

Workshop special

Don't let the festival just float by! Take the plunge and dive in on some of the fabulous workshops lined up for The BIG Splash!



One of Robert Race's bird automata (above), Kirsten Glasbrook weaving (below) and a detail from a Jemma Lewis marbled paper design (right)

Thinking of Choux!

What springs to mind? Profiteroles, éclairs, gougères, an Eiffel tower of croquembouches, a Paris Brest? Whether sweet or savoury, choux pastry is incredibly versatile, light and delicious. Sebastian Rouxel – a chef of 25 years experience and now proprietor of Ale & Porter has all the answers to all of the questions for acquiring the perfect technique. Tastings with coffee are included. Book in advance. Monday 20 September: Ale & Porter, Silver Street. 3-4pm. £15

Three craft workshops at the West Barn

Three top-class practitioners will guide you. On Monday 20 September you can weave a tapestry sampler with Kirsten Glasbrook. The next day Jemma Lewis will help you produce marbled paper. And on Wednesday you can make a balancing toy and a small automaton in Robert Race's toy workshop.

Kirsten Glasbrook's books on tapestry weaving always receive glowing reviews. Her designs show a mastery of colour, texture and technique. You can find out more at www.glasbrook.com/kirsten

Jemma Lewis's exquisite marbled paper is in demand for the end papers of hand-bound books. Jemma is England's newest yet perhaps most



talented marbled paper artist. She was taught by the legendary Ann Muir. See more of Jemma's designs at www.jemmamarbling.com



Hilary Kay from *The Antiques Road Show* said this about **Robert Race**: 'What I love about Robert's toys is their strong sculptural quality and their quirky sense of fun. He's a designer who looks at toys in a completely new way - these are adult amusements rather than children's toys ... I'm looking forward to a piece being brought into the Road Show before I retire!' www.robertrace.co.uk

All the West Barn workshops are for adults. They run from 10am to 4pm and are priced at £45 each. Book for two or three workshops at one time, and get a **discount of 10%**. Book in advance at the Tourist Information Centre in Westbury Gardens. Local delicatessen MAPLES is providing sandwiches, cakes and a drink for £5 - orders will be taken at the workshops. Otherwise bring a packed lunch.

Flowers at Home

Immerse yourself in the beauty of flowers for an evening and watch simple, gorgeous displays being created for the home by blooming scrumptious at mipo. A perfect opportunity to collect useful information and ideas.

The workshop is on Tuesday 21 September from 7-9pm at the fat fowl, Silver Street. Book in advance £10 from the fat fowl.