



## INTRODUCTION TO A TWINED DILLY BAG with John Page

**Saturday, 10 March 2018**

**10:00 – 16:30**

**St Nicholas Church Hall, Elsfield Road, Old Marston OX3 0PR**



In 2016 John Page spent some days in Arnhem Land, Northern Australia, being taught to twine a dilly bag from Pandanus. It is a slow business so a one day workshop will provide an introduction to the basic techniques.

You will work in fine rush and will be shown how to begin with a simple spider start, add stakes and join on new weavers. The basket is usually finished off with a blanket stitched border.

As rush does not easily take dyes you might like to bring in a little coloured material such as raffia or string to add to your bag.

During the day there will be a shortened version of the talk-with-images Ruth Stungo and John gave at the Oxfordshire Basketmakers' social last year following their sojourn to the other side of the world.

Named after the 'dili' plant they are made from, these bags are generally hung round the neck and are used in food-gathering by women, or by men for carrying tools and important deeds and other tribal paraphernalia. More recently the name has come to be used for many different kinds of bags and baskets in Australia.

John has been teaching basketry for 15 years after studying for a City & Guilds Diploma at the City Lit college, where he now runs the two-year basketry course and specialises in rushwork.



**\*\* All levels welcome, including beginners \*\***

**Workshop fee: £44.00 per student, including materials**