

We started the month with a craft sale which admittedly was very disappointing in terms of footfall and sales, however, we still managed to raise a small profit so it wasn't a total disaster.

This was closely followed by a summer garden party hosted by Joan Burton in her beautiful garden. The attendee numbers were lower than expected with a couple of the more prominent of our members absent, but the weather was glorious, the selection of food bountiful and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

It seems to have become a bit of a tradition since our formation that our August meeting is usually set aside for a craft activity. This isn't deliberate, it just sort of happened.

This month we were busy making some small yet very effective decorated clay squares. These would then be transformed into brooches or attached to cards, all under the instruction of one of our members daughter's, Caroline Lodge, who runs her own craft business called Clay Handmade. Each attendee was given a small airdried clay square, a piece of decorated napkin (selected by each member) and some glue. We then learnt how to decoupage the 'tablet' to create our own miniature piece of art. Some of the less artistic members may have been a bit sceptical as to how things would turn out, but with the instructions carefully explained the results amazed everyone. Sometimes it is simple things that produce the most effective results. The members should be proud of their efforts and the results were much admired.