

# BERWICK 900 "ARTY-FACTS" NEWSLETTER No. 3: February 2015



The Guild Hall Open Day on 24<sup>th</sup> January was a great success with people seeing how they could get involved with Berwick 900 and there was an opportunity to meet some of the people offering workshops and details of the various projects. An arts and crafts update is below as well as details of forthcoming **workshops (in bold)**

## 1. Church Banners

Would you like to join Norma Miles to produce a banner as part of St Andrews Wallace Green's contribution to *Berwick 900*? She will be holding two **creative textile sessions** for all ages and creative abilities – when individuals or groups will be supported in creating panels for the banner (**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30-12.30; Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 1-3pm**). Held at St Andrew's Wallace Green session room.

All materials will be provided on the day, just bring a pencil, an old shirt or apron to protect your clothing and a picture or item to inspire you – the banner is to portray those experiences or sights in church or town for which we give thanks (e.g. facets of church such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, worship, music, the building itself or facets of the townscape, community life, coastline or rural hinterland...). For further details contact Norma at [norma.miles@btinternet.com](mailto:norma.miles@btinternet.com) or <http://www.mad-hattie.co.uk/news/mad-hattie-workshops-for-berwick-900>

## 2. Banners for Riding the Bounds

Ailsa Dickson will be providing a **workshop on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 5pm – 8pm** at the Guild Hall showing how to create banners using an applique method based on images from Tony Johnson Berwick 900 Timeline. This technique can be used to create the banners for the Riding the Bounds on 1<sup>st</sup> May as well as for banners for other events. Please contact Trisha McLaughlin on [trish.mclaughlin@btinternet.com](mailto:trish.mclaughlin@btinternet.com) or 07593915271 for full details and to book a free place. Please bring a basic sewing kit, scissors a pencil and any oddments of material you may have.

## 3. "A Bear for Berwick 900"

Make a costume for a teddy bear for a friend, family member or yourself. The teddies will be invited to attend a Teddy Bears' Picnic during the Berwick 900 festival.

Terri Bearhope has created a knitted pattern for a teddy bear's sweater which can be used to fit in with some of the themes. The pattern can be downloaded from the Berwick 900 website [www.berwick900.org.uk/bear.html](http://www.berwick900.org.uk/bear.html). Terri will also be providing a **workshop** for beginners or improvers **Saturday 14th March 10 am till 2 pm** venue in Berwick town centre, confirmed on enquiry (maximum 12 people). This workshop is free but please bring: £1 for tea/coffee/biscuits, 4mm, 4.5mm or 5mm knitting needles, 'Double knit' yarn or wool (at least 50g), Packed lunch (there are also shops nearby selling sandwiches) Please contact Terri for further details and to book a free place 01289 303212, [terribearhope@hotmail.com](mailto:terribearhope@hotmail.com))

Sandra Dods provided a selection of bears at the Guild Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January inspiration and images are available on our website [www.berwick900.org.uk](http://www.berwick900.org.uk). There is a small display in the Berwick Library and you can pop along to see Maureen at the Berwick library knitting group between 2pm and 3.30pm every Monday.

Angie Kay from The Needle Works also has a selection of patterns in the shops on Hide Hill.

## 4. Make do and Mend

Naomi Kenny and Val Knowles' project involves creating costumes and props for "A Day in the 1940s" on 10<sup>th</sup> May and the Mayor's Parade on 24<sup>th</sup> May. The team involved in this project were in splendid period costume at the Open Day and gave a real ambience to the day and a taste of what is to come. They are currently working with the WI who have their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They are looking for volunteers to help make War Time knit wear, wool and patterns will be provided to find out more call 018907 51746 or email [valan@fsmail.net](mailto:valan@fsmail.net)

## 5. Rag Rugging

Margaret Kenny displayed the Flodden 500 Rug at the Open Day which was created as a community project in Wooler last year. You can help her create the Berwick 900 project on **9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 4pm** at the Guild Hall "Make do and Mend" events taking place to commemorate WW2 and again on **30<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 11am – 4pm** at the Watchtower for Berwick 900 Exhibition - "Our Fishing, Seaside and Maritime Story". Please give your details to Margaret Kenny on [mmkenny100@gmail.com](mailto:mmkenny100@gmail.com) or 01289 388741

## 6. “Berwick 900 Family Tree”

Trisha McLaughlin will be engaging children to help create a “Berwick 900 Family Tree”. The aim is to create a simple design illustrating an aspect of their family’s history in the town. These symbols bearing the family names will be attached to a symbolic tree to represent the wide variety of people connected with the town over the centuries. Intrigued to find out more contact Trish McLaughlin on [trish.mclaughlin@btinternet.com](mailto:trish.mclaughlin@btinternet.com)

## 7. “Crafts and Trades through the Ages”

The May Fair is one of the key events in the Berwick 900 programme for 2015.

The activities on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May will begin with The Mayor’s Parade, starting at 10.45am. The theme is “Crafts and Trades in Berwick through the Ages” and we want to design, create and make a variety of costumes, props, banners, etc. illustrating this theme that can be worn, carried or displayed in the Parade.

A variety of methods and materials could be used and subjects can vary from historical trades like shoemaking or shipbuilding, to butchers, bakers, printers, carpenters and fishermen, or modern businesses such as information technology, electricians, car mechanics and hairdressers (e.g. A suggestion has been put forward of making a series of wigs and hair-dress to represent hairstyles through the ages). Please let us know your plans.

Contact Derek Sharman on [timetoexplore@btinternet.com](mailto:timetoexplore@btinternet.com) or 01289 330218.

## 8. Fishing, Seaside and Maritime exhibition

Berwick 900 is grateful to Berwick Art Group and the Berwick Watchtower for providing the space for the following exhibitions: **14<sup>th</sup> July – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015.** Berwick Art Group Annual Summer Exhibition with Berwick 900 Fishing Exhibition - “Salmon Shiels and Silver Darlings”

**30<sup>th</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015.** Berwick 900 Exhibition - “Our Fishing, Seaside and Maritime Story”

We’d be delighted to hear from you if you have any art and craft work that relates to; the salmon netting and sea fishing of Berwick; Spittal as a health spa or in it’s heyday as a holiday resort or anything relating to the Maritime history. A specific timeline relating to these themes are available on the website and in the Berwick Library.

## 9. Berwick Food and Beer Festival

The Berwick Slow Food Group will be working with schools as well as locals to get involved with the Food Festival on 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> **September (NB note change to programme)**, there are plans to make a fish banner hopefully with 900 fish and a competition to create a “Berwick 900” logo using food items such as rice/pasta/other food items. Plans are also being made for a food related art exhibition. For further details please contact Kate Gill on [Kate1968@mail.com](mailto:Kate1968@mail.com)

## 10. Schools and Family Groups

Please send us suggestions for projects you are considering as part of the Berwick 900 “Arty-Facts” programme.

We are keen to engage young people and community groups in our Mayor’s Parade on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, so let us know if you would like to be involved and we will contact you to discuss how you can participate.

## 11. Arty Facts weekend

There are many events planned for the final weekend on 24th & 25th of October below is a just a taster of what’s coming to The Guildhall. Full details in the next edition.

- 900 years of Berwick’s history transformed into an Arty Facts Timeline; Tony Johnson
- Displays on the history of; weaving Tartan and Tweeds; Plant Dyes, Rag Rugging; Stained Glass...
- Displays of Spinning yarn samples showing different quality of fleece and types of rare breed sheep.
- Braiding cords – From the “Ancient Lucet” to “Loom Bands” with the weaving wheel in between.
- Demonstrations on; Needle felting with Harris Tweed; Weaving; Rag Rugging; Stained Glass and Mosaics

## 12. Your own Berwick 900 project

We shall be delighted to hear about any project you are planning to undertake that is inspired by one or more of the Berwick 900 themes, and will discuss ways in which your work can be displayed to the public and incorporated as part of our events programme. This can also include existing pieces, for example work created for Follow the Herring, please let us know what you have in mind.

**If you are interested in stewarding at any of the Berwick 900 events please let us know. Thank you**

**To send your ideas or offers to contribute, or for further information please contact:**

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