

Who we are....

The Mid Essex Guild is one of over 100 Guilds throughout the UK, which form The Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers. There are also associated Guilds in Northern Ireland, Eire, South Africa, France, USA, New Zealand, Yugoslavia and Japan.

The Aims of the Association are:

- ◆ To encourage and maintain integrity and excellence of craftsmanship.
- ◆ To encourage a sense of beauty of material, texture, colour and design.
- ◆ To promote opportunities for exchange of information through lectures, library facilities, conferences and exhibitions, both locally and nationally.
- ◆ To further co-operation between member Guilds and liaise with other Guilds and Societies with like aims.

The Guild meets once a month in White Notley Village Hall with guest speakers and workshops. The talks and workshops include a variety of allied crafts as well which can inspire and take us down other avenues. We also display and demonstrate at various craft events and fairs.

Where we meet...

The Guild usually meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except Dec. –please check the dates on back of this leaflet or our website www.midessexguildwsd.org.uk. The meetings are held from 10.30 am – 4pm.at the Village Hall in White Notley, as shown on the map below. It is situated SE of Braintree. The post code is CM8 1RH



The Mid Essex Guild welcomes new members and visitors any time, whether beginners or with many years experience. BUT you do not have to be a spinner or weaver to join our guild! You may become one eventually but just an interest in textile crafts is enough.

The annual membership fee is £22.00, which includes a copy of our quarterly newsletter. You may come as a visitor though and the fee is £5 for the day.

How to contact us...

If you would like to find out more about us, visit us, or join our guild please contact:

Guild contact:-telephone:
01787 462172

Or visit our website at
www.midessexguildwsd.org.uk

If you live in the SE of the County, you may like to contact the Southend Guild:
tel. 01702 713105 or email:
joanne.cliffe@hotmail.co.uk

There is a new Weavers & Spinners group in Colchester ring 07801 756 940 for details.

If you are over on the west, bordering Hertfordshire – try the **West Essex & Herts. Guild** - weehguild.swd@gmail.com

If you are not local to Essex, you can find your nearest Guild by visiting the **Association** website at: www.wsd.org.uk
And now there is an **online guild** for anyone anywhere in the world!
www.onlineguildwsd.org.uk

This can be done at your local library if you do not have internet access at home.

More about us...

A list of our meetings and speakers is overleaf.

We have a 'shared lunch' at certain meetings; Members bring a plate of something delicious and it is amazingly varied. See programme for details.

As well as the library, we have a sales table at most meetings.

Tea and coffee are provided free.

We now have a list of mentors who are prepared to help beginners in our basic crafts, at our meetings or at classes, which could be arranged privately.

We also have a good range of equipment which members can borrow.

Some of our members are prepared to give talks and demonstrations to schools, colleges and groups. For more details please contact our secretary as described overleaf.

These basic crafts can be a source of lifelong enjoyment and the therapeutic value of using hands and minds is immeasurable.

It is surprising the wealth of work and creativity that can emerge from the minimum of equipment – a drop spindle, a piece of card or some weaving sticks and some left over yarns.

Guild Programme 2017

Meetings are usually 3rd Sat of the month except for the December meeting

Feb 18th 11 am Multi Methods Weaving Day
(in house; Talk & Demo on Flotsam Weaving)

March 18th 11 am Slide show of the 2016 National Exhibition
1.30pm Talk & Demo on Temari balls.

April 15th 11 am Enid Tivey Award: 'Cushions'
12.30 Shared Lunch.

May 5th, 6th, 7th Spinning at Paycockes.

May 20st Fleece to Garment Competition
(Teams of 5 compete to spin, ply and knit 2 scarves)

June 17th 11am Needle Felting Workshop

July 15th 11 am. **Friendship Day at Grange Barn**
All local guilds are invited to Coggeshall for a day of spinning and weaving. There will be sales tables.

Aug. 19th 11am Members Day.
Weaving Competition & Shared Lunch

Sept 16th 11 am Jennifer Talbot: Talk & Workshop
On Design inspired by Shetland

Sept Grange Barn Beer Festival

Oct Spinning at Paycockes

Oct 21st 11 am Jennifer Hughes:
Talk 'Hill Tribes Of Thailand'.

Workshop: Small bags

Nov 18th 11 am Christmas Makes.

Dec 9th 11 am. Members Day Christmas Party
Christmas Competition

Jan 20th 11 am AGM. pm. Show & Tell

All meetings are held at the village hall, White Notley
from 10.30 - 4pm, unless otherwise stated.

See website for more details of meetings

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