



Hello to all members of the AGWSD guilds,

The GPC greatly appreciates the ways the guilds are working round the current difficulties, to look after their members, to keep in touch using social media, whilst we can't meet face to face, and to keep the whole AGWSD organisation in one piece, for when we can return to our normal meetings.

We are lucky to have such an organisation, and our creative skills to keep us occupied. Charlotte will continue to email the AGWSD Newsletter, we also have Facebook, Twitter and Instagram that can be used for communication.

Keep safe, keep smiling and keep creative

Janet Crowther  
AGWSD Acting Chair

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### AGM

The format for the AGWSD AGM planned for 18 April in London was changed, we are now holding a postal AGM. Information was sent to all guilds on 12/03/2020. Thank you to all the secretaries who acknowledged receipt of the message, a further thank you to those guilds that have already sent their voting form to the AGWSD Secretary, Mary England. Please remember to return your guild's voting form by 30 April to [secretary@wsd.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wsd.org.uk) or to the postal address on the form. Thank you

For the GPC to continue, and therefore the AGWSD, we need 30 of member guilds to reply to make the AGM quorate. This is particularly important as we need to formally elect Mary England as Honorary Secretary, she is currently co-opted, and to elect Janet Maher as Honorary Vice Chair. Janet is currently on the GPC as acting Vice Chair, but needs to become an Honorary member of the GPC as elected Vice Chair. We have only two Honorary officers at the moment, Caroline Murray Gourlay and myself, which just keeps us within the constitution.

Queries from guilds concerning aspects of the AGM, along with the GPC replies can be found on the AGWSD website <https://wipagwsd.wordpress.com/2020-agm/>

### Guild Gathering

Currently the Guild Gathering is under review. Unfortunately as further constraints are put on everyone, the Guild Gathering may have to be cancelled for June 2020. This decision will be made soon by the GPC in discussion with the Convener and the Guild Gathering Committee, taking into consideration Government advice. Those who have booked to be at the Guild Gathering will be contacted by the Convener and her team as soon as the decision is made.

### Exhibition

The GPC are currently discussing all options for the AGWSD Exhibition at Leigh Spinners Mill, planned for September. Whatever the outcome there will be an opportunity for sharing all the wonderful work created by guild members. We can't wait to see how creative everyone is so please keep working towards the exhibition.

### Summer School 2021

Plans for this are going ahead. There is a wonderful line of tutors planned.

Chair: Janet Crowther, [chair@wsd.org.uk](mailto:chair@wsd.org.uk)  
Vice-Chair: Janet Maher, [vicechair@wsd.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@wsd.org.uk)  
Secretary: Mary England, [secretary@wsd.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wsd.org.uk)  
Hon. Treasurer: Caroline Murray-Gourlay, [treasurer@wsd.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@wsd.org.uk)

## **AGWSD Newsletter**

The AGWSD Newsletter will continue to be a line of communication for all guilds. Email your information to Charlotte, newsletter@wsd.org.uk

## **AGWSD Social media**

There are many guild social media groups that are already sharing .

The AGWSD has Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. These are for use by all to keep in contact and communicate with each other.

## **The Journal**

Every effort will be made to publish the summer Journal as usual. I am sure the JEC would be grateful for copy for further editions, please look in your Journal or at the Journal website,

<https://www.journalwsd.org.uk> for who to contact.

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## **Online Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers**

Margaret Parker would like to share the Online Guild's very generous offer of free membership .

Due to the numbers of people applying to the Online Guild, please read the following before looking at the offer (on the following page):

21<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Since the scheme was announced on Tuesday 17th March we have been inundated with requests to the extent that the OLG has potentially doubled in size and we thus feel the need to pause the arrangement for at least a week. This will give everybody who helps manage the OLG the time to draw breath and the chance to check that the existing procedures, policies and structures are fit for purpose for the greatly enhanced numbers. Only by doing this do we feel that all concerned, both new and old members, will have a positive experience.

Unless you respond otherwise your name will be placed on a waiting list to be dealt with as the situation becomes clearer. We will then be in contact further.

Margaret Parker

Convenor, OLG



## Online Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers



### Free membership

Because of the outbreak of **coronavirus** a number of Guilds have already cancelled their regular meetings and in the days to come more people may be in self isolation.

In response to this the OLG is offering **free** membership for a limited time until the current situation changes.

Participants will have access to all the OLG resources including files, photos and workshops but will **not** receive a copy of the Journal. Technical help will be available for those less certain of their ability with emails and the internet

To join via this scheme simply email the Convenor, Margaret Parker:

[parker@aireweave.co.uk](mailto:parker@aireweave.co.uk)

with your postal address so that a printed Welcome Pack can be sent direct to you.

At the end of this scheme you will be offered the choice of paying your membership at the relevant rate or of leaving the OLG as you so wish.

Please feel free to circulate this document widely.

*Online Guild of Weaver Spinners and Dyers – your guild meeting on PC,  
Laptop, Tablet or Smartphone – any place, any time*