

2019 Programme for Activity Saturdays, Exhibitions, and Events

ACTIVITY SATURDAYS

The OCTC is open on the first Saturday of every month (except January) from 10am until 4pm.

The exhibitions are open and the conservation room may be open too.

AND every month we do creative and exciting stuff. Do join us – just come along and have a go!

YOU CAN COME TO ALL, OR ANY PART, OF THE DAYS TO SUIT YOURSELF.

Accompanied children over 6 years are welcome to the free demonstrations and to the activities where indicated but under 10's are limited to one per adult due to the nature of the activities.

Here's our ACTIVITY SATURDAY programme up to June 2019 although do check our Facebook page (Old Chapel Textile Centre) for up to the minute additions or alterations. Please phone if you have specific questions.

Workshops and classes are listed separately on the Workshops page.

SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY OPENING DAY! We open up after our winter break.

10.30am. to 11am Free Demonstration of Weaving techniques with super weaver Pat Foster

11am to 1pm – Activity - Pat will be hosting a morning of have-a-go weaving activities for you to try out. It's easier than you might think and small woven pieces make great bases for embroidery and crafts.

Suitable for all abilities. Adults, and Adults with children over 6. Cost – Free.

1.30pm to 3.30pm – OCTC Workshop Drop in Afternoon. Come and use our facilities - our sewing machines, irons, sleeve boards, dressmaking models, sewing frames, spinning wheel, wool winders, great big tables etc. Join our volunteers and have a chat while you work on your own projects, or your hand sewing, knitting or other crafts and use the expertise of your fellows to help get those tricky bits finished off. We will have projects you can join in with, or just do your own thing. (*Advisable to book it in advance if you wish to use a particular item of equipment.*) *Suitable for all abilities. Cost – £4 each including refreshments.*

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH – GREAT OCTC FABRIC SALE. 10am to 4pm

– Lots of wonderful samples and kits and yardage at great prices and including our cottons table.

Plus -

10.30am to 11am. Free Demonstration of Crazy Patchwork – how to use up scraps of luscious fabrics to create beautiful vintage style pictures, quilts, or cushion fronts.

11am to 1pm – Activity - Put together a crazy patchwork hand stitched bookmark to get you in the swing of this lovely technique. Choose a bag of colour coordinated fabrics and get started! *Suitable for all abilities. Adults, and Adults with children over 10years. Cost – £3.00 each*

1.30pm to 3.30pm – OCTC Workshop Drop in Afternoon – *see details on Sat.*

2nd February above

SATURDAY 6th APRIL – HURRAH, IT'S SPRING!

10.30am to 11am. Free Demonstration. Great decorated eggs for egg hunts, bonnets, cards, applique, or tree decorations.

11am to 1pm – Activity - Have a go at your own decorated eggs for so many uses. Flat and 3D eggs are so versatile and Easter is just around the corner.

Suitable for all abilities. Adults, and Adults with children over 6. (see note at top of page)

Samples to copy and materials supplied. Cost – £3.00 each for adults & over 10's.

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2nd February above

SATURDAY 4th MAY – THREE Exhibitions on this month including **OPEN STUDIOS**. We are welcoming Newbury Camera Club as our guest Open Studio Artists and so today we feature PHOTOGRAPHY as our key skill.

10.30am to 11am. Free Demonstration – how to improve the photos of your crafts.– All that work making that special piece means you need a really good photo of it to treasure for posterity. Textiles especially are difficult to get good photos of, so come and get some tips on how to improve your technique.

11am to 1pm. – Activity – Open Studios exhibitions are free so come and enjoy the show. Plus an expert will be on hand to answer your photography questions.

(We also have two other exhibitions on at the same time, see 'Exhibitions' page for details)

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2nd February above

SATURDAY 1st JUNE – The OCTC is welcoming the Berkshire Federation of WI's Centenary exhibition, and members of the Federation will be hosting a morning of craft excellence.

10.30am to 11am. Free Demonstration. With BFWI

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2nd February above

The programme for Saturdays from July to December will be published in February 2019

EXHIBITIONS

Saturday 2nd Feb to Thursday 21st March

‘TWO’

Pat Foster (weaver) and Dorothy Eggleton (quilter) present an exhibition of two completely different yet complementary textile crafts.

Saturday 2nd Feb to Thursday 21st March

‘THE NASEBY 11’

Contemporary textile artist Nigel Cheney has created 11 haunting pieces in memory of 11 Naseby men who died in the First World War.

Tuesday 26th March to Thursday 25th April

‘QUILTED JUMPERS’

World renowned hand quilter Sandie Lush is exhibiting her latest beautiful collection of fun hand-worked pieces.

Tuesday 26th March to Thursday 25th April

‘MY JOURNEY’

Sue Markham has always had a passion for fabric. The work displayed in this exhibition includes pieces completed since doing City and Guilds in Patchwork and Design; experimenting with a variety of techniques to create her own designs in patchwork and embroidery.

Tuesday 30th April to Thursday 11th July

BERKSHIRE FEDERATION OF WI's CENTENARY NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITION

To celebrate 100 years of Berkshire WI's, an exhibition of needlework items created and kindly loaned by past & present Members. A wide variety of work will be on display showcasing the many skills for which the WI is justly renowned. This exhibition will also include Berkshire pieces currently held in the NNA Archive.

Tuesday 30th April to Saturday 1st June

BASINGSTOKE BRANCH OF THE EMBROIDERERS' GUILD EXHIBITION

Saturday 4th May to Thursday 30th May

OPEN STUDIOS EXHIBITION FROM NEWBURY CAMERA CLUB

Tuesday 16th July to Thursday 22nd August

‘HOOKED WORLDS’ – Contemporary Crochet Works

Textile artists Gemma MacLennan and Barbara Touati-Evans use the medium of freeform crochet to show the artistic possibilities of this traditional yarn craft. They will be combining two very different approaches to their work in this vibrant exhibition.

Tuesday 16th July to Thursday 22nd August

RAISED WORK CASKETS

An exhibition of the beautiful raised work caskets made by students of Ornamental Embroidery. These form part of a project run by Ornamental Embroidery tutors in collaboration with the Education Department at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Tuesday 27th August to Thursday 3rd October

TOC H BANNERS.

To mark the centenary of the ToCH organization becoming a UK charity after its inception in the First World War, the National Needlework Archive is conserving some of its national collection of Toc H banners and will be displaying them at The Old Chapel with Toc H's story, before they go on tour.

Tuesday 27th August to Thursday 3rd October

EXHIBITION OF LACE from Newbury Lace Group.

Saturday 4th October to Thursday 10th October.

'OLD FASHIONED CRAFT SHOPPE'

Something different this year! From Saturday to Thursday we shall be featuring our 'Craft Shoppe' where instead of separate stalls we shall have all sorts of craft items, food and drink etc. from lots of different crafts people displayed as a wonderful mixed and colourful shopping emporium. Everyday there will be different crafts being demonstrated; hot punch (non-alcoholic!) and bites; or coffee and cake; children's story times on Saturday; crafters to chat to; and loads of lovely gifts to browse amongst. Christmas comes early to The Old Chapel as we close for the winter in early December so do come and celebrate with us - Enjoyable, calm, peaceful and cozy - just what old fashioned shopping used to be. Don't Miss It. Open 10am to 4pm Saturday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday 8th October to Thursday 7th November

PROJECT LINUS QUILT EXHIBITION

By popular demand we are featuring quilts from Berkshire and Hampshire in celebration of this great project. Don't miss all the related activities.

Tuesday 12th November to Saturday 7th December

CREATIVE NEEDLE-FELTING WITH FI OBERON

Textile Artist Fi Oberon will be exhibiting her new collection of work which is inspiring and full of creative spirit.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN HANDBAG

A display of old and contemporary hand-made handbags illustrating how modern design has built on the past.

EVENTS 2019

See also our information for Activity Saturdays, Exhibitions, and Workshops

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Thursday 14th March to Sunday 17th March. Outside Event - Stand at ICHF Creative Crafts Show at the NEC Birmingham. Come and see us!

Saturday 4th May to Thursday 30th May - We are welcoming Newbury Camera Club as our guest **OPEN STUDIO** Artists. **Their exhibition is free** and Saturday 4th May is their launch day.

Saturday 1st June. 2pm to 3pm. SHOW AND TELL SESSION To complement the Berkshire Federation of WI's exhibition Linda Connell, Director of the NNA, will host a 'show and tell' session featuring some usually unseen items from the NNA's WI collection. This session will put the items shown in the context of both the WI and the social environment of their time and discuss the construction techniques and conservation issues of each piece. Cost £4.00 each. Please book for this event.

Date July and Time. Outside Event – Join us as we host a coffee morning at St. Nicholas' Church in the centre of Newbury

Thursday 29th to Saturday 31st August. Outside Event – stand at The West of England Quilt Show at the University of the West of England in Bristol

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Date and Time tbc November - Project Linus regional day and activities

The Centre closes for the winter period at 4pm on Saturday 7th December and re-opens at 10am on Saturday 1st February 2020.