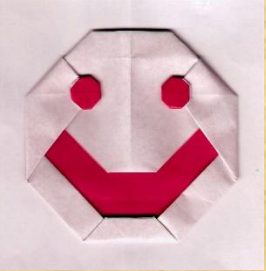


*Creating an Origami Calendar -
The Story of the Origami Bristol Calendar 2023
by Tony O'Hare*





Origami Bristol Calendar 2023

CONCORDE

The Franco-British supersonic airliner's first flight took off from Toulouse on 8 March 1969, and made its last flight in 2005. Concorde Alpha Foxtrot is now in a purpose-built home at Aerospace Bristol in Filton.

March 2023

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
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BANKSY'S "GIRL WITH BALLOON"

This famous work by Bristol-based graffiti artist Banksy was sold at auction for £18,582,000 on 5 Oct 2018. Immediately after the sale it self-shredded via a mechanism in the picture frame, and was then renamed "Love is in the Bin".

October 2023

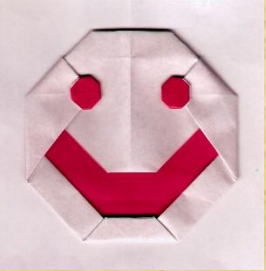
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WALLACE & GROMIT

Aardman Animations' lovable duo, the premier of their first short film "A Grand Day Out" took place on 4 November 1989 at the Arncliffe Gallery in Bristol.

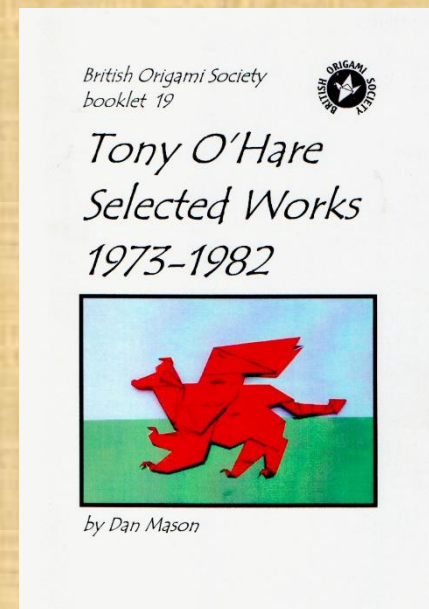
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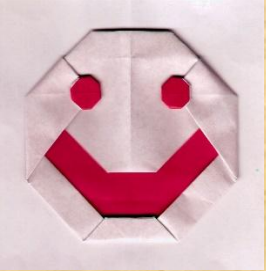
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Tony O'Hare - Brief biog

- Origami artist now living in Monmouth.
- Folded paper since childhood
- Joined the British Origami Society in 1975
- Chair of the BOS from 2016 - 2022
- Have created hundreds of my own designs on various subjects
- 4 booklets of my original work published by the BOS.
- Focus on the natural world and subjects close to home, often with a humorous angle to them e.g. origami scenes of Bristol and associated subjects such as Wallace & Gromit and Shaun the Sheep.
- Creator – Yes; Commercial – Not really?
- My origami motto is “Keep folding, Keep Smiling”
- Web site www.smiley-origami.me.uk , Facebook: [smileyorigami](https://www.facebook.com/smileyorigami)





Places what I have lived in

- Newcastle (1960)
- Sheffield (1961)
- Neath (1962)
- Worcester (1976)
- Bristol (1978)
- Plymouth (1992)
- Bristol (1996)
- Monmouth (2023)





Why tell the story of the Origami Bristol Calendar?

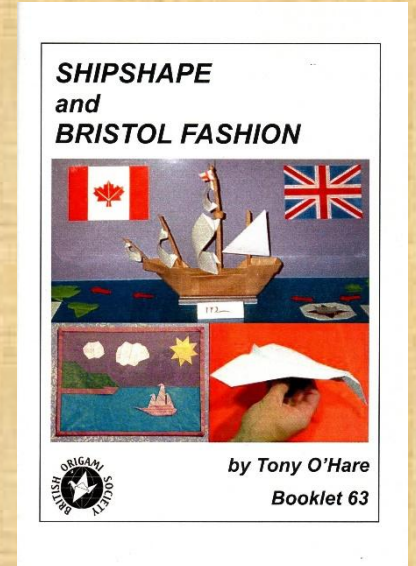
- 40 years in the making – the story of a creative journey
- Moved out of Bristol Feb 2023 so finished just in time!
- Self-indulgence, tell my origami story
- Question often asked “How do you design or think up models?”
Answer – “I fold what’s around me”.
- Local/ themed subjects are popular (locally?)
- Some scenes not known outside Bristol, however Bristol has some reputation – in UK and abroad e.g. W&G (Aardman Animations), Banksy, Concorde, IK Brunel (cover, April, July, December), John Cabot (Feb, May), H.O. Wills, Cameron Balloons, Colston’s statue (addendum...)
- Provoke some discussion & ideas!

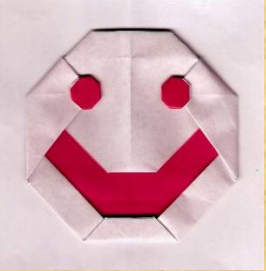




Other origami calendars etc

- Not a unique concept e.g.
 - Bowater Scott, BOS Calendars etc
 - Themed books e.g. Momotani flowers, Planes, Boats & Trains etc
 - Mark Bolitho's "London Origami" book
 - Idea of a Bristol theme started with Cabot 500 Exhibition 1997 at Bristol Library – photos?
 - BOS booklet no 63 "Shipshape & Bristol Fashion" (only the Clifton Suspension Bridge for the cover survives from Cabot 500 exhibition & Ship-shape into the Calendar)
 - Bristol BOS Conventions – last one in 2006 (photos?), previously 2004, 2002, 1999, 1997, 1994, 1990, 1979.

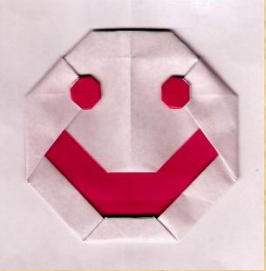




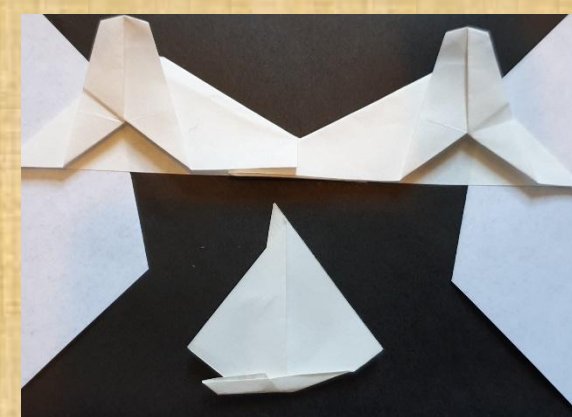
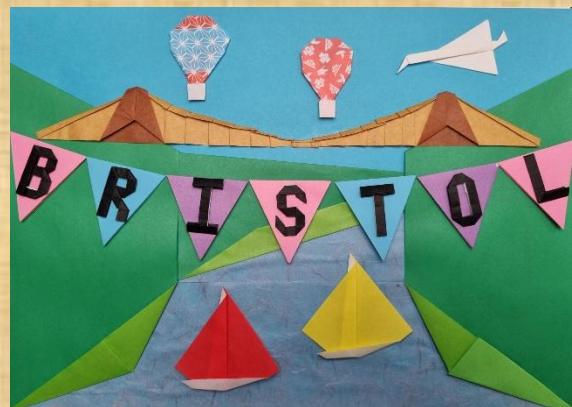
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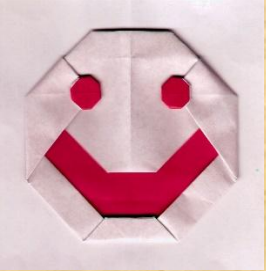
- 2D models
- “clean” folds
- Stylised or cartoon images
- some humour
- simple/intermediate complexity
- Multi-piece
- Scenes rather than “models” – artistic?
- Variety of paper: including standard kami, chiyogami, Yoshizawa Special Origami paper (photos), copier paper (white/coloured), wrapping paper, poster paper, mounting board etc
- sticky tape & glue!
- Base on “classic” examples of photo or image of the actual scene (photos?)



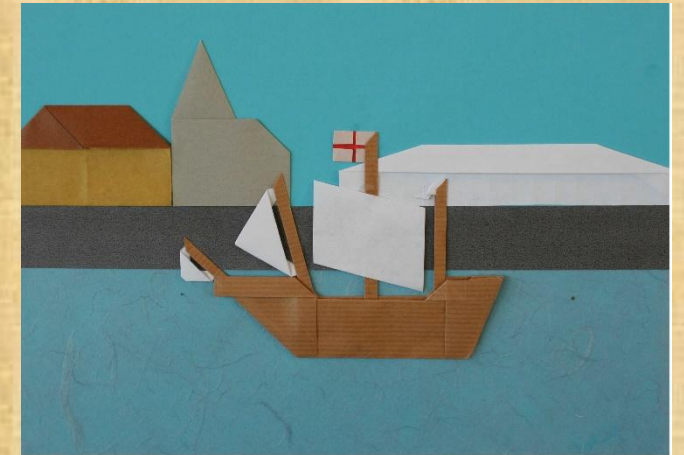
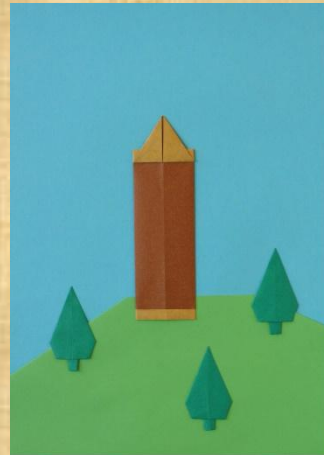
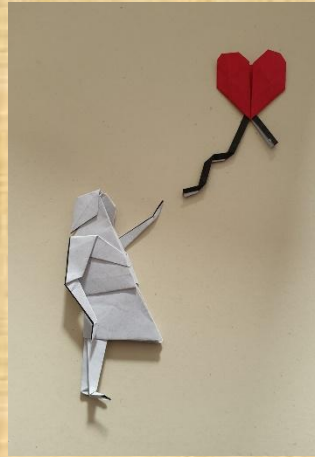


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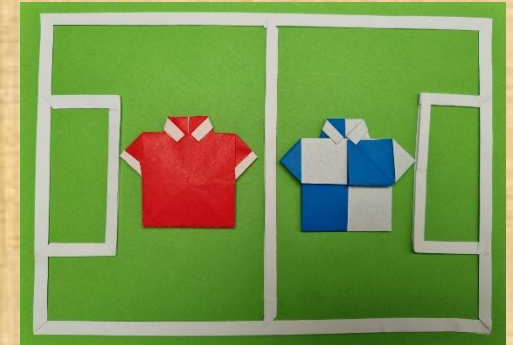
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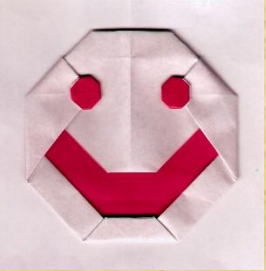




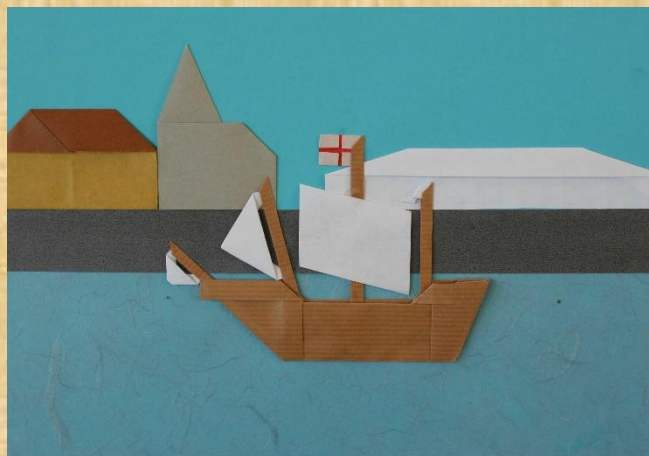
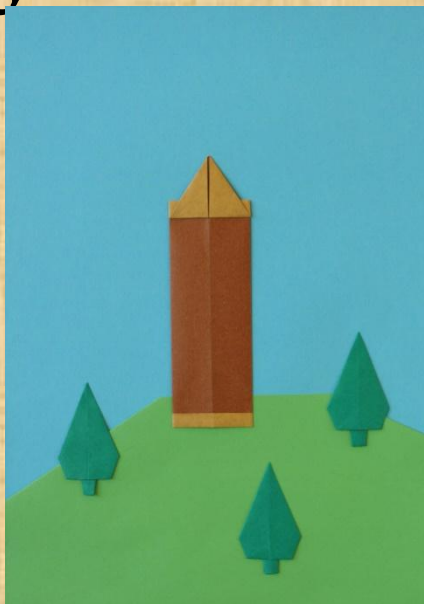
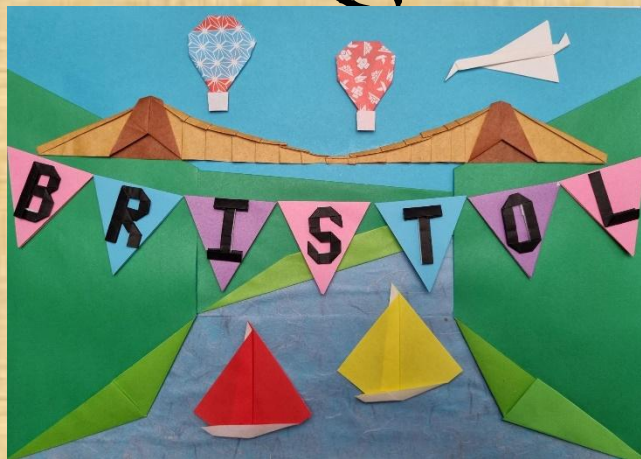
Design & folding - month by month

- Jan – August scenes were all folded and exhibited at BOS Con 2006 at Bristol.
- November: Wallace & Gromit – taught at BOS Convention Autumn 2013 (Edinburgh), but this version folded for private commission c 2017.
- Bristol Balloons (for cover, different from August scene) – designed 2019, taught at BOS Vcon Autumn 2020
- October: Banksy – taught at OUSA Convention 2022
- September: Bristol Rovers shirt & Trad T-shirt
- December: Clifton Suspension Bridge – new stylised version subsequently taught at BOS Convention Spring 2023 (Milton Keynes)
- Cover – last scene to be compiled. Added bits to Suspension Bridge scene from 2006.





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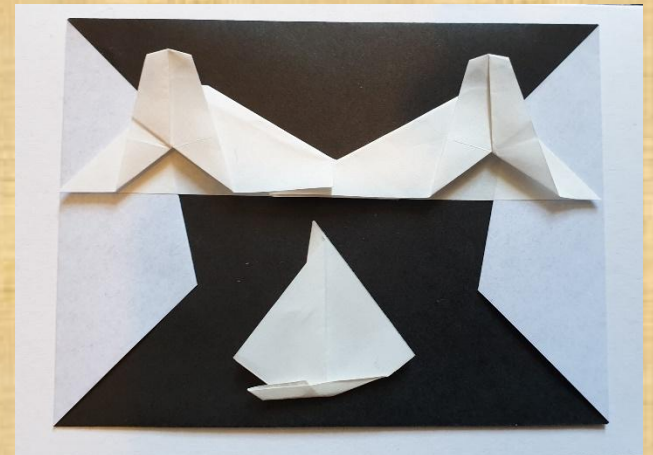
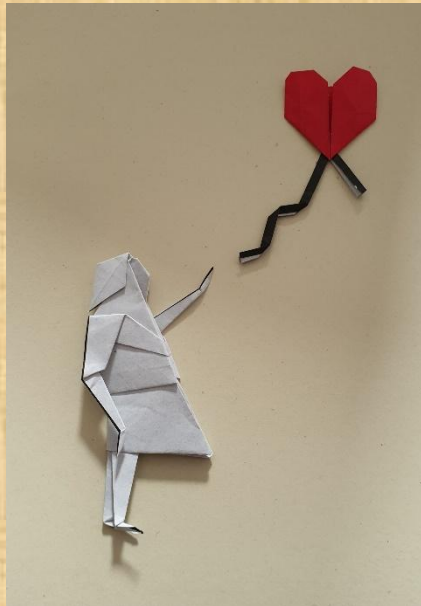
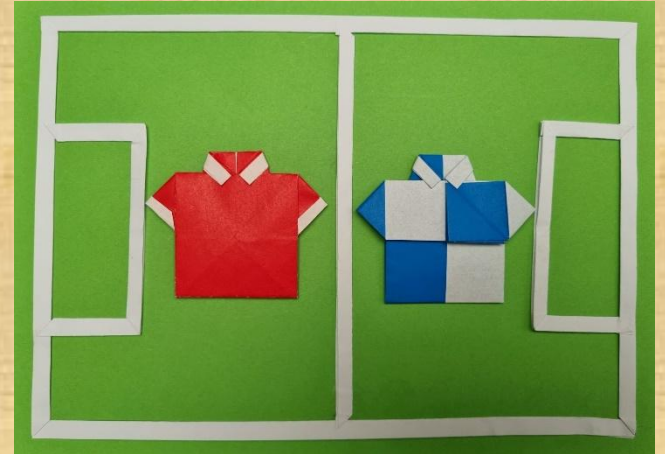


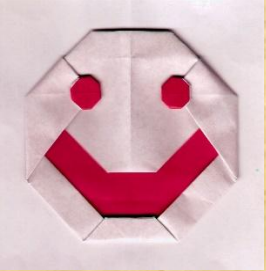
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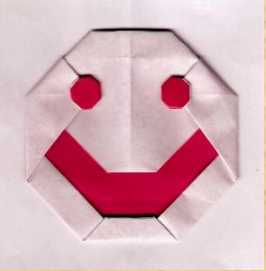




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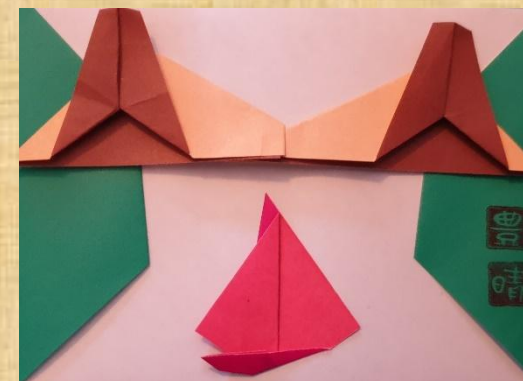
- Bunting on cover is a BBC design (Brill Bunting Challenge) from BOS AGM Autumn 2020
- Trad/ variation of Toshie Takahama's Yacht from Robert Harbin's "Step by Step Origami"
- Trad football shirt for Bristol City, variation for Rovers
- Letters for cover – traditional?
- Photos by Robin Macey (2006), Grace Walsh, Tony O'Hare
- Tie each scene in with a month of the year – notable dates, Wikipedia, Google etc. No suitable notable dates for Jan (St Mary Redcliffe Church) & Feb (Cabot Tower) so filled "gaps" in calendar.

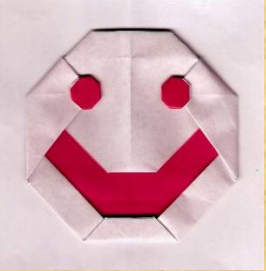




Printing calendar & cards

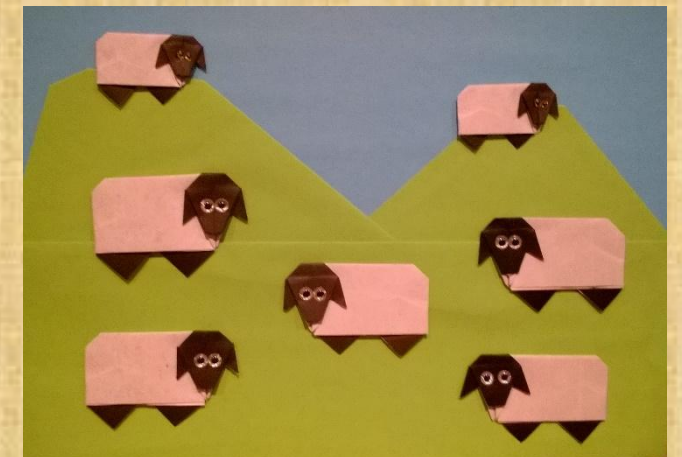
- Printing - self-produced small number via Photobox. Managable process & cost.
- Produce in time for Autumn/ Xmas arts & craft fairs e.g. North Bristol Arts Trail
- Cards from the Calendar (singles from the album):
 - Cover (printed via Photobox),
 - SSGB, Banksy & W&G (2013 version) printed via local printer Mockingbird Print, Bristol.
 - Bristol Balloons (2019 version), Clifton Suspension Bridge x 2 versions - coloured & B/W, and football shirts - origami-only cards
 - Have to consider time spent/ costs/ sale price.

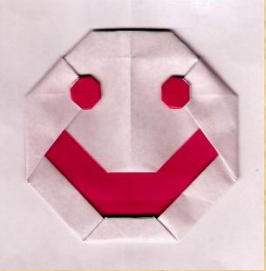




What next?

- TOH ideas:
 - Bristol Calendar addendum/ epilogue – Colston’s statue toppled 7/6/20
 - Welsh Calendar 2025 – it will include sheep!
 - TOH Collected/ Selected Works
- Queries/ suggestions/ discuss:
 - Printing options – online, local, how many?
 - Cards, prints, badges, coasters, other artwork/ merchandise
 - Publicising & advertising
 - Sales, gifts, charities, good causes - Aardman Animations support Bristol Children’s Hospital
 - Fold diagrams on reverse
 - Poems, songs etc to accompany photos
 - Other ideas?





Any Questions?

