

## Newsletter no.10: pre-Christmas 2003

Dear Artisans,  
we know it hasn't been long since the last newsletter, but we have a couple of important pre-Christmas announcements, so please read on...

### FARMERS MARKET SUCCESS

We had an excellent morning at the Farmers' Market on November 1st – many thanks to Suzanne Wolf, Peter Cole, Elaine Butlin, Alison Cotton and Susan Fasquelle offering and/or coming along to help out. There was a high level of interest in the Artisans and several people mentioned they had seen the publicity about us in the Sussex Express that week.

We distributed over 100 of the enclosed leaflets, and delivered another 600+ door-to-door in the Wallands, Southover and Pells districts over the following few days. Thanks to Jane Roe for her help with this.

Simon was interviewed by community radio station Rocket FM, and he and Robin made another appearance on the station a week or so later to talk about Lewes Artisans.

### FREE SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY FOR ARTISANS

Another very good outcome of the Farmers' Market was that we met Lewes MP Norman Baker, who offered us free use of his shop window for a Lewes Artisans display. As you may know, the shop occupies a prime position on the High Street, and we have been offered the window for 2 weeks from 8th December.

If you would like to promote your business in the window display, please contact Simon as soon as possible – by December 4th latest – so

that we can co-ordinate what it will look like. It's an excellent chance for free publicity and space will be on a first-come first-serve basis. ALSO - if you have any experience of window-dressing we would welcome your help! To take part/help with the set up, please call Simon on 470092.

### NEW MEMBERS

The Farmers' Market and leaflet drop generated a number of enquiries about membership, and in fact we have had seven new members join in the last month. They are:

Mark Owen - *Chimney sweep*

Shaughn Arkwell - *Decorating and Cleaning services*

Mary Gribbin - *Floral design*

Caroline Dorling - *Wood turner*

J-J Patrick Soulard - *Mechanic*

Linda Mason - *Tiara designer*

Kathy Miles - *Wedding dress designer, and garment alterations.*

Welcome, all.

### SOCIAL: Friday 12th December, 6 – 9pm

We are having a pre-Christmas get-together on 12th December, generously hosted by Artisan Peter Cole at 18 Leicester Road. We haven't had a social for a while, and we hope as many members (new and long-standing) will be able to come along (nibbles provided – please BYO drink. Dress casual!)

It would help if you could let us know (486389, 478706) if you're planning to come – BUT if you can't decide until the day, please do just drop by. The more the merrier.

Season's greetings to all, and hope you have a successful and peaceful new year.

*Robin, Simon and John Nov.'03*