

January 2025 Meeting

Skills Day

Wow! - it was a wonderful meeting with an opportunity to renew membership, book on a trip to Unravel at Farnham Maltings, buy from a well stocked sales table and experience a variety of mini workshops designed to give members the opportunity to try skills new to them.

Members also had the chance to book on the various workshops on offer this year - Tapestry Weaving, Modular Knitting, Natural Dyeing and Nalbinding.

The Library had reopened and a selection of books relevant to the skills being demonstrated were available.



Setting up the workshops



Sales Tables



The Mini Workshops on offer were :-

Needle Felting with Clare Hughes

Needle felting is a relatively new method of felting using the same variety of fibres as traditional wet felting.

Backstrap Weaving with Frances Fletcher

This is a very old form of weaving which has been used throughout the world since ancient times.

Braiding with Margaret Eaglestone

Two types - Kumihimo, a traditional Japanese braiding; and Ply-Split Braiding, found extensively in north-west India.

Using a Drum Carder with Pene Blogg

A drum carder cards wool and other fibres in preparation for spinning or felting.

Inkle Loom Weaving with Terry Avery and Karen & Martin Foot

Inkle loom weaving is designed for weaving narrow fabric such as belts, sashes, bookmarks etc.

Spinning with Kath Sanderson

Be guided through the basics of spinning.

Weaving with Madeleine Legg

Discussion on the merits of Rigid Heddle and Shaft looms with an opportunity to try both.

Drop Spindle with Viviane Bernhard

Practise using a drop spindle and learn about plying for spindle-spun yarn.

Gallery of Photos



Improving spinning techniques



Needle Felting



Setting up the Inkle loom



Preparing to use a Drop Spindle



Discussing the merits of Shaft and Rigid Heddle :Looms



Kumihimo Braiding on the Marudais