



■ Stacey Hawcutt, Emily Smith, Adam Laister and Jordan Rowling at work on their colourful masks at a children's workshop on the theme of fireworks at the West Oxfordshire Arts' Centre in Bampton. Giving them a helping hand are Clair Hughes-Jones and Mr Martin Bishop.

There was plenty to fire the imagination of children who joined in a creative workshop at West Oxfordshire Arts Centre.

Fireworks were the main theme of the morning's activities in the town hall, with an overall theme of *Rockets, Sparklers and Bangers*.

The workshop was held in WOAA's gallery in the town hall and led by the centre's administrator, Mrs Sally Proctor, with Mr Martin Bishop, Mrs Margaret Bishop

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and Clair Hughes-Jones.

The children were encouraged to write down their ideas about fireworks – in prose and verse – and later given the opportunity to read out their work, if they wished.

They also turned their artistic skills to making masks, and the children – and the group leaders – all produced colourful creations.

The workshop was one of a series which WOAA provides to

enable youngsters to take part in activities on a seasonal theme, with always an 'end product' to take home to show to their families. As well as working with children at its own centre, WOAA also occasionally takes its workshops into local schools.

A further series at the centre is planned for the spring, when there will be a programme over three consecutive weekends.

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# Sparkling night for arts group

WEST Oxfordshire Arts Association is in Guy Fawkes mood with a children's workshop on Saturday, called Sparklers, Rockets and Bangers.

It runs from 10am-1pm for youngsters aged 7-10. Acting, creative writing and mask-making are on the agenda. An evening for bookworms will be held tomorrow with members invited to bring their favourite beginnings and endings from poems, plays and novels. It starts at 8pm. Both events will be held in The Gallery, Market Square, Bampton.

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