



CARLBECK NEWS

September 2020



AND WE'RE BACK!

What fantastic news. Following a risk assessment by the management committee, Carlbeck Centre is reopening for craft groups on Monday 21 September. This has been long awaited yet for the foreseeable future will require an adjustment to our usual ways of working.

We will be trialling new layouts and ways of working to offer a safe environment for everyone. We have suspended the subscription/£2 session payment during this initial period and we will not be charging users as we adapt to the more prescriptive measures. Regular users should have received an email giving more information. You can also read details on Page 4 of this newsletter. We hope very many of you are ready to return. The management committee will take every reasonable precaution for everyone's safety, however attendees to the craft sessions must make their own decision as to whether they feel it is safe for them to resume their craft activities at Carlbeck.



Joanna Tait has been busy making William Morris cushions for her friends. She's also found time to make a black cat pin cushion, a magnetic needle keeper and complete a bluebell lace project.

In other news

We hope this latest edition of the newsletter finds you well and getting out and about more and more. You will see that this crafty lot have continued to make lots more projects and keep up their phenomenal output.

We would love, somewhere down the line, to exhibit some of the 2020 crafts but that seems a little way off yet. However, we are beginning our overhaul of the Lunedale Heritage website, which dates back to 2008. New material is being collected and if you have any Lunedale memorabilia or archives you are willing to have copied for inclusion please contact Margaret Dent on 01833 640763 or margaretdent@uwclub.net

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With current regulations for face coverings in enclosed spaces, Helen Finnimore has been working hard to fulfil the huge demand for face masks.



Helen also found time to pass on some of her craft skills to her grand daughter who made this lovely bag while staying with her Grandma.



Penny Sunderland has been busy using her sewing skills to produce two outfits for her great niece: a pretty sundress, with matching hat and a stunning coronation collection of dress, hat and knickers.



QUILTS AND QUILTING



Our quilters have been busy again, crafting a wonderful array of work in a variety of different styles. The latest discovery is 'quilt as you go' hexagons with several pieces being worked on as we go to press.



Here are three examples of 'quilt as you go' hexagon projects. Above is the beginning of Margaret Dent's project, in typical Margaret style using teeny tiny hexagons! The lovely completed quilt on the left is by Amanda Thomas while the pretty quilt below is by Carolyn Upton. It looks as though this could become a popular quilting technique.



June Dent stitched this beautiful quilt called 'Sunbonnet Sue'. Wonder where the name came from?



This wonderful quilt, made from men's ties, came from the talented hands of Carolyn Upton.



Lou Clark has created a unique wall hanging for her sewing room.

Kathleen Shield has, as usual, been very busy stitching lovely quilts: a primary school memory quilt for her granddaughter Martha, a panda hug quilt for her grandad, two quilts for childrens' charities and a Mandella quilt, designed by granddaughter Grace who also chose the fabrics.



HOME AND AWAY



Jo Lee and Geraldene Dent took their needlework on holiday with them and enjoyed some socially distanced camp crafting sessions.



Gill Holt and Judi Whiting also went camping for a few days but admit they were a little less productive with their knitting. They did make sure their vans remained socially distanced though!



Two more lucky kitties have found themselves a new home. Poppy and Phoebe are now living a life of luxury with Jackie Farmer.



Mary Wilson has given her house a Mediterranean feel by moving her lime, lemon and mango plants inside. Poor things would never survive a Cumbrian winter.



Meanwhile Claire Williams has been busy making redcurrant jelly.



On her return from holiday Judi finally set to and finished knitting her kitchen rug. Just about a million ends to sew in now and it will be finished. Knitted on size 24 needles with 14 strands of yarn per stitch no wonder it is called extreme knitting!

It seems we can't put together a newsletter without the subject of food coming up. Summer holidays and grandchildren's visits always seem to involve lots of cake. Helen Finnimore was the baker here.



A NEW WAY OF WORKING

From the week beginning Monday 21st September Carlbeck will be reopening on a restricted basis for craft groups. The Management Committee are conducting a risk assessment and developing a Covid-safe environment for users.

Initially we envisage that we will need to stay in the same group/bubble and commit to come on the same day of the week. Attendance will be restricted to one session per week and due to the restriction on numbers per session these will be general crafts i.e. mixed, non-specific. These arrangements will be reviewed, of course, as soon as we feel it is appropriate.

Equipment and supplies in the entrance porch and corridor are off limits for the time being and no personal craft items should be left in the building at the end of the session, e.g. quilts, wall hangings, books, etc.

The kitchen will be closed and any drinks and food must be brought in and all traces removed at the end of the session.

The kitchen area will be set aside as an emergency sickbay/ isolation area for anyone taken ill whilst awaiting help. Emergency PPE will be available for someone assisting.

Only the disabled toilet will be in use to minimise cleaning. Cleaning of sink and taps and toilet seat, door handle before and after use by each user is required.

For each session:

The main entrance porch will have a hand sanitiser/ cleaning station and a printed list of names in each of the groups for each session to be ticked off for track and trace. Please bring your own pen.

The room will be set out with tables separated by at least one metre and each table will have hand sanitizer and cleaning spray and paper towels. Each person will be responsible for cleaning their own table before and after use.

Each person will be responsible for removing from the building their own cleaning paper towels and any personal rubbish generated.

Each person will spray their chair after use.

Each group will nominate a person to check the names and also to check the cleaning has been carried out at the beginning and end of each session.

Each group will nominate a person to be responsible for sanitising the toilet and removing the paper towels from the building.

During the session the fire doors may be propped open to enable anyone wishing to use the toilet to see if there is anyone else in the corridor.

The fire doors must be closed at the end of each session

Light switches and door handles must be wiped at the beginning and end of each session.

A committee member will check each day that the groups have recorded and filed the required records.

Everyone will be asked to complete a form to acknowledge acceptance of the above terms and conditions.

If you haven't received an email outlining the new rules and craft sessions available please contact Margaret as soon as possible on 01833 640763.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Kathleen Shield and Lou Clark have made an early start on their Christmas decorations!



The gorgeous Christening teddies were made by Christine Wilson.

Margaret Dent is back with another 'scrappy' project!



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Due to Covid19 restrictions bookings are suspended until further notice

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