



**Henry's Buttons**



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# Newsletter

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## Dorset Buttons

### The last five months

It doesn't seem like five months since my last Newsletter. So much has happened; further workshops, displays and button making gatherings have all helped to keep the interests in Dorset 'buttony' alive. Last December the snow caused havoc as I was snowed in and was unable to visit the Christmas Tree display in Sherborne which was very disappointing as Jackie Freeman persuaded the Sherborne Tourist Information Centre to use Dorset Buttons for their theme for their tree. Here in Shaftesbury Marigold Rumble was also inspired by Dorset Buttons for her entry into the Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter's church.

The workshops taken by Judy Adams were very much enjoyed and I have received an email from one of the participants saying "...It was such a good day, and everyone was such fun, as for the food delicious"

A couple of groups have asked me to talk about Dorset Buttons and, using newly researched material, I have decided to put together a 40 minute talk with illustrations and a sample of how these buttons can be applied today. My first talk to the North Dorset Quilters was well received with another two planned for later this year.

### Sale of Dorset Buttons

Like all traders in Shaftesbury the snow effected pre Christmas sales. However, in January sales picked up as I have had to replenish stock at the Cygnet Arts and Crafts Centre in Swans yard, Shaftesbury every month.

Sales for the Henry's buttons website are rising. Marion Howitt's booklet 'Fact File How to Make Dorset Buttons' is proving a great success with orders from the all over England and Scotland and also Australia. Unfortunately, I can currently only accept PayPal. I have also added brass rings to my online Shop. I have found that these rings are far better for button making as they are flatter than the normal ones you can buy from haberdasheries and give a finer look to buttons.

### Future Events

I have been approached by a number of local event organisers to ask if we would be interested in participating in various shows throughout the year.

For those of you will to commit to this opportunity to demonstrate 'buttony' and sell some of your Dorset Buttons and I will confirm with the organiser and book a stand. I can also supply a



*A sample of how Dorset Buttons can be used .*

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pop up gazebo and tables for outdoor events. All I ask is that you pay the fee (if there is one) and take some of the Dorset Buttons Fact Files and my cards.

Last year we participated in a number of events, as previously reported. The interest generated by demonstrations was very encouraging and help with sales.

I have listed all the events Henry's Buttons has been asked to attend. If you are interested in taking advantage of any of the dates please contact me on henrysbuttons@aol.com or by phone on 01747 829010.



*Judy Adams and Kathy Deakin at Shute Farm Garden Opening in 2010*

<b>2011</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>May</b>			
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Clayesmore's 2011 Dorset Day	Clayesmore School, Iwerne Minster	Stand - Display and sell a collection of items made from Dorset Buttons.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Blandford TIC	Riverside House, West Street, Blandford	Display and sell a collection of items made from Dorset Buttons.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 29th and Monday 30th May	A Celebration of Arts, Crafts and Flowers'	Flower Festival in the Church and Arts and Crafts in the Parish Centre	Stand - Display and sell a collection of items made from Dorset Buttons.  Blandford Forum Parish Church are putting on 'A Celebration of Arts, Crafts and Flowers' Festival
<b>July</b>			
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Charlton Dog Show and Craft Fair	Charlton	Stand - Display and sell a collection of items made from Dorset Buttons.
<b>August</b>			
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Stock Gaylard Oak Fair	Stock Gaylard, Sturminster Newton, DT10 2BG	Joint stand with charcoal/Hampshire Coppice (Peter Jameson) - Display and sell a collection of items made from Dorset Buttons.

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