

## **CLASP RING FOR ARTHRITIC FINGERS**

I have recently come across something which will be of interest to those of our fellow pensioners who love to wear rings but suffer from arthritis or other joint problems that affect their knuckles.

Designer goldsmith Roger Elliott, has recently created a special clasp ring for a lady with arthritic fingers. The ring opens fully to bypass any knuckle size by means of a hinge and clasp opening. This design feature is now available for people with arthritis or other problems that result in swollen or oversized knuckles.

Roger designs and handcrafts bespoke jewellery from his studio in Nutfield Surrey, specialising in high grade diamonds and other precious gemstones set in 18ct gold or platinum in contemporary styles. Mrs Hart was no longer able to wear her engagement and dress rings because she had arthritic fingers, with swollen knuckles. He designed her a completely new contemporary 'bouquet' style ring with a clasp mechanism, including some of the diamonds from her rings, which had both a sentimental and a real value. The clasp mechanism means that she is now able to wear a ring for the first time in years and loves her new piece.

Roger says he is happy to discuss designing a bespoke clasp ring using all new gemstones or including a client's own gemstones that have sentimental value. In some cases it may also be feasible to fit a clasp opening shank to an existing heirloom ring that has strong sentimental associations.

A selection of Roger's ring styles can be seen on his website [www.rogerelliott.com](http://www.rogerelliott.com). His studio (Mews Studio, 19 High Street, Nutfield, RH1 4HH) is generally open to the public from Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00am to 5.30pm, or by appointment at other times. He can be contacted on 01372 741818 or by e mail at [studio@rogerelliott.com](mailto:studio@rogerelliott.com). He is also happy to meet clients in London by appointment.

Prices for creating a brand new clasp ring in 18ct gold start at £1,200 – plus new gemstones supplied. Adapting an existing ring to a clasp fitting would cost in the region of £400 to £800 depending on the ring's design.