



Henry's Buttons



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Newsletter

June 2010
Dorset Buttons

Since our last Newsletter in January we have held three further successful Dorset Button workshops. This makes the total of five since October last year. I thank all of you for returning the questionnaire we gave out with the packs.

The feedback was most helpful and the comments you gave at the end of the questionnaire on why you were interested in Dorset Buttons was interesting.

- To learn a creative craft and be part of a team working on a positive new venture for local women
- Making buttons (17th C styles) for our re-enactment clothing and hopefully selling them to other re-enactors
- I have long wanted to know how they are made, also I feel strongly that it is important that local skills survive
- I have always been fascinated by the traditional crafts and now I live in Dorset, making Dorset Buttons seems appropriate - lots to learn and local history too.
- I am interested in all sorts of embroidery
- I think old crafts should be revived and I enjoy new challenges
- To learn a new craft and the history of Dorset Buttons
- I have lived in Dorset most of life and thought I'd like to try
- To learn a new skill
- Sense of history, sense of place. Believe hand made products which declined in the 1960's and before will make a comeback
- To learn traditional craft with a view to incorporating these into or as a contemporary item
- Interested in old craft or skill
- Looking to learn new crafts
- My family left Dorset in the 1600's and settled in the US. I'm interested in all things, esp. crafts, Dorset

How can we bring the Dorset Button making industry back to Shaftesbury?

Joining us for a brain storming session
at
St Peter's Church Hall
at the top of Gold Hill
Shaftesbury
on
Friday 25th June 2010
at
6.00pm

Tea, coffee and cake will be served to help the "little grey cells"
£2.00 towards refreshments would be appreciated

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So where do we go from here?

We would like you to join us for tea, coffee and cake and help us discuss ways on how we can bring the Dorset Button making industry back to Shaftesbury, on Friday 25th June 2010 at 6.00pm at St Peter's Church Hall at the top of Gold Hill, Shaftesbury.

Some of the questions we hope to answer are:

- How can we keep the art of making Dorset Buttons alive?
- How can we create better understanding of the Dorset Button industry?
- How can we develop the opportunity for a social enterprise based on the local heritage of the Dorset Button industry?
- How can we start a co-operative through which people can collectively provide goods and services around the industry for the benefit of members and the local area?

Could you please let Anna McDowell know if you would like to join us for tea, coffee, cake and an exchange of ideas on Friday 25th June 2010 at 6.00pm by email: henrysbuttons@aol.com or by phone on 01747 829010. You're very welcome to bring anyone else who may be interested in the project. I do hope you are free to join us.