



Meet, Make, Mend.
Creative recycling for all ages and abilities

Welcome!

Welcome to the first REJIG newsletter of 2018, optimistically titled “Spring” – although at the time of writing it is still snowing!!

Still, we’re looking to the year ahead and thinking of fresh starts and new beginnings. The website has had a refresh over the winter (and is looking rather stylish, if we do say so ourselves), the

calendar has updated to show our new regular sessions, and we’re launching our new tagline:

Meet, Make, Mend.

We think it sums up everything that’s great about REJIG – our friendly atmosphere, our creative sessions, and our commitment to positive recycling!

Sound like fun? Great! Jump onto our online calendar to see how you can get involved, and read more about upcoming events and projects below.

Get Involved



Free monthly sewing sessions in South Park

The next few dates are:

- Saturday 21st April
- Saturday 26th May
- Saturday 30th June

Projects & Events

Morsbags

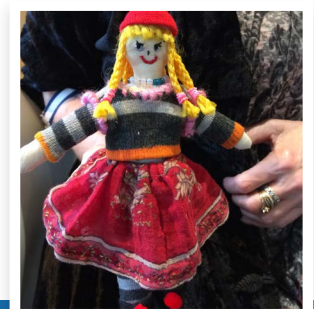
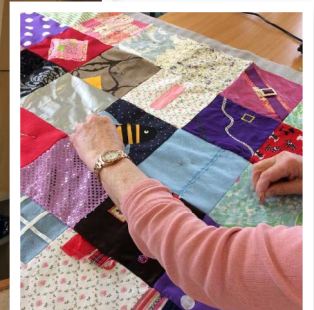
Sociable, guerilla bagging, designed to reuse waste fabric and cut down on single-use plastics. Right up our street, of course!

REJIG has registered as a Morsbag-making “pod”, and we’ve been merrily churning them out in the last few months (Gwen’s holding one up over on the right there!).


If you’d like one of your very own you can get involved at one of our weekly sessions, or find out more at:

www.morsbags.com

Recent Makes and Makers



Thank you everyone for joining in at all of our sessions!

 (Yes, we know this is a paper newsletter – just go with it)



Get Together

This summer we'll be setting up shop (well... stall...) in Darlington's South Park for our local **Great Get Together** on **Sunday 24th June**.



Inspired by the memory of MP Jo Cox, the event is a celebration of the things that unite us, and a chance for local communities to come together and share our commonalities.

We'll be handing out Morsbags, and inviting people to make their own at the Darlington event. Find out more about the initiative online:

www.greatgettogether.org

Oxfam

Oxfam Darlington now run a regular **Wednesday evening sewing and recycling session**, with support from REJIG.

The evening is open to all, with the aim of producing saleable goods from unused donations of fabric and clothing. You're also free to make your own projects, for a small donation to Oxfam funds.

We're currently upgrading the machines, and planning projects for 2018.

For more details and to get involved, contact Rachel or Sue on 01325 382415



Maker Faire 2018



"Maker Faire UK is the greatest show (and tell) on Earth! Taking place on Saturday 28 – Sunday 29 April 2018 at Life Science Centre in Newcastle, it's a two-day family-friendly festival of invention and creativity."

And we're going to be part of it!

Make Faire is an absolutely fantastic event, in which crafters, coders, makers, and inventors from all around the world gather together for a weekend of creative fun.

The best part is that it's completely hands-on, and invites visitors to take part in everything from 3D printing, to games, to robots, to cocktail making!

We'll be there with our hand sewing machines, so give us a wave if you see the stall! **If you'd like to get involved (and get in to see the show for free!), we're still looking for volunteers.**

Courses

We're happy to be able to announce the first of our new season of Skills Courses: get **Saturday 26th May** in your diaries for fun with batik!

Wax and Colour is a 3 hour workshop introducing participants to the ancient art of batik, with a modern twist. A mixture of demonstrations, experiments, and hands-on practical time, the session will teach you new techniques and help you gain the confidence to use them in creative ways.

By the end of the morning, you will have completed a self-contained project and will leave with a finished piece.



Thanks for reading!

We'll be back in your letterbox in Summer – until then, happy sewing!