



# Clay Times

The Newsletter of The Clay Studio

Issue 6: September 2007

## Parties at The Clay Studio

### Inside this issue

Parties at The Clay Studio	1
Kidz Halloween Party	2
Masterclass– finger painting	2
Kidz Painting Academy	2
New Painting Academy courses	3
Chilli ice cream?	3
Mother & Baby Days	3
Some recent masterpieces	4

Birthday parties have been popular since The Clay Studio opened last December. However, the weekend of 30 June/1 July showed just how good The Clay Studio is for other types of parties. Over two days and one evening we hosted three hen parties, four birthday parties and a christening party with 60 visitors.



Charlie and her friends came up with a great idea for a party. Why not theme it? Dressed as pirates and one mermaid they proceeded to paint plates of each other, in nautical costumes of course. Some of these masterpieces are shown below.

### *Art@The Clay Studio*

Recent visitors to The Clay Studio may have noticed the different framed pictures on the wall. The most recent additions from local artist Wendy Brown show local scenes including Mundeford Quay interpreted in her own unusual way.



Next time you are thinking of a party you can try to have a theme, ask the guests to dress appropriately and paint something to match. You may find that we have some suitable pottery on our shelves already.



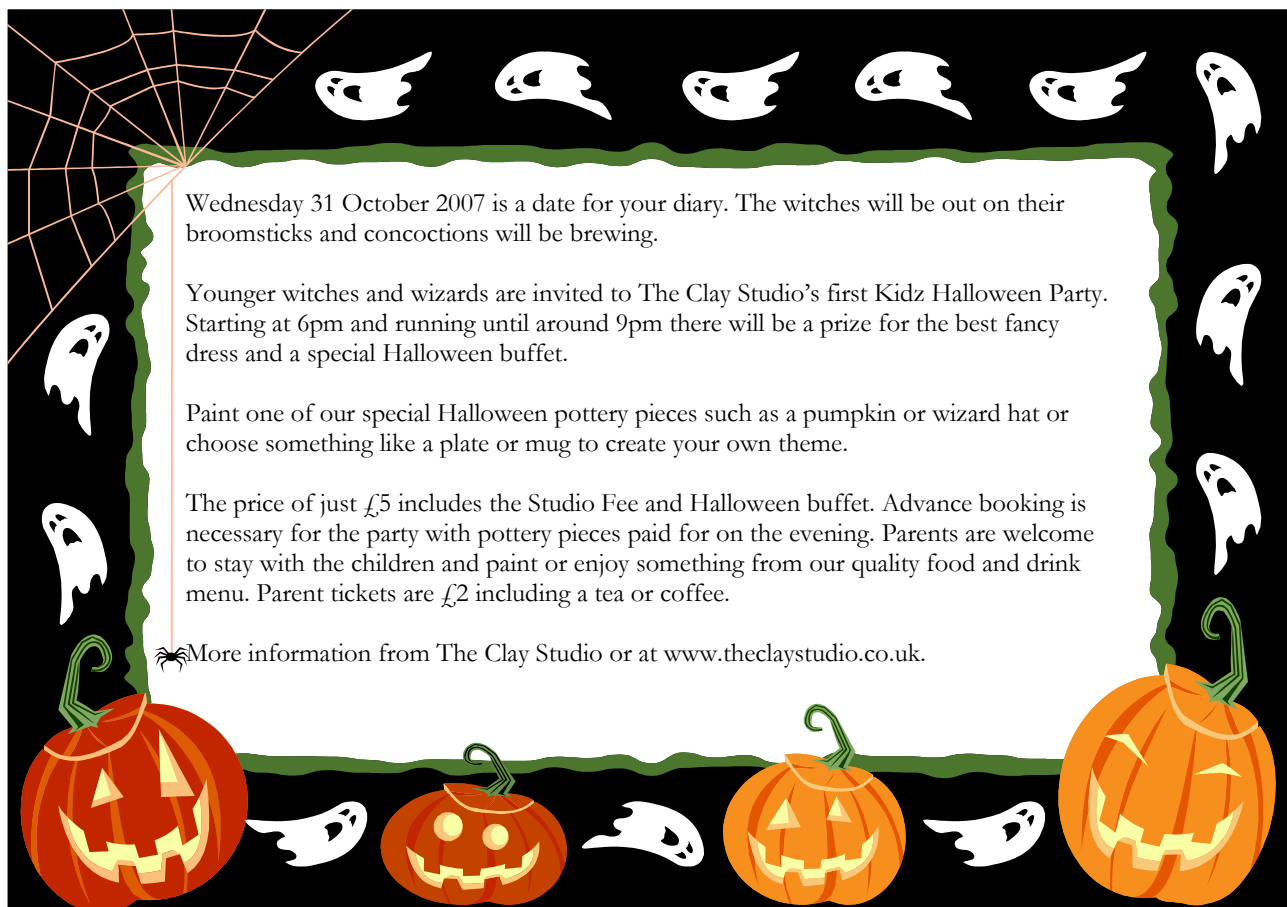
Wednesday 31 October 2007 is a date for your diary. The witches will be out on their broomsticks and concoctions will be brewing.

Younger witches and wizards are invited to The Clay Studio's first Kidz Halloween Party. Starting at 6pm and running until around 9pm there will be a prize for the best fancy dress and a special Halloween buffet.

Paint one of our special Halloween pottery pieces such as a pumpkin or wizard hat or choose something like a plate or mug to create your own theme.

The price of just £5 includes the Studio Fee and Halloween buffet. Advance booking is necessary for the party with pottery pieces paid for on the evening. Parents are welcome to stay with the children and paint or enjoy something from our quality food and drink menu. Parent tickets are £2 including a tea or coffee.

More information from The Clay Studio or at [www.theclaystudio.co.uk](http://www.theclaystudio.co.uk).



### Kidz Painting Academy sessions

The Painting Academy also runs regular Kidz courses during school holidays.

Come along and learn some pottery painting skills to create your own masterpiece. Astound your friends and family with your genius.

Each session lasts 1½ hours and includes:

- Bisque pottery to paint.
- All paints, glazing and firing.
- Biscuit & drink.
- Tuition from trained Clay Studio staff.
- Certificate on completing the workshop.

Our October half-term course runs on Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October every day at 10am. We will be helping to create a special mug or plate for Halloween or Christmas that uses a number of fun techniques including finger-painting. The price for each session is £15 with pottery available for collection within one week. Advance booking is necessary for these sessions.



### Masterclass: Finger-painting

This is not just for children. Finger-painting can look highly effective and adds a fun element to a piece of pottery. Finger-painting lends itself to all types of subjects including people and animals but also trains, cars and seasonal themes.

Once the basic shape has been painted using the finger or fingertip, it can be enhanced with touches from a thin paint brush.



## Chilli RED

In the previous issue of Clay Times we introduced you our ice cream supplier Purbeck Ice Cream. We have now expanded the range of ice cream that we have in tubs with Mango Sorbet and Chilli RED. The latter is quite unusual in that it is a savoury flavour ice cream.



### Mother & Baby Day

Every Tuesday is Mother & Baby Day at The Clay Studio. We are lucky to have so much room to park buggies so come along for a coffee and chat or even lunch.

For those who wish to paint there is a 50% reduction on our usual Studio Fee for any mothers painting with their babies.



### For regular visitors

Clay Friends is designed for those who are regular visitors to The Clay Studio and offers more than just Studio Fee discounts.

An annual Clay Friends membership is available for adults, children and families and offers the following benefits:

- No Studio Fee payable.
- Member only special offers.
- 10% discount on Painting Academy courses for adults and children.
- Bonus for introducing new member (free plate or mug for both).
- Free tea and coffee when painting (one per session).

Full details are available at The Clay Studio or on our Web site.

### New Painting Academy courses

The beginning of September sees the launch of a new series of courses from the Painting Academy. Each of these courses last six weeks although it is not necessary to sign up for the whole course. Participants learn a technique or several techniques every week, collecting the previous week's piece of pottery glazed and fired.

- Sunday 9 September 10am (6 weeks) - Fun Projects Module 1
- Tuesday 11 September 7pm (6 weeks) - Fun Projects Module 1
- Wednesday 12 September 10am (6 weeks) - Modern Pottery Painting
- Thursday 13 September 7pm (6 weeks) - Fun Projects Improvers
- Sunday 4 November 10am (6 weeks) - Xmas Projects
- Tuesday 6 November 7pm (6 weeks) - Xmas Projects
- Wednesday 7 November 10am (6 weeks) - Fun Projects Improvers
- Thursday 8 November 7pm (6 weeks) - Classic Pottery Painting
- Saturday 17 November 2007 10am - 4pm - Giant Santa Platter

Each course costs just £45 with advance booking essential. Each piece of pottery is chosen on a week-by-week basis with 25% discount on the Studio's recommended piece.

No previous experience is required for most of the courses. Come along and learn some new skills, paint your own Christmas presents and, most importantly, have a fun time.

Full details of all the courses with pictures of sample pieces are shown in the Painting Academy section of [www.theclaystudio.co.uk](http://www.theclaystudio.co.uk). Alternatively, come and see the pieces in The Clay Studio.



**How To Find Us**

The Clay Studio is right in the centre of Christchurch.

The Clay Studio  
12a Castle Street  
Dorset BH23 1DT

01202 475000

www.theclaystudio.co.uk  
christchurch@theclaystudio.co.uk



**Some recent masterpieces**



**Win a free Studio Fee**

Every month there are ten free Clay Studio passes for Clay Times readers to win. At the end of September, ten readers will receive a free pass for a full fee Studio Fee at The Clay Studio.

Either leave with us in The Clay Studio or send the entry form by post.

Note that entries are limited to one per household.

Please enter me in the monthly draw for one of ten free studio passes

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Please send me Clay Times every month:

Note that your details will be held by the Clay Studio and not passed on to any other organisation.

Clay Times September 2007