**Hindolveston Crafts in Action – A Potted History**

In 1993 Hindolveston took part in the North Norfolk District Council Crafts in Action taster courses. These were enthusiastically supported by the village.

Four years later, in 1997, a small group of people got together to organise an exhibition of art and crafts made by people in Hindolveston. Around 40 people contributed something which they had made themselves. The organisers were amazed at the quality and variety of work produced.

The following year saw the first making weekend – a tradition which still continues –where local people demonstrate their craft and invite visitors to have a go.

The annual Christmas Craft Market, on the first weekend in December, began in 1998 as a one day event and was later extended to include the Saturday evening before as well. This event attracts visitors from a wide area and the Saturday night has become a well attended social event for the village, with mulled wine, mince pies, music and a chance to catch up with the neighbours.

The aim of Crafts in Action is to promote and develop crafts and arts activities in the village and provide a platform for villagers to promote and sell their work. A wide variety of crafts are represented including wood turning, willow weaving, stained glass, rope work, crochet, knitting, modern textiles, leatherwork, screen printing and pewter ware. As well as organising events they propose to develop people’s skills, confidence and enthusiasm by running courses led by experts in their field.

Any crafts people in the village who would like to be involved with Crafts in Action should speak to Frances on 01263 860257 or email Hindolvestoncrafts@gmail.com. For more details please visit the group’s Facebook page by searching for Hindolveston-Crafts-in-Action.

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