

"KEEP NOSTALGIA"

With BRIGETTE BUCHANAN

Admington Hall, nr Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4JN

Brigette Buchanan, who along with her husband Robin, owns and runs the lifestyle company "Odd ", www.oddlimited.com. Brigette is coming to the Coach House at Admington Hall to demonstrate her skills and show us how nostalgic clutter really can be creative. She is also going to talk about her own life and how she started her career as the sandwich girl in Vogue and worked her way up to becoming a Vogue Fashion Editor and Stylist.

Her past career covers a multitude of talent and to mention but a few, she has worked alongside Laura Ashley, Emma Hope, Cassandra Goad and Mulberry and gave the photographer, Mario Testino, his first Vogue shoot by using him to photograph her Vogue knitting patterns. She also started Cabbages and Roses with a friend from Vogue, a company specialising in faded floral fabrics, www.cabbagesandroses.com. Her passion for designing has evolved predominantly from using all things that she has loved in her life and she strongly believes that "homes needn't always be temples of co-ordinated, understated chic". Her own house, while crammed with romantic nostalgia and flea market finds, has a distinctly sophisticated elegance that greets you as she opens the door. And while it reeks of her own childhood and is made up of layer upon layer of her family life, you are quietly wishing that you could do the same with your own home.

Brigette is going to use her uniquely evocative flair to show how you too can use your own nostalgia to create something timeless and romantic. "Never throw anything away" is her life-line and motto. Her demonstration will include showing how you can change an old tweed hacking jacket into an original 'designer' jacket and transform a £1 tea towel into a sensationally beautiful cushion. Or a piece of driftwood collected off the beach into a stunning table decoration.

This talk is now over but please check Odd News for new talks in the future.