

## THE FOREST BEE Spring 2015





Courses, Workshops, Groups & Individual Tuition in the Forest of Dean Area

## Welcome to the second edition of The Forest Bee, a guide to courses, workshops, groups and one-to-one teaching here in the Forest of Dean.

Set up in 2014 to promote learning opportunities in the Forest of Dean.

Our grateful thanks to the following for supplying the images on the coverTop row, left to right—Bottom row, left to right—Caroline Jones—Patchwork at Zig ZagsRussell Clements—guitar teacherHelena Arguelles—KinesiologyWay2Go Adventures—Nordic WalkingKarin Whittaker—Karosa JewellerySarah Jones—The Chocolate StrawberryAnnette Cass— Transformation GameLyn & Gerry Crossman—Jive & Lindy Hop

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES			
os begin week of 12th January 2015)			
1PM-3PM Discover Drama 2PM-4:15PM Start the Week Singing (only £3 6:30PM-8:30PM Painting From Still Life			
10AM-12PM Mixed Media Pieces From Still 1 10AM-12PM Dye, Print, Stitch (Blakeney) 1PM-3PM Drawing from Observation			
10AM-12:15PM 3 Dimensional Ceramic Form 10:30AM-12:30PM Local Landscape (Joys Gr 1:45PM-3:45PM Weaving With Willow			
10:15AM-12:15PM Garment Design 1:15PM-3:45PM Stitch & Sculpture 6:45PM-9:00PM Creative Pottery			
10AM-12PM Looking at Classical Beauty 10AM-12PM Knitting & Crochet (only £30) 1:15PM-3:15PM Get Crafty!			

Courses are all 18 hours long (spread over 7 or 9 weeks) Cost: £50 (plus £2 weekly) or concessions £18.50 (plus £2 weekly) We also offer a range of Saturday workshops – contact us for details. To find out more or to book a place, contact: sue@artspacecinderford.org call 01594 825 111 (extn 4) www.artspacecinderford.org

## Had you any idea there was just so much going on here in the Forest?

From basketry to yoga, bee keeping to crochet, there is something here for everyone. Have a good look through, and perhaps you'll find something you didn't even realise you'd like to learn! If you hear of anything local we haven't got, let us know. If there's something you'd like to learn that you can't find here, get in touch & we'll try



to find a tutor. Please contact the tutors direct about anything that interests you. Also check the website, as we're constantly adding new courses there and on Facebook & Twitter

**Local Tutors:** Our aim is to promote local courses/workshops/groups & 1:1 learning. At only £5 to list up to 3 courses, 2,500 brochures distributed across the Forest, a very accessible website, features on Facebook and prompts on Twitter – what more could you want? Our aim is to keep it local, so if you are offering something here in the Forest, let us help you get the word out. To be included in our next edition, coming out just before Easter, please get in touch before 13<sup>th</sup> March. Anything running between now and then we can promote on our digital pages.

As well as this brochure we have our website at www.theforestbee.co.uk, our facebook page The Forest Bee Education and our Twitter feed @theforestbee

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#### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

Monday Art at the Garden Café—for beginners and improvers or just space to paint or draw. Mondays, 10.00am – 12.30pm, £5.00 per session, The Garden Café, Lower Lydbrook, GL17 9NN. Contact Janice Skeates on 01594 860646 for details.

#### Mocha Pottery Decorating Technique—This decorating technique uses boiled pipe tobacco juice to make tree patterns on wet clay.

**Beginners Glass Fusing**—Cut Dichroic glass to make individual jewellery pieces which are fired to fuse beautifully together.

Courses for both the above are arranged individually by telephone or email. ½ day, 10.30am – 1.00pm or 1.00-3.30pm. £48.00 including lunch & coffee/tea. Tintern Woodland Studio, Abbey Mill, Tintern, NP16 6SE. Contact Christine on 01291 689580/1594 544183, email: <u>c.hopkins711@btinternet.com</u>, website: <u>www.mochapottery.co.uk</u>.

Silver Jewellery making—with Karosa Jewellery. Dean Pool Cottage, the Rocks, Clearwell, Coleford, GL16 8JR. Contact Karin Whittaker on 01594 832497 or 07717190609, e-mail <u>karinwgb@gmail.com</u>, website <u>www.karosajewellery.co.uk</u>

**Create Spiral jewellery**—One day workshop learning to create a pendant, ring and earrings from sterling silver wire. January 24<sup>th</sup> 2015, 10am – 4.30pm. £60 ( £50 each if 4 people book together) **Make a spinner ring**—Learn how to make a

hammered ring which has a loose ring attached. February 7<sup>th</sup> 2015, 10am – 2pm. £45 ( £40 each if a group of 4 books together)

Bangle Making Workshop—Make a solid silver bangle with your own design, hammered or textured. March 14<sup>th</sup> 2015, 10am – 2pm. £55 ( £50 each if 4 people book together)

Groups of 4 contact Karin for alternative dates.



Painting & Drawing—Painting & drawing inspired by your own photographs of local landscapes. Joys Green. Wednesdays 10:30am - 12:30pm, starts 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Contact Sue on 01594 825 111, e-mail <u>sue@artspacecinderford.org</u>

Willow Weaving—for beginners and intermediates at the Main Place Coleford. Fridays 1:45pm – 3:45pm Starts 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Contact <u>sue@artspacecinderford.org</u> 01594 825 111

Crafts at Harts Barn, Longhope, GL17 OQD. For the next 5 courses, contact Emma or John on 01452 831051, email <u>events@peepshowgallery.co.uk</u>, website <u>www.peepshowgallery.co.uk</u> Jewellery at Studio 4, Harts Barn. 10.00am-4.00pm, £90 including, homemade cakes and treats and basic materials. Please let us know your dietary need when you book.

**Historic Pendant Making Techniques**—Make two pendants of semi-precious stones captured in silver or gold wires. 24 January 2015.

Silver Beating and Enamelling—Create pendants, earrings or small brooches in hammed silver and enamelled copper. 25 January 2015. At Memories of Home, 10.00am – 4.00pm, £90. includes lunch, cake and tea and material.

**Painting Furniture with Chalk Paint**—Full day course, learn over 8 painting techniques Contact us to arrange a course time to suit you.

Absolute Beginners Pastel Drawing—Pastels for complete beginners. You maybe surprised at what you can achieve! Starts Thursday 12th March 2015, 1.00-3.00pm, £6 per session plus materials. Drawing & Painting: Pen and Watercolours— This course involves drawing experimentation with ink pens and painting with watercolours to achieve subtle, effective, results. Bring your own materials. 9 weeks from 12 Jan 2015. 10-12. £50 (£33 conces-

sions). At Lydney Community Centre, Naas Lane Lydney. Contact Wyedean, see ad on page 8

Watercolour & Acrylic Painting Day Workshop—A chance to enjoy a concentrated day of painting and drawing. Intermediate to advanced students. Bring lunch. Drinks available. Bring your own materials. 17 Feb 2015, 10-3. £24 . At The Assembly Rooms, East St, St Briavels. Contact Wyedean, see ad page 8

Also **Watercolour & Acrylic Painting**—beginners to advanced. Basic drawing and development of your watercolour and acrylic techniques. Bring your own materials.

9 weeks from 12 Jan 2015, 2-4. £62 at the Assembly Rooms, St Briavels

9 weeks from 12 Jan 2015, 10-12. £68 at Westbury On Severn Parish Hall

9 weeks from 13 Jan 2015, 10-12. £62 at Woolaston Memorial Hall Forest Lacemaking—Lacemaking for all . Relaxed and friendly environment. Meet the 3rd Friday of each month,10.00am – 3.30pm, bring lunch. The Trinity Room, Holy Trinity, Primrose Hill, Lydney, GL15 5SL. For details, contact Jane on 01453 731752 or Mary on 01594 562485, email Jane.wright@btinternet.com.

**Fashion Revived**—individual or group dressmaking tuition at your home. £25.00 per 2hr session. Contact Caroline Jones on 01594 861286, e-mail carolinesfashionrevived@gmail.com or find me on facebook, just search for FashionRevived

**Courses at Zig Zags**—contact see advert below, materials are extra for all workshops.

Dressmaking with Caroline—or beginners and more experienced sewers. Fridays, 10-12. £125 per term. Patchwork with Caroline—Make an heirloom quilt, Thursdays 1-3. £125 per term

**Rag-rugging with Caroline**—2 hour workshops as required. £20.00, tools can be hired.

Learn to use your sewing machine with Dave—2 hour workshops as required. £20

Knitting with Avril—Beginners and advanced workshops as required.

**Crochet with Ailsa**—Beginners and advanced workshops. £15 per session.

**Creative Textiles with Anne**—Learn new skills, techniques and design. 2 hour workshops. £20.



Running a range of textile courses in our own workshop at Zig Zags, Pyart Court, Coleford, GL16 8RG. Tel: 01594 836181. Find us at www.zigzagcrafts.co.uk and on facebook at ZigZagsColeford.

Contact Wyedean, see ad on page 8

## **GIBSON'S** The Forest Trading Post

<u>Artificial Flowers.</u> Huge selection, Oasis, Frogs, Tape and Wire. <u>All Things Stationery.</u> Note pads, Sketch pads and Drawing pads. <u>Crafty Stuff.</u> Brushes, Knives, Glue, Coloured Card, Paint. <u>Jigsaw Puzzles.</u> Always a good range in stock, children and adults. <u>Pet Goodies.</u> Everything for your dog or cat, food, toys, shampoo. <u>Cards and Giftwrap</u>. huge display at the lowest of prices.

Edenwall Rd, Coalway, Nr Coleford GL16 7HW -www.gibsonsofcoalway.co.uk- 01594 801301

#### ARTS & CRAFTS Continued

**Dye, Print & Stitch**—Textiles made using things from the Forest or garden at Blakeney Recreation Centre. Tuesdays 10am - 12:00pm, starts 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Contact <u>sue@artspacecinderford.org</u> 01594 825 111

Feltmaking—day course to make a cushion, bag, wall hanging, hat, or jewellery . Courses for up to 4 people held in studio at Kent Cottage, (off New Rd,) Blakeney Hill, .GL15 4BS. 10am-4pm. Materials and lunch included. £60, £50 if booking multiple courses. Contact Christine Waygood on 01594 516902 or 07947123665 e-mail, christine.waygood@sky.com Textile design—covering felt and rug making, machine knitted felts, tapestry weaving and appliqué will be starting in the New Year. Pease see www.christinewaygood.com for more information.

**Photography with Tina Dorner**—using the glorious Forest of Dean Scenery to enhance your photography skills.

Bookable convenient days & times including weekends. Contact Mrs.Tina Dorner on 01594 860062, e-mail <u>tinadornerphotography@gmail.com</u>, website <u>www.tinadornerphotography.com</u> **1to1 Photography Tuition for All**—£25 per hour session, £40 per 2 hour session, £60, per 2 hour session with a friend. 5 week courses (2 hrs £150) Can include post processing tuition at: 17 Camomile Green, Lydbrook GL17 9LN

**Group Photography Tuition**—for 4-5 Adult Groups. Single 2 hour sessions for 'ready-made' groups of 4-5 adults - £15 each person. Courses 4 weeks (each session lasts 2 hours) from £60 for each person. Bespoke courses available

#### FOOD



**Cake decorating with the Chocolate Strawberry**, 9 Fairmoor Close, Parkend, GL15 4HB. Contact Sarah on 01594 563081, email <u>thechocolatestrawberry@gmail.com</u>, website <u>www.thechocolatestrawberry.co.uk</u>

Dates to suit you. Half day: 10.00am –1.30pm from £60.00pp shared, or full day 9.30am – 3.00pm, from £95.00 pp shared. Private class £95.00/£180.00. Includes tea/coffee and cakes.

**Cake Design**—Learn contemporary fine decoration on celebration cakes and cupcakes.

Hand Painting on Cakes—Learn contemporary hand -painting decoration on celebration cakes and cupcakes.

Food Safety (Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering)—Essential accredited training for those involved in food handling and preparation. 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 09.30 – 15.30. £65. At The Lodge, Orchard Trust, Upper Stowfield, Lower Lydbrook,

#### GL17 9PD.

Contact Charlotte Morgan on 01594 860090, e-mail <u>admin@orchardtrusttraining.co.uk</u>, website <u>www.orchardtrusttraining.co.uk</u>

Harts Barn Cookery School courses, for Spring 2015 see advert on back page for contact details. Baking with Heritage Wheat, 11 Jan, £55 Balanced Meals on a Budget, 16 Jan, 18 Jan, £120 Chocolate Dreams, 17 Jan, 21 March, £45 Takeaway Specials - Chicken, 17 Jan, £45 Bread Basics, 24 Jan, £50 Sweet Bread, 24 Jan, £50 Sweet Bread, 24 Jan, £55 Flavours of Mexico, 31 Jan, £55 Butchery Courses - 7 sessions, 3 Feb, £550 Butchery Courses - Pork, 3 Feb, £95 Takeaway Specials - Vegetarian, 7 Feb, £45 Butchery Courses - Pork, 8 Feb, £95 Valentine chocolates, 12 Feb, £45 I Knead You - Bread for Lovers £75 /couple, 14 Feb Pasta for Lovers - £75/couple, 14 Feb Pasta, Gnocchi and Foccacia, 21 Feb, £50 Curries of the World, 21 Feb, £55 Gluten Free Baking, 7 March, £55 Intro to Whole Foods Cookery, 7 March, £50 Bread Making, 14 March, £75 Butchery Courses - Lamb, 22 and 24 March, £95 The school also organises themed hen parties, tailored corporate activities, childrens parties, bespoke learning programmes for individuals, companies, schools and youth groups and classes in seasonal foraging and simple survival skills.

Ayurvedic Cooking and Healthy Lifestyle Workshop Learn about yourself through cooking and food. 20 February 10.00 - 16.00. Contact Ildiko on 07552442963 or email <u>indianwellnessacademy@gmail.com</u> visit <u>www.indianwellnessacademy.com</u>





School and Sixth Form Centre

## Adult Community Learning Courses + Workshops Spring Term 2015 Starting week beginning 12th January

Give learning a go! There is no excuse not to with such a fantastic choice of courses or workshops, all highly affordable, relaxed and friendly. Whether at Wyedean School, Westbury, Lydney, <u>Woolaston</u>, <u>Bream, Newhnam</u> or St Briavels, choose from;

\*Basket Making; \*Clothes Making; \*Watercolours; \*Painting & Drawing; \*Flower Arranging for all; \*Silver Jewellery; \*Floral Decorations for Easter; \*Computing for Beginners or Improvers; \*Computer Confidence for Work; \*Basic Maths for the Nervous; \*Dyslexia Demystified; \*Make the most of your lpad; \*Photography or Photo Editing; \*eBay; \*Ballroom & Latin American Dancing; \*Golf Coaching; \*Pilates; \*Dance yourself Fit!; \*Yoga; \*Zumba for Fun + Fitness; \*Yogalates; \*Look Good Feel Confident Be Happy; \*Make your own Beauty Products & Easter treats; \*Meditation; \*The Psychology of Happiness – a toolkit for living: \*Traditional Afternoon Tea Cakes; Chakras; Reflexology; \*Make-up Master Class workshop; \*Reiki Level 3; \*Basic First Aid; \*Basic Food Hygiene; \*Health & Safety in the Workplace; \*Food Hygiene Level 2; \*Emergency First Aid at Work; \*Italian; \*Spanish.

For further information, please contact the School Office on 01291 625340 (answerphone during the Xmas Hols, please leave your details and we will get back to you. Post off your enrolment form (+ SaE if you wish for a receipt). School Office shuts on 19<sup>th</sup> December & re-opens on 5<sup>th</sup> January) Download an enrolment form + Spring Term ACL Brochure from www.wyedean.gloucs.sch.uk (Go to 'Community', then 'Adult Learning') Wyedean School & Sixth Form Centre, Beachley Road, Sedbury, Chepstow, Glos NP16 7AA Funded by AdEd in Gloucestershire

#### **HEALTH & FITNESS**

Yoga for all—Improve your strength, suppleness, posture and stamina whilst developing techniques to calm and relax you. Bring a yoga (non slip) mat and blanket and wear loose, comfortable clothing. 9 weeks from 14 Jan, 10-11.30. £45 At Lydney Community Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney. Contact Wyedean, see ad on page 8

Yoga with Ali Rose—Contact Ali for next 3 courses on 07883678629, email <u>simplyalirose@yahoo.co.uk</u>, websitewww.yogawithalirose.co.uk

#### At The Main Place, Coleford

Seniors Yoga—A gentle yoga practice for older students, including relaxation and short meditations. Thursdays 10-11.30am, term times January to July 2015.

SeatedYoga—Experience the benefits of Yoga from a chair! Improving well-being for mind and body. Monday mornings from January 2015, £20 for 5 weeks.

At St Briavels Assembly Rooms, St Briavels. **Simply Yoga** — Yoga sequences, breathing and relaxation practices to awaken the body and calm the mind. Daytime or evening class available. Term times Jan-July 2015, ongoing 6 week blocks, £6 per class. Tuesdays 9.30-11.00am, Thursdays 7-8.30pm.

Yoga at Studio 4, Harts Barn, Longhope, GL17 0QD Contact Emma or John on 01452 831051, email <u>events@peepshowgallery.co.uk</u> website <u>www.peepshowgallery.co.uk</u> Gentle Yoga—Experienced teacher Gemma, creates a gentle, relaxing yoga session for all abilities. Ongoing Thursday nights, 8 - 9pm, £6 weekly.

**Core Strengthening Yoga**—Invigorating and strengthening yoga. Excellent for post natal conditioning, metering your posture and

strengthening your core. Ongoing Tuesdays, 11.30am – 12.30pm, £6 per week.

Yoga Classes (Hatha)—Integrating body, breath and mind through movement and stillness to establish balance in life. Ongoing classes, £60 for ten sessions. 7.00-8:30pm Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Taurus Crafts, Old Park, Lydney Park Estate, Nr Lydney, GL15 6BU. Contact Carolyn on 01594 530225/07793 503046, email Carolyn.thomas@hotmail.com

Yoga Classes—For all levels and abilities. Also Pregnancy Yoga by arrangement. £6 drop- in rate or £50 for 10 sessions. Classes in Newnham, Monday 10-11.30; Northwood Green, Monday 5.30-7.00, 7.15-8.45pm; Huntley, Tuesday 1.00-2.30; Littledean, Wednesday (Intermediate) 7.30-9.00pm; Berry Hill Thursday( for the 50+) 4.15-5.45. Contact Glenys on 01594 823581, email <u>bgpattman@btinternet.com</u>

Yoga with the Indian Wellness Academy, contact Ildiko on 07552442963 or email <u>indianwellnessacademy@gmail.com</u> visit <u>www.indianwellnessacademy.com</u> Hatha yoga—gentle exercises, breathing, meditation and relaxation techniques. Starts Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>January 2015, 6.30 – 8.00, 10 weeks, £70. Forest Hills Golf Club, Mile End Road, Coleford One day Yoga Practice—Emphasis on relaxation and physical & mental well-being, massage treatments can booked. At Ragmans Lane Farm, Ruardean, 24 January 10.00 - 17.00. £50 to include all food and drink.

**Iyengar Yoga**—Beginners, general and intermediate classes in the Forest of Dean & Wye Valley. All classes start w/b Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Morning & evening sessions. Ongoing until Easter. Drop-in fee £6.50. Please visit website for times & venues. Contact details on next page.

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#### Iyengar Yoga Contd.

Contact Kishe Redwood on 01594 531410 or 07805 729893. E-mail <u>kishe@wildwoodyoga.co.uk</u>, website <u>www.wildwoodyoga.co.uk</u>

Yoga at Millers Farm, Brain's Green, Blakeney, GL15 4AP. Contact Sue Chudley on 01594 510655, e-mail <u>suechudley@btinternet.com</u>, website <u>www.millersfarm.co.uk/yogaspace</u>

**One to One Yoga and Yoga Therapy**—Individual lessons for home practice and Yoga Therapy for health problems. By appt through the year. £35/hr **British Wheel of Yoga Foundation Course 1**—To deepen your understanding of Yoga or prepare for Teacher Training. April to November 2015, Introductory Day March 8th. 10am - 5pm, 10 Sundays over 8 months. £475 includes BWY enrolment fee and a copy of TKV Desikachar's Heart of Yoga. **Weekly Yoga Classes**—Mixed ability classes on Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm and Fridays, 9.30-11.00am in Blakeney, Wednesdays, 5.30-7pm in Flaxley School Rooms. £6 at Millers Farm, £7 at Flaxley.

**Gentle Yoga/Pregnancy Yoga**—Gentle, restorative yoga, for everybody! Private classes at home or a venue of your choice. Private/small group classes to suit you, from £5 per person.

Contact Gemma Daffurn on 810903/07813947704, email <u>purplepatchyoga@yahoo.co.uk</u>, website <u>www.purplepatchyoga.co.uk</u>.

Yoga for all—simple drop in sessions at Heywood Leisure Centre, Cinderford. £4 per session. Check with Jane for start date. Contact Jane on 01594 544149 e-mail jirothery@talktalk.net.





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#### Evening Workshops for Adults Winter 2015

Starting Tuesday 13 January Pilates Beginners/BackCare Pilates Mat Work Needle and Wet Felting Italian for Improvers Japanese for Beginners Computing for Absolute Beginners Basic Cake Decorating Starting Wednesday 14th January Zumba Italian for Beginners (Taster Course) Starting Thursday 15th January Tae Kwon-Do

6-7pm, 10weeks, £50 7-8pm, 10weeks, £50 6.30-8pm, 10weeks, £50 + materials 6-8pm, 10weeks, £70 6-7pm, 10weeks, £30 6-8pm, 5 weeks, £35 6-7pm, 10weeks, £30

6.30-7.30pm, £3.50 per session 6-8pm, 5 weeks, £35

6-7.30pm

**Gym/Circuit Class - In Dene Magna's Fitness Centre.** Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings\* £10.00 joining fee, then £3.50 per session.

Please book to avoid disappointment

To book or any enquiries please contact Peter Adams 01594 545318 24hrs or e-mail p.adams@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk or website www.denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk

Tai Chi for Health—Traditional and Modified Forms, also Care Home Programs. Suitable for all ages and abilities, seated or standing. Minimum 1 hour, check website or ring for confirmed dates. Tuesdays 6.30pm, Latchen Rooms, Longhope, Wednesdays 7.30pm, The Club, High Street, Newnham (no disabled access). Tuesdays 11.30 am, Taynton & Tibberton Hall Thursdays 6-30pm, Linton Village Hall 1on1 tuition available on request. £3-50 - £4-50 per session, concessions available. Contact Trevor on 01452 830000, email enquiries@crystaltaichi.co.uk, website <u>www.crystaltaichi.co.uk</u>

Tai Chi Movements for Wellbeing—at Bishopswood Village Hall, Kerne Bridge, HR9 5QT. Learn these simple and enjoyable Chi Kung and Tai Chi Movements Contact Jane on 01594 861404, e-mail jane-spray@tiscali.co.uk.Taster session on Tuesday 27 January, 11am – 12 noon, Bishopswood Village Hall, £5. With follow on sessions starting in February, same time, same place.

Tai Chi Chuan—Regular weekly classes in Traditional Chen Style Tai Chi Chuan and related Chi Gong. £39 for a 6 week block, Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm, ongoing classes with occasional breaks for school holidays etc. English Bicknor Village Hall, Ross Road, English Bicknor, GL16 7PD. Contact Mark on 01594 544060 / 07791738668, email <u>deantaichichuan@gmail.com</u>, website <u>www.bristoltaichi.com/deantaichi.htm</u>.

**Zumba for Fun + Fitness**—Easy to follow dance fitness workout that trims and tones the whole body. £34 (£30 concs). Bring water to drink. 9 weeks from 13 Jan 2015, 10-11. at Lydney Community Centre.

9 weeks from 12 Jan 2015, 9.30-10.30 at Bream

Rugby Social Club. 9 weeks from 15 Jan 2015, 10-30-11.30 at Woolaston Memorial Hall. Contact Wyedean, see ad on page 8

**Pilates with Esther**—Invest in your body and develop good posture, strength, flexibility and balance in a fun way.

Contact Esther on 01452 760120, 07711 832042 or email esther@estherf.com,

website www.estherf.com.

Beginners/Back Care — at Dene Magna School, Mitcheldean GL17 0DU from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 6 – 7pm for 10 weeks, OR at The Club, High Street, Newnham-on-Severn, GL14 1BS from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 11.30am-12.30pm for 11 weeks, . Matwork— at Dene Magna School, Mitcheldean GL17 0DU from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 7-8pm for 10 weeks, OR at Studio 4, Harts Barn, Longhope, GL17 0QD from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 1.30-2.30pm for 4 weeks. Prices vary.

#### **COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES**

At Claremont House, High St Lydney. Contact Wyedean, see ad on page 8. Further *accredited courses are also available*. cost: £5 to tutor on night

**Complementary Therapy - Introductory Workshop** Introduction to massage techniques to de-stress and relax shoulders, head and neck, whilst encouraging balance in the body's innate healing energy systems. You will be expected to work on a peer over clothing as an introduction to massage therapies. 5 Feb, 6-9. £5.

**Reflexology Introductory Workshop**—Introduction to the benefits and effects of Reflexology as a therapy, discusses the treatment history and allows you to try out some of the practical elements of a treatment. 5 March, 6-9. £5.

#### **Upcycling-Fashion Reviving**



I'm a dressmaker who likes to take an unwanted and unloved piece of fabric, clothing or soft furnishing and use it to make something lovely to wear or use in the home.

Most of my garments to upcycle come from charity shops where there are good bargains to be had. I can look for garments that can be revived with a bit of trim or a simple alteration, but more often I look for the fabric content with a view to deconstructing and remaking a garment or perhaps a pair of curtains, usually in another form!

Skirts and dresses are good because they can contain big panels of fabric that you can cut pattern pieces from. A garment I upcycle lots is jeans, these can be made into skirts, long or short with frills or panels and decorated or not. Jeans can also be made into funky bags and of course they can be deconstructed and the fabric used for something completely different. I also take apart ties and use the fabric to make waistcoats and skirts, men's ties often being made of lovely silks.

Doing all this means I have lots of scraps and these invariably go into rag rugs although I do buy old duvet covers and sheets for that purpose, except that the last duvet cover I bought I liked so much I made a lovely flared, panelled skirt out of it!

So get out to your local charity shop, there are lots in the Forest towns, look for fabrics to re-use and make something lovely for yourself or your home.

By Caroline Jones of Fashion Revived. Find out more at www.fashion-revived.co.uk



#### Dyslexia— How aware are you?

Dyslexia literally means difficulty with words, but such a narrow definition doesn't accurately describe the condition and how it affects people in many different ways.

Dyslexia is classified as a Specific Learning Difficulty and as a disability. These statements are both true, but can give a rather negative view and some people are worried about having such a label.

I prefer to think of Dyslexia as a difference that can be a gift. People with dyslexia (about 1 in 10 of the population) process information they see and hear differently. Often extremely creative and good at problem solving, a dyslexic brings 'added value' to any classroom, team or workplace. They can quite often see the big picture and have inspired ideas.

You only have to look at Alan Turing who broke the Enigma Code, or Steve Jobs who created Apple to get an idea about two dynamic dyslexic people who used the condition to do inspirational things.

Would you like to know more about how dyslexia can affect people in the workplace and how to tap into the positive?

Do you know someone or are you someone who thinks they might be dyslexic and would like a chat about support available?

Do you work in education and would you like to know practical tips for working with individuals with dyslexia?

If so visit <u>www.kvfetc.co.uk</u> or contact Kris Ventris-Field on01594 563361





#### Foraging for wild foods

January - One must be pretty astute to forage for wild food during this dark cold time of year. But there are still plants around if you know what to look for... For a tasty winter salad why not try Cleavers, Chickweed, Cow Parsley, White Dead Nettle, Lesser Celandine, Navelwort, Ground Ivy and Nipplewort. These leaves will be small at this time of year and may take some searching, but well worth the effort!

Wash and combine the leaves and serve with a delicate dressing.

February - Still in the dark dormant months, but all is not lost! A handful of Gorse flowers infused for a few minutes in boiling water make a delicious coconutty tea. Be sure to wear thick gloves when picking the brilliant yellow flowers to protect you from the vicious spikes of the bush. Greater Plantain – The leaves are not really edible in a salad at this time of year, but blanched and sprinkled with salt or soy sauce, or added to a stew, they are similar to kale in flavour.

March - Hoorah!! Spring is on its way and so our wild food larder is starting to grow with more vigour. Jack of the Hedge or Garlic Mustard makes an appearance. The leaves are wonderful in a salad or crushed to make a sauce for roast lamb. Wood Sorrel also starts to make a comeback. The vivid green leaves of this trefoil plant are easy to identify (see picture above) and are abundant in our coniferous woodlands. They have a tangy lemony flavour, a great addition to cheese sandwiches or to accompany fish dishes.

By Annette Fuller

## MINO SCAPE www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk

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For further information, visit the Wye Valley AONB website <u>http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/</u> index.php/mindscape/

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Activities with Way 2 Go Adventures—For details contact Di Worrall or Wayne Morgan on 01594 800908, email <u>ative@way2goadventures.co.uk</u> website <u>www.way2goadventures.co.uk</u> Water and Land Based Activities—for schools and groups. Dates & times vary, ½ day from from £35 pp group size 10 -16 Full day from £50 pp group size 10-16. Under 16's £30 pp half day £45 pp full day. Free place for teacher/leader with every 10 students. Mallards Pike Lake, Forest of Dean or River Wye, depending on the activity.

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#### Forest Bee Update

As many of you will know, Wendy has moved on to pastures new, so we would like to take this chance to wish her every success and happiness for the future. Coming in Wendy's place is Caroline Jones of Fashion Revived. As well as being a talented seamstress, Caroline already edits a craft magazine, so is an incredible asset to The Forest Bee, and we hope you are enjoying her first creation as Editor of The Forest Bee. She also deals with the advertising side of our venture, whilst Jaqui continues in her role dealing with tutors and course providers

**Teaching Venues:** We are setting up a database of suitable teaching venues in the Forest area to supply to local tutors. If you would like to be on that database, please get in touch.

#### Our values and aims.

Our aim in creating The Forest Bee, a not for profit organisation, is to help people make the most of the huge diversity of talent we have in the Forest of Dean, through the promotion of local learning opportunities. This in turn supports the local economy, cuts down on travel costs and emissions and helps communities come together, thus supporting the development of greater social cohesion, self-reliance and resilience across this very special rural area.

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