

August's Meeting

This was an informal meeting, where members were able to bring along their crafts to sit and chat either in the hall or outside on the patio.

There was a relaxed atmosphere where spinning, knitting, crocheting and bobbin lace were all in evidence.



At this meeting there was an opportunity for members to support our chosen charities. This year there were two charities - Lymphoma Action and Weldmar Hospicecare in memory of Gail Coldham who died earlier in the month from a rare form of Lymphoma. **Please read the separate blog in memory of Gail.**

There was a great opportunity for members to purchase items from the three sales tables.

Sarah Rashley manned our normal sales table and in addition there were two other sales tables and the proceeds from these two tables went to our chosen charities.

One of the these tables had Gail's items for sale - yarn, fleece, spinning wheel, tapestry kits and much, much more. These were donated by her husband, Randy. Denise Healey and Frances Fletcher manned this sale and encouraged everyone to spend, spend, spend!

On the other table there were items donated by a cousin of Fiona Abercromby. Before her illness Fiona lived in Dorchester and was a tapestry weaver of some note. She worked on two tapestry commissions for the sculptor, Henry Moore.

As well as the sales table there was a raffle and an array of delicious cakes - the proceeds of which went towards our two charities.

We raised a considerable amount of money for the charities in memory of a wonderful, dedicated and inspiring guild member - **Gail Coldham**

Biennial National Exhibition for Weavers, Spinners and Dyers

This is being held in Hay Castle, Hay on Wye from 14 to 27 October 2024. The focus of the exhibition is to showcase the range of skills in the guilds, based on spinning, weaving and dyeing.

We were very successful as six pieces of work from four members of our guild have been selected for display. These pieces are shown on the right and individually below



Rug woven by
Ann Parker



Cushion by Nicky Footer - using
handspun, dyed and knitted yarn



Two scarves woven by
Margaret Eaglestone



Runner for a Chest of Drawers
woven by Margaret Eaglestone



Cushion woven by Fi Whyte