

## Guild Open Day 28 September 2024

This was an informal meeting where Guild members welcomed friends and members of the public to see us demonstrate our skills of weaving, spinning and dyeing. It was a great opportunity to see and try out the many other associated crafts practised by members such as felting (wet and needle), inkle loom weaving, tapestry weaving, peg loom weaving, Japanese braiding using a marudai, drop spindle spinning (handy for spinning on the go) and weaving using different shapes and sizes of card - also handy for crafting whilst travelling!



*spinning explained*

Visitors were encouraged to browse through our extensive library and look at the equipment the Guild loans out to members before deciding on a skill they would like to take up.



*Colourful rolags ready for spinning from a drum-carding demonstration*

It was good to see many young people taking an interest in the crafts and urging parents to have a go.



*Little hands trying card tapestry*

Outside the hall, Nicky demonstrated the joys of solar dyeing from unusual everyday plants and vegetables.



*Solar dyeing using logwood.*

Our team on the sales table were kept busy selling yarns, fibres, equipment – as were the knowledgeable and friendly members of staff of Frank Herring & Sons who were on hand to advise on types of spinning wheels and looms, books and a vast array of products associated with our crafts

The display of our work was popular with our guests who were amazed at the wide range of articles created by our members.



*Items to inspire*

A big thank you to members who helped set up the day and encouraged our visitors to try the many crafts on display. And, as usual, the splendid array of cakes and biscuits kept guests and members going all day.