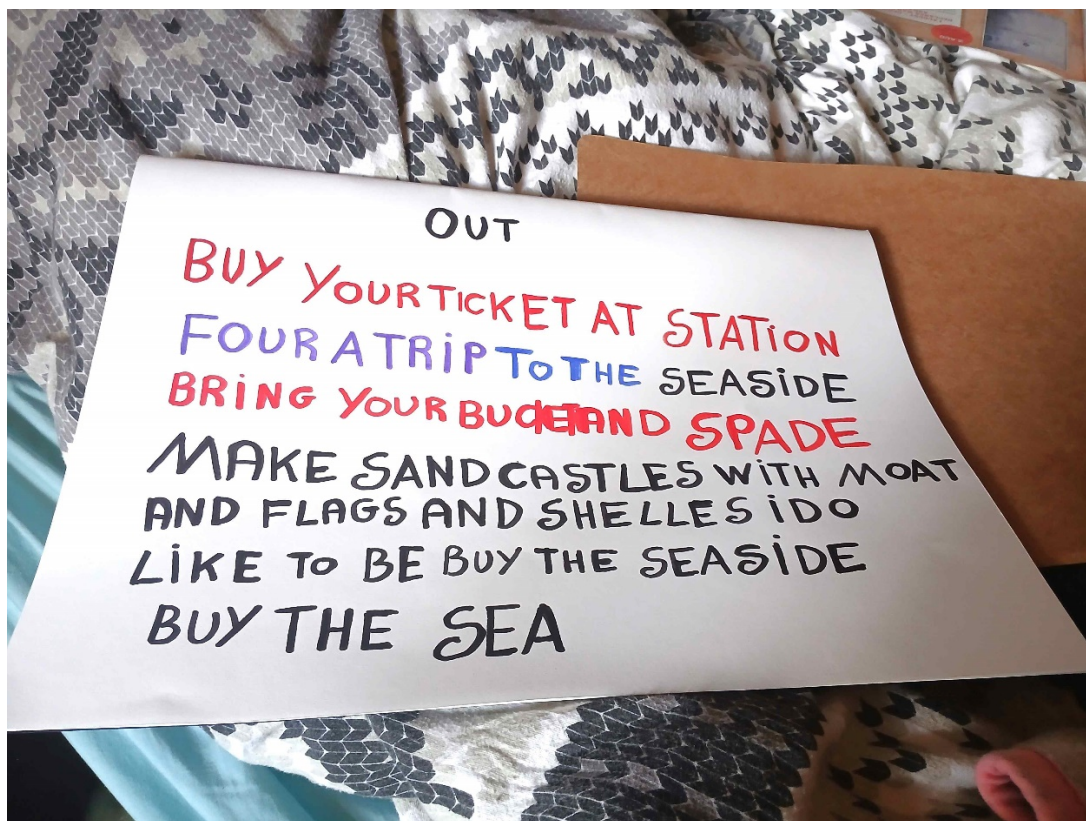
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Many thanks Charlotte, this sounds like a great day out and fabulous workshops!



Angela's rich, verdant landscape.



Barry's 'Beside the Sea' word-art brings back memories.



Another addition to Sue's 'Americas' prints series! Lovely foam print titled 'Sea-stacks Nova Scotia'



'Calm Before the Storm' a beautiful acrylic painting by Ahmed! Ahmed will be running an Abstract Landscape painting next term – please look out for details.

Contacting Art Matters: eastsurreyartmatters@waythrough.org.uk - all staff access these e-mails. You can also call the studio number on 01737 766212 and if we are unable to pick up leave a message and one of us will get back to you as soon as we can.

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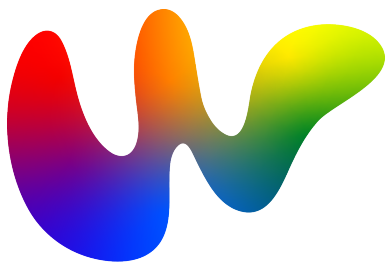
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The last word...



Hope Whisperers, portraits and poems, new hope stars and Carla's blue painting gather on the studio walls.

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