

NEWSLETTER

What a whirlwind this first month has been! I just wanted to send a huge thank you to everyone who has supported The Hillesley Potter — whether you've bought a piece, come along to a class, shared kind words, or simply cheered me on from the sidelines. It's been a joyful, muddy, and creative few weeks, and it means the world.

Stocked Up at Crafters!

I'm so excited to share that my work is now stocked at Crafters in Wotton-under-Edge! If you haven't been in yet, it's a fantastic shop filled with beautiful handmade items, and I'm delighted to be part of it. You'll find a selection of hand-built and hand-decorated ceramics — each piece unique, functional, and made with care. Perfect for gifting or treating yourself!



What's coming up?

Pottery Painting

On **Thursday 10th July** at 6pm, I'll be running a pottery painting evening at The Fleece in Hillesley. It'll be a relaxed and social evening, where you can paint your own ceramic piece with a drink in hand.

Hand-building Taster Course

I'm hosting a hand-building taster course at Hopkins Hall in Hillesley on **Thursday 24th July and Thursday 7th August**, from 6.30pm to 9pm. These are a great way to dip your toes into working with clay – no experience necessary, just a willingness to get stuck in!

Places for both events are limited, so if you'd like to join, head to hillpot.co.uk to book your spot.

Shambles Market

I'll also be at The Shambles Market in Stroud on **27th and 28th June**, with a table full of pots and plenty of good chat. Come and say hello if you're in town — it would be lovely to see some friendly faces.



Hillesley Primary School Art Competition

On a personal note, I was incredibly honoured and proud to have had a piece entered in the Hillesley Primary School Art Competition. It was wonderful to support the local community and see so much talent on display at the exhibition.

I've had quite a few people ask if I take commissions to create ceramic versions of their homes — the answer is yes! If you're interested in a custom piece for Christmas, please let me know by the end of July, as I only have a few slots available.



Pottery Clubs starting in September

Starting in September, I'll be offering 6–8 week hand-building pottery courses—no experience needed! These sessions are fun, sociable, relaxing, and surprisingly addictive. I'll be running one daytime and one evening class to start.

If you're interested, let me know which days and times suit you best. While I can't guarantee everyone will get their preferred slot, I'll do my best to accommodate as many people as possible. Making pottery feel accessible and welcoming to all is really important to me.

Pottery Parties On the Go!

I'm also taking bookings for one-off pottery sessions—perfect for parties, team events, or a fun get-together! I can even come to you, making it easy and memorable wherever you are.

Thanks again for being part of this journey. I can't wait to see where the next month takes us — and hopefully I'll see you soon, either in the studio, at an event, or around the village.

With warm wishes and muddy hands,

Cindy

The Hillesley Potter xxx