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Jan meeting. We can guarantee something interesting next month, but we're not sure what. (Our planned meeting has been cancelled).

October Meeting.

Astounding spinning!

The winner (Sarah) was so far away that we could hardly see her (very top right) and Joyce might have matched that length, if her new wheel hadn't chewed a good length up. An honourable mention goes to everyone who took part.



November Meeting. Last month saw a very good turnout of people and socks for the AGM.

There was a vote of thanks to the committee and especially Helen for the hard work brought everyone together in a time of crisis to get the guild back on track. Thanks also to retiring committee members, June and Peter, to new member Jayne and to Myra for letting us vote her into the chair.

"As the new chair(man) I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work. We are all busy people but without them all giving their time and expertise the Guild would cease to exist. I thank everyone for their support it was lovely to see so many members at our AGM. I think most associations would be very hard pressed to have over two thirds of their membership at an AGM. It was lovely to see all our old friends but especially good to see so many of our new members; Jayne, Janet, Shirley, Sarah and Sarah. So welcome to you all and I hope you enjoy our 2003 programme.

Season's greetings to you all and I hope to see you all in the New Year. Myra

P.S. Just so that there are no excuses at the next AGM, our challenge for next year is hat or headwear in any medium as long as one of our 3 disciplines is used. (e.g. felting is ok if you have dyed the wool, knitting is ok as long as you've spun, or dyed, the wool)"

Guild Questionnaire - Thanks to the 7 who replied.

What is your main area of interest?

Weaving 3, spinning 7, dyeing 1.

Which areas would you like to extend into?

knitting 3, felting 2, braiding 0, cording 2, tassels 2, other 3.

Mostly folk are pleased/very pleased with the Governors Suite accommodation. Bryn Mair goes well but parking remains a concern.

A mixed programme seems to summarise the programme requests and we've looked at accommodating everyone in the agenda for this year's programme and will continue to do so.

News snippets.

We have decided to make no charge to members for workshops as costs are now covered by our lottery grant but will continue to charge visitors (£10).

Lunch is to be sandwiches as only 1 vote for canteen meals.

Anyone wanting to subscribe to the journal (£11) must let Myra have their money by the end of Dec).

The WSD Summer school dates are: 3rd - 10th August please contact Joyce for further details. (or the webbed can look at www.wsd.org.uk)

Anyone want a Guild calendar?

We are making a provisional booking at the Afonwen Craft Centre for our Guild exhibition in June 2003.

The Design from Nature knitting workshop with Sasha Kagan has been confirmed with her as Sunday 8th June.

SOCKS!

We should thank those who took the trouble to finish, or even start! their project. As always it was very interesting to see how differently everyone interpreted it. Sandra Pinchbeck I think learnt to navaho ply before she could begin. Carole taught her or even did it for her on the condition that she finished her socks in time - so Sandra did - Carole didn't. ☺ They were a delightful little pair of purple slippers shaped and decorated, we think to a design that originated from Sylvia Spencer a long time ago and that she has shared with lots of us over the years. (Perhaps we should publish it again for everyone). Joyce brought 2 pairs one from her mum May to the same design as Sandra and a pair of her own knitted to the newsletter's pattern with no heel shaping, as did Audrey G., Sarah and Shirley. Although they look unusual, and all looked completely different, they are so warm AND comfy that they were in to their third or fourth pairs. (*Ed. says - they're also good for not getting a hole in the heel if you put them on a different way round each time.* Rosemary made something completely different. Hers were woven on a cardboard frame with soles made from cutting out the soles of a worn out pair of slippers. Audrey S. had knitted a beautiful pair of walking socks for Paul with shetland patterned leg adapting a pattern to fit her needs moving from 2 to 4 needles and ribbing the ankle area to get a snug fit. Our chairman made 2 pairs, a pair of socks that she'd just knitted with no pattern except what was in her head and a delightful pair of felted boots with pompoms colour coordinated so that she would know right from left, the colour determined by her navigation course and port and starboard lights!!! Her son in law likes them so much I think he asked if she was going to pay someone to wear them

Well if nothing else we may have contributed to the Christmas present problem, or do I mean solution. Thanks to everyone who took part.

Those of you who get SpinOff will have seen the crochet slippers with wensleydale locks hooked in. The maker calls them Hobbit feet socks, a must have for fans. Maybe we could all contribute a few socks to sell at the exhibition, a grand sock display!

On the Christmas present theme, Myra recommends a paperback called `Colour - Travels through the Paintbox` written by Victoria Finlay.

It explores and tells the history of all the natural pigments used in painting and for dyeing throughout history. Each chapter takes on a colour and explores the sources, history, extraction and processes involved. It is very informative but also very readable, interesting and easy bedtime reading.

Eds notes: Thanks to Myra, who pretty well wrote this newsletter for me, after I managed to miss the AGM. There's just room to pass on an idea that I saw last summer. A knitter back from a visit to New Zealand showed me a hank of fine handspun that she had bought. It was the label that caught my eye, a useful shape that I thought I could reproduce (or copy as it is known technically!)



The tongue slips through the slot to label your hank of wool, scarf or whatever.

