

## Newsletter no.14 June-July 2005

Welcome to our **BirthDay Newsletter** – Lewes Artisans is five years old next month! We've a lot to tell you about: new members, new printed directory, our next social ... and a fantastic opportunity for any Artisans interested in exhibition space.

### PROMOTIONS UPDATE

Lewes Artisans will be at the first **Societies' Fair** at the Town Hall on **Saturday 2nd July**. It promises to be well attended, especially as it coincides with the Farmers' Market which usually brings in a lot of visitors to Lewes. Please stop by and say hello if you're around – John will be there all day, with a number of other Artisans helping him out. It's open from 10am – 4pm.

Also next month we'll have an updated printed directory which we'll be giving out at the Societies' Fair and which will be distributed to **all Lewes households and businesses** with the July Lewes News (help needed with folding – see below). Although the 'home' of Lewes Artisans is really our website, we know how popular the printed directory has become. People really do keep the directory on their noticeboards and use it!

Coming up: watch out for Lewes Artisans promotion around the time of Artwave, and another **Big Ad** in the Sussex Express in the autumn. April's Big Ad created a good buzz – if you missed it you can see it on our website in the 'Members' section. Eleven Artisans took part in the ad which promoted them as individuals and also the Gallery section of our website.

### NEW MEMBERS

We've got a bumper load of new Artisans to welcome this month, and we've finally gone past the 100 mark – artist Tom Benjamin was our **100th member**. You may have seen the story about it in the Sussex Express this week!

Lesley Howard - *Interior Decorator and Designer*  
Piers Clark - *Jazz Guitarist/Teacher*

Mike Robson - *Carpenter/Fitter/Decorator* (Southbank Services)

David Kemp - *Home Computer Maintenance & Repairs* (Lewes Home Computers)

Corina Fletcher - *Paper Engineering and Graphic Design* (Corina & Co.)

Dirk Campbell - *Musician and Composer*

John Russell - *Traditional Timber Framer* (Timberstructures)

Jeremy Burton - *Antique Furniture Restorer* (Burton & Dorkings)

Keith Ellis & Ed Wade-Martins - *Music Workshops* (Movingsounds)

Adele Gibson - *Teacher of the Alexander Technique*

Michi Mathias - *Jeweller / Wildlife Figures* (Wild Things)

Linda Collins - *Artist/Gallery owner* (Seagull Gallery)

Pat Eynon - *Homoeopath*

Stuart Geer - *Plumber and Heating Engineer*

Annie McRae - *Nutritionist*

Tony Robards - *Excavations & Landscaping*

Chris Hesketh - *Potters Supplier and Pottery Classes* (Hesketh Potters Supplies and Studio)

Paula Leighton - *Fine Artist*

Bill Jeffries - *Sports Massage Therapist/Squash Coach* (Level 2)

Michael Lank - *Hypnotherapist and NLP Practitioner*

Dr. Sam Knowles - *PR & Communications Consultant*

Sarah Bristow - *Shiatsu and Yoga Practitioner*

Phil Downham - *Landscape Gardening / Garden Design* (Global Gardens)

Tom Benjamin – *Artist – 100th member!*

### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP LEWES ARTISANS

A big thank you to everyone who has recently renewed their membership – we appreciate your continued support. Renewing promptly is just one way you can really help us to keep the membership fees so low and continue to improve the service. But there are many other ways too.

As you may know, your Lewes Artisans membership fee goes towards the costs of maintaining the website, printing (twice yearly directory, stickers, postcards, etc), advertising (sometimes, but not always, subsidised by the contributions of individual Artisans), postage, phone calls and so forth. We run the organisation as volunteers and we rely on the generosity of friends, family and many individual Artisans. **We always welcome offers of help.**

If you can tell people you are a Lewes Artisan, display a sticker, give away directories or postcards or mention Lewes Artisans on your marketing materials – it all helps. Also, if you work outdoors, up ladders or on scaffolding, remember we have a large ‘Lewes Artisans’ sign available – just give John a call on 480412 if you’re able to use it.

Next month, as part of our agreement with Lewes News, we need to have at least 5 of us at Christ Church Hall on Fitzjohn Road on July 9th to help with folding. If you’ve not been to a Lewes News folding before, come along if you can – you’ll be made very welcome and there’s free coffee and biscuits! We’d appreciate any time you can spare (from 9am, usually all finished by noon or soon after.) Give Robin a call on 470010 if you’re thinking of coming but would like more info.

**NEXT SOCIAL: THURSDAY 21ST JULY, 6:00-8:30pm**  
**VENUE: THE OLD COACH HOUSE, CASTLE DITCH LANE** (at the back of the Rainbow)

We’ve moved out of the pub for our next social! Our kind hosts are Artisans Cathy, Marianna, Caroline and Birgitt at the Old Coach House.

Drinks and snacks will be provided but please feel free to bring a bottle! Open to all Artisans and partners. (Unfortunately lack of space and steep terracing makes this venue unsuitable for kids.) Hope to see you there – if you can, please let John know (480412) if you’re likely to come along, as it helps us with the catering – many thanks.

### **EXHIBITION SPACE AVAILABLE**

Artisans Siggie Block (ArchFactory) and Robin Houghton (Robin Houghton Communications) are taking over what used to be Potter Antiques, on Lansdown Place opposite the All Saints Centre. They want to make a part of the ground floor into an **exhibition space for Lewes Artisans** – the building is in a fantastic, prominent position and the idea is to have a rotating display of Artisans’ work. The plan is still taking shape but if you’re interested in taking part please contact Robin or Siggie directly to find out more.

(Siggie Block: 07796 673770, Robin Houghton: 07888 693525)

*Robin, Simon & John: June.05*