



For three days only the Tim Burns studio at 12 Bow Street, Alton will be open from 10.30am to 5.30pm on December 4 to 6.

"I am doing a pre Christmas Open Studio this year," says Tim. "There will be paintings from £50 to £600 for sale with substantial reductions on old stock. There will also be a small selection of cards available. Visitors are welcome with no obligation to buy. Examples can be seen on my website www.timburns.co.uk."

Art Open Studio

A professional Alton artist is opening his studio this December.

Say goodbye to Christmas leftover stains...

The traditional Christmas family meal is one of the highlights of the festive period. Table designs can be thought of weeks in advance and out comes the favourite table linen for the special occasion. But, with the likes of red wine, gravy, cranberry sauce and candle wax perfectly placed to leave a lasting mark, ACE Gentle, one of the leading stain removers and detergent boosters on the market, has put together a how to guide to banish those Christmas leftover stains for good.

Red wine

With red wine, the sooner the spill is worked on the better. Once a glass is knocked over, immediately try to soak up as much of spillage as possible and apply salt, which will absorb the wine, then wash the table cloth with a stain remover as soon as possible.

Candle wax

Candles are a great addition to any Christmas table, but wax can easily drip onto a favourite table cloth. This is one stain that is best left and not dealt with straight away as it's easier to remove once it hardens. Scrape as much of the wax away as possible, then place paper napkins or paper towels on both sides of the wax and iron on a low heat. This will transfer the wax to the paper towel. If the candle

was coloured, it may be necessary to wash the table cloth with a stain remover added to the load.

Gravy

This is quite a tough stain to remove, but as grease makes up one of ACE Gentle's eight point wash system, it doesn't mean the end of favourite linen. It's best to soak any affected areas with a stain remover and leave overnight, before washing as normal. Depending on the size of the gravy stain, the process may need repeating.

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