

Summer at Beaconsfield

Working Creatively with Clay

Ceramic Workshops 2024

Following the success of our Spring and Autumn 2023 projects, we are delighted to offer more two-hour terracotta pot-making workshops this Summer for schools within walking distance of Beaconsfield's gallery in Vauxhall, on a first come, first serve basis.

Simon Bedwell is one of Beaconsfield's 2024 artists in residence. Simon has been working with ceramics and poetic satire inspired by contemporary figures, departing from the English tradition of cartoonists such as James Gillray and Steve Bell.

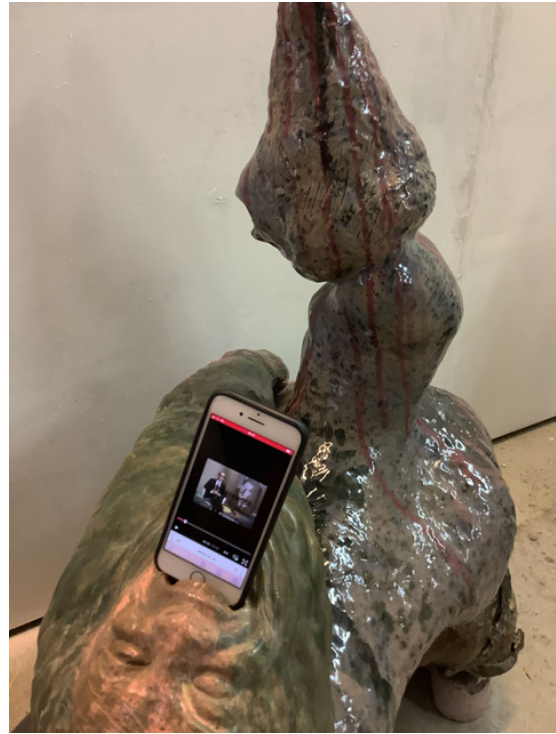
We will be learning to make terracotta Toby Jugs with Simon Bedwell and Mud Gang Pottery, while thinking about expressive ways of sculpting clay.

Once fired, students will be invited to collect their pots on one of our Family Garden Days, when families are welcome to join us for garden activities at Beaconsfield, 22 Newport Street SE11 6AY, before taking their pots home.

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Simon Bedwell, *The Cabinet*, 2017. Glazed ceramic.



Left: John Barley Old Lad 7" Toby Jug. Royal Doulton No:782778 RARE.
Right: Simon Bedwell (ceramic)and Stephen Sutcliffe (video).





Classes from local schools learning to make pots in 2023 with Beaconsfield artist in residence Phoebe Collings-James and Rachael Nilsson of Mudgang Pottery.



Students collect their fired terracotta plant pots from Beaconsfield on Saturdays, and a plant to grow at home.



The clay pots were brought together in a collective digital work of art that imagined a better future for the wildlife on our doorstep, launched [online](#) as part of The Wild Escape in museums on Earth Day 2023.