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Special points of interest:

- New classes doing well.
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Welcome to our News Letter for March 2011

Welcome to our spring news letter and the start of a great new sewing year.

The weather is finally getting warmer and our Bonsai tree's are beginning to blossom.

This may now be a good time to assess what we completed last year and what we would like to do in the next coming months. We have included a couple of article's which talk about maintenance of your own machines, by the way we need some more photos so please do not be surprised if the camera comes out over the next few weeks.

Carol is thrilled the way all the classes have grown in the last 12 months, we will either have to start more classes or think of another way we can expand over

the next year. One way maybe to start day classes on specific subjects such as the Little Black Dress, Simple Shirts and Trousers and maybe Corsets. All these courses will be aimed at the absolute beginner and so as a consequence they will be arranged to complete the work in one single day, multiple days will be reserved for more complex projects and those who would like to delve a little deeper into the intricacies of pleating, embroidery couture etc.

If you have anything you would particularly like to make please ask Carol and she will see what she can do.

Rory has completed the second part of Mini Matt the third and final part will

be completed in the next news letter. If you have enjoyed the story Rory has said he will write some more, he also says that he is willing to write the stories based on any particular theme you would like Mini to explore, your own imagination is the only



thing holding Mini back, only sewing themes though.

Amy & Carol completing the ?, I'm not really sure :-) Shorts?

A Story Of Mini Matt the Mighty Seamstress Part two

Mini's little heart purred with anticipation, her excitement grew as the thought that the dancing Hamsters were using a glowing Jar to dance by the light of the moon. Mini picked up the whole box of plates and pulled them inside her small house, she picked one plate and rushed outside, she knocked on Tilley Door Mouse's window.

Tilley came to the window and blinked her sleepy eye's at the darkness of the night, Mini taped again and Tilley's eye's focused on her friend Mini from under the Oak tree. Tilley smiled a friendly greeting



and opened her front door. Mini immediately rushed in and immediately began speaking loudly and excitedly, "where can I find these magic glowing jars" she said, "Tilley took the plate and looked closely and the dark shapes that seemed to move and spring to life in the light of her slowly PTO



"Dita Von Tees in a very special dress. There is a lot of fabric in this one."

Sewing Quotes:-

Thimbles and needles and buttons and bows and she will make dresses where ever she goes.

Rory Cunningham

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Some idea for your new special occasion dresses and maybe the Prom?

Min-Matt the mighty Seamstress part two continued

burning fire. Tilley wiped her sleepy eye's and looked again. "it's not magic light jars" she smiled gently "its the dancing lights from the marsh near the river", "my Mother would often tell me stories of how they would go to Easter & Summer parties and dance to the early hours of the morning using the Marsh lights to light their way ", "where can I find some dancing lights now "cried Mini excitedly", Min thought for a while and then said "Go and talk to old George he knows where to go". Mini thanked her sleepy friend and apologised repeatedly about waking her so late. Mini rushed out into the night and slipped quietly down the lane as only a Hamster can. Soon she had reached old Georges house and explained what she was trying to do. Old George sat quietly and only brushed his whisker's occasionally while Mini was chattering away about her plight. When Min had finally finished he sat for a long time looking at her and smiling. "It's a very long time since anyone has asked about the Marsh lights he croaked (his voice was very old and gravely

because he worked the old village forge), I used to gather the lights myself for the summer parties when I was a boy. "Can you help me Mini pleaded", George smiled and patted her small hand, "of course I will my dear", Mini beamed back at him and was quite lost for word's, and tears fell from her small eye's for the second time that night but this time with joy.

George gathered his old rucksack and ropes, including an old oil lamp which swung on the end of an old tree branch. He also packed some jam sandwiches and orange juice. George finally turned to Mini and looked her squarely in the eye, "there is a reason why people do not use the dancing lights any more", he paused for effect, "its because several Hamster's never came back when collecting them, the council decreed it too dangerous and so people stopped going down to the river and marsh", Mini must have looked afraid because George smiled gently & patted her small paw again, don't worry Mini I know all the shortcuts and safe paths.

George and Mini set out and quickly disappeared from view over the hedge and into the deep dark wood.

Sewing Machine Preventative Care

Q: What is the most important preventative care that I can do at home to keep my machine running smoothly?

Clean your machine regularly, its that simple. You can use pressurised air cans and or tweezers small brushes and cleaning cloths. Pay particular attention to the bobbin well or case.

Q: How often should I take my machine in for service?

A good rule of thumb is once a year, we service our machines at Eastleigh sewing centre and would be very happy to include yours as well and you to can benefit from the bulk discount which they offer the sewing club.

Q: What do I need to know about oiling my sewing machine?

First use only high quality clear sewing machine oil, Carol can tell you where to look. Cooking oil, motor oil and WD 40 and others may well leave a residue on the surface which can mark fabric and ruin your project before its even started.

Q: Where do I oil my machine

Read your owners manual for the exact points and these will vary from machine to machine. If you can't find your manual ask Rory to look it up on the Internet for you.



New Projects coming up

Carol is very exited about the plans for this coming year as already mentioned. She has numerous idea's and has already started stock piling the fabric in anticipation for a very busy first quarter.

Fridays class has grown as well, Alicia, Mini and Adrianna have started and are enjoying coming on Friday because they can now lie in on Saturday mornings.

You have all made super things and soon you will be starting funky bags, clothes and soft toys.

The next few months are leading into the

Spring months, if any of you have specific idea's of things you might like to make please let us know.

We will be closing the school during the half term and will start all classes from the Thursday the 3rd of March 2011. Future holidays will be published on the web as well as future news letters.

