



CARLBECK CENTRE WINTER 2017

CRAFT FAIR



CRAFT IN THE DALE

Many people know that craft sessions take place at Carlbeck but not everyone realises the diversity and quality of the work produced.

Monday sees two groups meeting: General crafts in the afternoon where everyone does their own thing and encourages and helps everyone else to do theirs! This carries over to the evening session when dressmaking group members also meet to make clothes for children, grandchildren and themselves, following commercial or vintage patterns or hand drafting new ones so they can copy their favourite garments.

Tuesday morning is the Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing group where you will find the members using their looms to create the wool and their knitting needles to create the beautiful finished items. If you've never seen yarn being spun then make sure you visit this group; they are so enthusiastic about their work. In the evening there is a regular Pilates group, run by local physiotherapist Laura Bailey. You will need to pre-book with Laura for this session though.

On **Wednesday** the Quilting & Patchwork group meet on the first and third weeks of the month while the Embroidery group are active on the fourth (and fifth if there is one); the second Wednesday is reserved for general crafts. These sessions sometimes turn into informal workshops on specific craft subjects; see separate article below.

During the last year the groups have worked on a wide range of wonderful

craft techniques including Calico Gardens and Sashiko - a Japanese stitching method which has produced some lovely cushions and wall hangings. In the evening there are Domino Drives in the first week of the month from September to April.

Every group welcomes visitors who they hope will become new members in time. It doesn't matter what your skill level or how much experience you've got, you can come along and try out any of the drop-in sessions at any time and you don't need to pre-book.

An outstanding feature of the folks who come to Carlbeck is the way in which everyone willingly shares their



knowledge and skills and donates their time to others, including local charities.

If there is something here that interests you why not pop along to a session and see what happens. It doesn't matter what project you bring with you; Carlbeck is an all inclusive craft centre. Everyone is welcome to join in and help is always at hand, if needed.

WORKING TOGETHER

Informal workshops happen fairly regularly. When ideas crop up someone will show others how they did a certain project and often half a dozen or more people join in and make their own version. One very popular session was making a fabric covered box using a sewing machine. Many of the crafters make beautiful fabric boxes, painstakingly sewn by hand. This technique demonstrated a faster and effective way to produce a similar outcome.

Crafters love to make bags in which to carry and store our projects - we never have just one on the go and we always have a large quantity of tools and accessories so what better than a bag to keep them in too! Obviously several bags

are better than just one so a workshop to make a sectional fold-out accessory bag was quickly organised. Then we needed to have a workshop to make a bag in which to keep our sewing machines. What comes next, we wonder?

A card making workshop was held in preparation for Christmas which proved very popular. People happily share their equipment and ideas and a large number of crafting supplies have been donated to the centre.

Crafters travel far and wide to learn new skills taught by professional tutors and happily bring these skills back to Carlbeck. Occasionally though they feel the need to have an outside tutor come to Carlbeck and deliver a workshop. One

Get your presents organised early this year at the annual Carlbeck Crafters' Fair. Lose yourself in the amazing collection of beautifully hand created crafts, take your time to browse the wide range of pieces available and when you've finally made your choice, indulge yourself with tea or coffee and home made cake while you catch up with friends old and new.

While you're there, don't miss out on the chance to win one of the fabulous wildlife prints shown above. Created by local artist Brian Lavery, they have been donated as prizes for the raffle.

The Carlbeck Crafters' Fair is on Saturday 18 November between 10.30am and 3.30pm at the Carlbeck Centre, Lunedale. Free admission and everyone is welcome.

AFTERNOON TEAS

Despite our restricted opening hours, our afternoon teas have continued to raise good money for Carlbeck funds. Opening on the first Sunday of the month from June through to September, plus a few special extra days, we raised a fantastic £645.90 this summer.

Many thanks to everyone who helped us, either by baking, setting up and serving or buying tea, coffee and the delicious homemade cakes and scones. Your help and enthusiasm for the project is much appreciated.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW PORCH?

Recent visitors to the centre may have noticed that we've updated the porch area. Having purchased new cubbies and tables we have been able to re-arrange our craft supplies in the improved storage facilities. People are so generous and donate many craft supplies for which we are very grateful. These are on display in the porch and available for purchase in aid of Carlbeck funds. We operate an Honesty Box system and over the year this has given us some very useful additional money to spend on Carlbeck.

very popular one this summer was the Calico Gardens session, taught by Angie Burt, which took place over two days. Some exquisite pieces were produced and the technique is now regularly used in Carlbeck crafter's projects.



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GROUP FEATURE Teesdale Knitting & Crochet Guild



EASY FUNDRAISING
Have you downloaded the handy little Easy Fundraising app to your PC, phone or tablet yet? We now have 13 regular supporters who have chosen 'Carlbeck Centre - Lunedale' as their charity. Between them they have raised £252.91. As we all know, every penny counts. Thank you so much for your help!

There is a huge demand for the traditional needle crafts of knitting and crochet and the Guild aims to provide support and encouragement to everyone who enjoys creating beautiful things on needles.

A wide variety of items are created by knitters in the group: jumpers, jackets, children's clothing and even stuffed toys make regular appearances. Meanwhile the crocheters are hooking yarn into intricate patterns to make blankets, baby quilts and children's and adult clothing.

Novices are made very welcome and can



enjoy our social atmosphere while they learn to crochet or knit with help from members of the group. We are always keen to improve our own skills so if you are more experienced why not come along and share your talents with us. And if you are working on your own project and would just like some company you will be made equally welcome to join us and make new friends at the same time.

This informal group meets at Carlbeck on the fourth Saturday of every month from 2-5pm: the next session is 25 November. There is a small fee of £2 each time but that does include all the tea and coffee you can drink! However, if you are a Carlbeck subscription member then these sessions are included within the annual fee, which is great value.

You don't need to

book; just come along any time you can make it. If you would like more information about the Teesdale Knitting & Crochet Guild please call Ruth Craggs on 01833 640 408.



The Carlbeck Centre, Lunedale, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 ONX

Website: www.carlbeckcentre.org.uk. Village Halls website: www.thevillagehalls.co.uk

Approximately three miles from Middleton and Mickleton on the B6276, Carlbeck Centre is a warm and comfortable venue for private events, meetings and workshops. Self service catering facilities are available to all users.

There is a regular programme of craft and leisure sessions, organised by and for the local community. In addition, workshops are also arranged on a variety of subjects. Details of these can be obtained from the Secretary, Margaret Dent on 640 763. If you have an idea for a workshop that you want to attend or would like to pass on some of your own knowledge and skills by organising one, please contact Margaret.

Bookings for the hall can be made through Judith Carter on 640 078.

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MANAGEMENT TEAM:

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Weekly:

Craft Group (general)
Sewing and Pattern adaptation
Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing
Pilates

Day/ time:

Monday 1.30 - 3.30pm AND 7 - 9pm
Monday 7 - 9pm
Tuesday 10am - 1pm
Tuesday 7 - 9pm

Contact person:

Mary Wilson
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Phone:

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Twice a month:

Patchwork & Quilting

1st & 3rd Wed of month 10 - 3pm

Pauline Stokoe

641 216

Monthly:

Teesdale Knitting & Crochet

Guild

Domino Drive

General crafts

Embroidery

4th Saturday of month, 2 - 5pm

1st Wed from Sept-April 7.30pm

2nd Wed 10am - 3pm

4th (and 5th) Wednesdays 10am - 3pm

Ruth Craggs

Margaret Dent

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Please Note: Most groups are informal drop-in sessions and you are not making a commitment or signing up to every session. They are not taught as such, however there is a wealth of expertise in each group and all skill levels, including beginners, are catered for. The exception is Pilates which must be booked in advance. **Everyone is welcome.**