

1967

President:
Chairman: Enid Gaskell
Secretary: Mrs Cropper
Treasurer: Mrs Willis
Committee: Miss Genge Andrews, Margaret Barron, Miss Harry,
Mrs Meg Mountenay, Mrs Smith, Mr & Mrs Peter Teal,
Mr Cropper, Clement Martin.

Subscription:
Membership:
Cash-in-hand: £54. 2s 2d (£54.11p)
Events: Meetings were held at the homes of Enid Gaskell and
Margaret Barron. At a spinning day in April, Peter Teal
demonstrated his Spinning Jenny.

Exhibition at Paignton.

The "*National Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners
& Dyers*" had 1,200 members including Guilds in Canada,
Australia and New Zealand.

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Secretary: Mrs Cropper
Treasurer: Mrs Willis
Committee: Miss Genge Andrews, Margaret Barron, Miss Harry,
Meg Mountenay, Mrs Smith.

Subscription: 17/- (85p)
Membership: 31
Cash-in-hand: £71. 3s 6d (£71.17½p)
Events:

1969

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Treasurer: Mrs Willis
Committee: Miss Genge Andrews, Margaret Barron, Miss Harry,
Meg Mountenay, Mrs Smith.

Subscription: 30/- (£1.50p) including "*The Journal*"
Membership:
Events: The Guild took part in the "*National Association of
Guilds Exhibition*" at the Geffrye Museum, London.
Mrs Plough gave a talk on Scandinavian Weaving. (Lecture
and fare from London £6.18s 0d (£6.90p).

1970

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Committee: Miss Genge Andrews, Margaret Barron, Miss Harry,
Meg Moutenay, Mrs Smith.

Subscription: 30/- (£1.50p)

Membership:

Events:

Course held at Dartington. Inclusive fee £13.
Phyl Shillinglaw and Mrs Houston - Weaving: elementary,
intermediate and advanced.

The AGM was attended by 20 members

Ruth Ash of Dartington joined the Guild. Ruth was the
daughter of Dorothy and Leonard Elmhurst who developed
the Dartington Estate into a centre for education, arts,
crafts and commercial concerns.

1971

President:
Chairman: Enid Gaskell
V-Chairman: Meg Mountenay
Secretary: Mrs Cropper
Treasurer: Mrs Willis
Committee: Mrs Genge Andrews, Margaret Barron, Mrs Lee,
Meg Mountenay, Mrs Radford, Mr Cropper.
Subscription: £1.
Membership:
Events: Lecture by Mr Dixon-Wright from Malvern (Worcs)
Guild.

At a Private View of an Exhibition by the "*Devon Guild of Craftsmen*", Phyl Shillinglaw and James Noel White discussed the possibility of an exhibition of the work of all Guilds of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers. Was this the conception of our National Association Biennial Exhibition? Gwyn Thody joined the Guild. Gwyn, an expert dyer and spinner, held meetings at her home, St. Clares, Seaton, and took part in many Guild activities. Failing sight forced her to resign in 1985.

1972

President:
Chairman: Enid Gaskell
V-Chairman: Meg Mountenay
Secretary: Meg Mountenay
Treasurer: Mrs Willis
Committee: Mrs Ruth Ash, Margaret Barron, Mrs Radford,
Miss Phyl Shillinglaw, Mrs Spreadbury,
Mrs Webber.
Subscription: £1.70p (decimal currency now)
Membership: 46
Events: Association Exhibition at Victoria Art Gallery,
Bridge Street, Bath.
October: Dartington course - Tutors:
Theo Moorman: "*New Experiments on Small Looms
with an accent on Dress Accessories & Wall
Hangings*"
Joyce Griffiths: "*From Fleece to Fabric*"
Fee: £15 to include tuition, accommodation and
all meals.
Guild now owned a spinning wheel donated by a
member.

1973

President:
Chairman: Enid Gaskell
V-Chairman: Meg Mountenay, Georgeham, Braunton, Devon
Secretary: Mrs Lee, 16 Whiteway Road, Kingsteignton, Newton
Abbot
Treasurer: Mrs Willis, 20 Titchfield Gardens, Paignton
Committee: Mrs Ruth Ash, Mrs Radford, Mrs Rogers,
Mrs Spreadbury, Mrs Donna Tribby
Subscription: £1.
Membership: 39
Events: 2-3 March - dyeing days at Sharpham House with
Ruth Ash and Phyl Shillinglaw.
Robert Patterson, Curator of Castle Museum, York
on "*Cloth of York*".
12 May - last meeting at St. David's Institute.
September - meeting at Wynards, Exeter.
Headed notepaper purchased and Members list
produced.
Cash-in-bank: £292. Cup of tea and biscuits 4p
Two bursaries awarded for Dartington course.
Trading Stall initiated. Fleece, yarns,
equipment etc., on a bring-and-buy basis with
10% commission to Guild funds.

1974

President:

Chairman: Enid Gaskell

V-Chairman: Meg Mountenay

Secretary: Mrs Lee

Treasurer: Mrs Rogers

Committee: Mrs Ash, Mrs Sylvia Hayes, Mrs Pat Johns, Mrs Radford, Mrs Spreadbury.

Subscription:

Membership:

Events:

October: Exhibition at Fair Lynch Museum, Budleigh Salterton. Entry fee 5p per article. 367 people attended and 23 members entered 90 exhibits.

Profit to Guild £17.77½p!

Demonstrators:

Miss Enid Gaskell:	Weaving
Mrs Sylvia Hayes:	Spinning
Mrs Lee:	Spinning and weaving
Miss Mary Jarvis:	Weaving
Miss Judy Parfitt:	Spinning dogs' hair and wool
Miss Phyl Shillinglaw:	Wood dyes.

November AGM:

Miss Enid Gaskell retired after 12 years in the Chair and was elected President.

Miss Margaret Barron elected to the Chair.

Mrs Pat Johns elected Vice Chairman.

Mrs Rogers elected Treasurer.

Committee: Sylvia Hayes, Miss Mary Jarvis, Mrs Sarah Scott, Mr Bridgewater. Co-opted, Ruth Ash.

Dartington course:

Mrs Houston and Mrs Lee - Weaving on small looms and tapestry weaving.

During Enid Gaskell's Chairmanship it is recorded that many very successful meetings were held at her home in Budleigh Salterton. Members arrived in the morning to find several looms already warped, and an ample supply of yarns with which to experiment. Also, plenty of advice and help, interspersed with delicious refreshments, and - a little lazing in the garden!

Her 'News Letters' regularly contained instructions concerning weaving and many interesting articles written by her.

Enid also served on the General Purposes Committee of the Association of Guilds.

Another feature of these years was the interchange of work for inspection and comment between Guilds, and the amount of teaching that went on between members, continually exchanging ideas.

1975

President:
Chairman: Margaret Barron
V-Chairman:
Secretary: Mrs Lee resigned in May and Mrs Jean Flynn elected
Treasurer: Mrs Rogers
Committee: Sylvia Hayes, Mary Jarvis, Pat Johns, Sarah Scott,
Mr Bridgewater. Co-opted, Ruth Ash.
News Letter: Judy Parfitt
Subscription: £1.50p
Membership: 58
Events: January meeting at Pat Johns home, with a talk by
Peter Atherton from the College of Art.
Dyeing day with Ruth Ash at Sharpham House, Totnes.

1976

President:
Chairman: Margaret Barron
V-Chairman:
Secretary: Jean Flynn
Treasurer: Mrs Rogers (resigned)
Committee: Ruth Gilbert, Anna Williams. Co-opted, Joyce Cooke and
Tim Timmings.
Subscription: Raised to £2.
Membership:
Events: Talk by Peter Collingwood (weaver)
Guild had stand at the Exeter Fair
Trading stall to be at every meeting with Mrs Radford and
Tim Timmings in charge.
Dartington course:
Bobbie Cox - Weaving
Anne Lander - Spinning & Dyeing
Roger Oates

1977

President:

Chairman: Margaret Barron

V-Chairman: Tim Timmings

Secretary: Jean Flynn

Treasurer: Pat Johns

Committee: Yvonne Baker, Mary Cooper, Mary Jarvis, Sarah Scott,
Colin Chalmers (co-opted).

Subscription: £2.

Membership: 94

Events: Dartington course: Kathleen McFarlane, Eileen Chadwick.
Tent in the Exeter Craft Market in May.
Exmouth Exhibition in July.
Loom, wheel, carders, books and screen were purchased.
Phyl Shillinglaw and Lucille Clarkson retired to Malvern.

1978

President: Enid Gaskell

Chairman: Joyce Cooke

V-Chairman: Tim Timmings

Secretary: Jean Flynn + Colin Chalmers (Minutes)

Treasurer: Pat Johns

Committee: Yvonne Baker, Mary Cooper, Ruth Gilbert, Anna Williams.
Co-opted - Ruth Ash, Felicity Greaves, Moira Thomas.

Subscription: £2.

Membership:

Events: Guild moved to the Friends Meeting House, Magdalen
Street, Exeter.
Took part in exhibitions at Bath and Plymouth.
Library initiated. Trading stall expanded, Tim Timmings
responsible.
Working Groups at Topsham, Tavistock and Plymouth.

1979

President: Enid Gaskell
Chairman: Joyce Cooke
V-Chairman: Tim Timmings
Secretary: Mary Cooper + Colin Chalmers (Minutes)
Treasurer: Pat Johns
Committee: Marian Dawson, Felicity Greaves, Astrid Grenstead,
Kathleen McWilliams, Anna Williams.
Subscription: £2.
Membership:
Events:
Dartington course:
Bobbie Cox - Frame Loom Weaving
Pat Haynes - Spinning, Knitting and Crochet
Phyl Shillinglaw - Dyeing with wood dyes
Exhibition at Exeter Museum.
Outing to home of Ruth Ash, Sharpham House, Totnes.
Wheel, 2 looms and projector bought.

1980

President: Enid Gaskell
Chairman: Joyce Cooke
V-Chairman: Tim Timmings
Secretary: Mary Cooper
Treasurer: Felicity Greaves
Committee: Audrey Cousins, Marian Dawson, Astrid Granted,
Rhona Quincey, Gillian Spires.
Co-opted - Kathleen McWilliams, Don Quick, John Seddon.
Subscription: £2.
Membership: 180
Cash-in-bank: £535.
Events:
A day at Dartington Hall with Vanessa Robertson.
A Jacob Day at Puslinch, Yealmpton, home of
Rosalyn Younge.
Finishing Cloth: Morfudd Roberts.
Dartington course:
Vanessa Robertson - Weaving
Astrid Fernival - Dyeing
James Walters - Crochet

1981

President: Enid Gaskell

Chairman: Joyce Cooke

V-Chairman:

Secretary: Mary Cooper

Treasurer: Felicity Greaves, assistant John Seddon

Committee: Marion Dawson, Astrid Grensted, Rhona Quincey,
Gillian Spires, Robin Jolley

Subscription: £2

Membership: 145

Events:

May: Tent at Killerton Craft Fair, Broadclyst, Exeter

June: First suggestion of the Guild making a Tapestry for St. Nicholas Priory. Consultations with Exeter City Council and Royal Albert Museum

October: Work on St. Nicholas Tapestry commenced with meetings at the home of Pat Johns, the designer and instigator. The work involved many spinners, weavers, dyers and frame makers

Competitions had been held for a few years in the '60's, and later a competition with a theme was held on the occasional "working days". It was voted on by members and a small prize awarded to the winner. In 1986 this was replaced by an Annual Competition - "*your best piece of work during the year*". A plaque given in memory of Phyl Shillinglaw, and a money prize was thereafter awarded to the winner, decided by popular vote.

1982

President: Enid Gaskell
Chairman: Donald & Pat Quick (joint)
V-Chairman:
Secretary: Mrs Audrey Cousins
Treasurer: John Seddon
Committee: Marian Dawson, Astrid Granted, Eleanor Matthews,
Rhona Quincey, Gillian Spires, Robin Jolley,
Alan Quincey.

Subscription: £3.

Membership: 221

Events:

Dartington course:

Wilma Hollist - Intermediate/advanced spinning

Pat Johns - Tapestry

Roy Russell - Synthetic dyeing

Outing to All Hallows Lace Museum, Honiton and to the home of John and Mary Yallop at Farway.

A team of mainly Guild members headed by Ann Sandercock (now Ann Prince) broke the World record for a "*Sheep to Shoulder*" garment

October: Exhibition at Fairlynch Museum, Budleigh Salterton

December: Presentation on behalf of the Guild by Enid Gaskell of the Tapestry to St. Nicholas Priory in presence of the Mayoress, Mrs Pat Spence