



Ebor Ruggers

February 2017

February Meeting



At our February meeting, Cluny Chapman, wife, mother, shepherdess, spinner, dyer, knitter, artist and crocheter outlined for us how, from the purchase of a handful of Shetland sheep just over a decade ago, she has grown her business, Highland Textiles, from an absorbing hobby into a successful business enterprise. She outlined for us the process of transforming fleece to fibre and explained how, over the years, she and her family have grown the flock, showing the animals both locally and nationally, with an increasing array of prizes won over the intervening years

She is a prolific knitter and one of the slides took our breath away as it

encompassed the multitude of garments, hats, scarves, shawls and novelties produced in just one month. How does she ever find time to sleep? An accomplished artist, Cluny has also developed a range of pictures and prints of her beloved sheep, documenting in the process their personalities and progress throughout the seasons, as well as emulating various artistic styles. Her portrait of a 'golden fleece' depicting a curly sheep in the style of Klimt was a particularly impressive one, as was the image of a flock of sheep heading home over the fields at feeding time, through the snow.

After Cluny's talk, we had the opportunity to examine her exquisite, prizewinning blankets, shawls, prints, cards and dresses at close quarters as well as the chance to purchase her hand-spun yarns and artefacts. It was a extremely absorbing and informative start to

our meeting, thoroughly enjoyed by all the members present and we afterwards resumed our own 'woolly activities' with renewed enthusiasm and vigour. (Thanks to Kath Russon)



Microwave Dye Workshop

Jan Haines will be running her dyeing workshop (postponed from November) at the March meeting.

At the time of writing there is one place left - contact Jan directly to reserve your spot and for a list of materials needed.

Proddy Workshop

Elizabeth will be running an open workshop at the March meeting on proddy work using welts. No need to book.

New Member

Welcome to new member, Amy Bascombe - yet another recruit to the fold.

And...

- ▶ Check out the Bee Loft website, plenty of new and exciting workshops. www.thebeeloft.com
- ▶ A wool show, Leeds 8th April, www.springintowool.co.uk



March Meeting

The most eagerly awaited event of the year, the AGM. Please come along to hear from the committee. The group is run for the benefit of all members and the committee need your input, your ideas and your support.

(It won't last long - promise!)

