

## Chairman / Presidents / Annual Report 2017

2017 saw the guild take part in a variety of activities, with skill sharing sessions and external tutored sessions, alongside our usual open meetings.

In February we did held a pot-luck drum carding with Katie, to create batts of fibres to use to create items for the All Wales guild exhibition boards.

In March we held 2 extra meetings as Amanda Hannaford visited us for two days workshops on long draw and flax spinning.

In April we made felted pictures with Nicola Knapton.

In May a few of us spent the day at the Vintage Machinery show in Caersws demonstrating spinning etc. The show committee make a donation to the guild in exchange for this, so thank you to those who cam out and took part.

In June we did tapestry weaving on peg looms with Janet Phillips from the Threshing Barn. We all wove countryside scenes using a huge variety of techniques and wool oddments.

On midsummers day we all got our cameras out to take photos for our guild challenge piece for the All Wales event. Each guild member took photos at a different hour, throughout the day.

In August some members attended the Association Summer School, spending whole week learning new skills, and meeting members of other guilds.

In September we bought along our photos of midsummers day and wove on a ridged heddle loom. Each hour was a section of the woven cloth representing our interpretation of the sky. Thank you Katie for arranging the loom and coming up with the idea

In October we attended the All Wales Guild Gathering at the Minerva centre where we displayed our guild challenge weaving and the finished items created from the batts from the carding workshop in February.

In November we did the wheel speed dating with a lot of different wheels displaying the many configurations of tensioning systems and treadling types. I believe all that took part got a lot from this session, even those who were more experienced. Newer members appreciated being able to discover what they liked and did not like about the many wheels.

We've had a huge variety of activities this year, with lots of different spinning and weaving workshops, and plenty of informal activities at our open meetings.

Thank You to everyone, particularly those who have demonstrated, those who bring along the tea and coffee box, with the essential cake, flap jack and assorted goodies,

who without we would not have such great offerings. Also thank you to those who store and transport the library and guild equipment

To the committee members a very big thank you. Without their support, time and efforts the guild would not be here for all to enjoy.

In 2018 we have an equally varied programme planned, and will hopefully be demonstrating our skills and publicising of the Guild with as many members as possible at any events we are invited to.