

# Curriers Enterprises July-Aug 2009 Newsletter



Curriers Enterprises are holding a **coffee morning** on **Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please come along from **11am** until **2pm** to see the recent developments that have been happening at Curriers!

## STARS OF THE MONTH

**Frances Kirk –**

For her hard work in the kitchen and help with the buffets



**John Dix –**

For helping to tidy the canteen every day



**Christine Sheppard –**

For being a valuable member of Arts Enterprise team

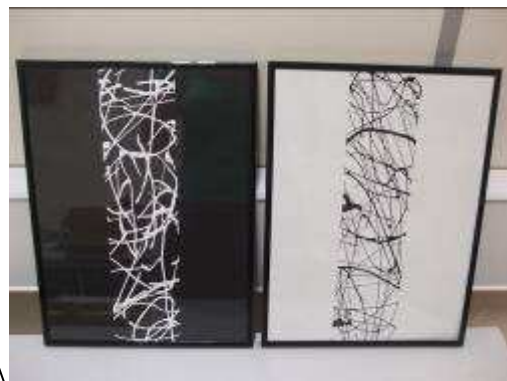
**We have been so busy in the Arts and Crafts enterprise over the past few months. Alan has been supporting service users to make some fantastic cards and pieces of artwork.**



Janine has started of this piece of art work by masking off areas of the canvas and painting certain sections to create crisp lines.



The next step, as Alan and Phillip are demonstrating (to the left) is to drizzle paint onto the canvas. This creates the finished product as shown below.



Below Monica is organising buttons onto a canvas ready for to be painted.



Above is a selection of cards that have been made by the group and are now on sale at Coombe Abbey Café!



These are just a few examples of the work that the art enterprise has produced. If you would like to buy a piece of art work, or would like to commission a piece specifically please contact Curriers Enterprises on 02476786831 and ask for Alan. Alternatively come along to the coffee morning to see everything we have to offer!

Congratulations to the Textiles Enterprise who have now completed the order for the 1605 society. Everyone helped out to get it completed.

## Ask Carriers Anything...

We only had one question last month for *Ask Carriers Anything*:

***Do you deliver individual lunches to offices or do you just provide buffets?***

Currently we only provide buffets however from 20<sup>th</sup> July we will be starting to offer a lunch service at Faseman house. Items such as sandwiches, cakes and cold drinks will be available from 12.00pm until 12.30pm. Look out for our refrigerated van!



If you have any other questions please either call us on 024 7678 6831 or post a forum topic on our website:

[www.coventrysocialenterprises.org.uk](http://www.coventrysocialenterprises.org.uk)

On the left hand menu there will be a link for **FORUMS** click on this link, then continue by selecting the menu of **ASK CURRIERS ANYTHING 2009** from there you will be able to **POST A NEW FORUM TOPIC**. A group of our service users will then pick up this new forum topic and respond to your question promptly!

## Sad to see you go...

Mary Brownlie had her last day with us on 17<sup>th</sup> June as she begins her retirement. Mary started at Carriers in 1986 and was an experienced member of the packing team. During her 23 years of work at Carriers, Mary made some strong friendships and will be greatly missed by everyone. We wish her the all the best with her retirement.



# TESS – Success of the month

## Gerard Fletcher

Gerard has attended Curriers Enterprises for past twenty years. The Employment Support Service (TESS) began to work with him last year talking to him about the world of work and employment opportunities. After TESS profiled him we identified some training to build up his confidence. The training was tailored in work preparation and interview skills.



When he had completed this, we felt that he was ready to undertake a work experience placement. We had identified his preferred areas of work and the skills he has and found him a placement in a coffee shop. We provided one to one job coach support for the duration of his placement. We were then able to gradually reduce his job coaching support until he could work independently.

We continued to work with Gerard and negotiated a work trial for him with McDonalds, he was successful in this and began paid employment with them in December 2007. We also provided travel training to his place of work until he was confident he knew his route. Gerard is still working at McDonalds and is enjoying meeting new people and getting paid.