

Second Local Arts and Crafts Exhibition

We ought to do it Again!

Our second September Exhibition was held, as last year, in the Wychwood Baptist Church Hall where high-quality local Art and Craft was on show. The posters and direction boards in and around the village gave directions and the eye-catching 'Yarn Bomber's' work on the railings outside welcomed people in and soon we had a slow procession of interested locals.

Painting, Patchwork and Preserves

Many of last year's exhibitors were happy to take part, showing their various skills, including: oil, water colour and pastel paintings, silver and beaded jewellery, textile bags, kanzashi flowers, textile art, patchwork, locally produced alpaca clothes and fibres, cross stitch, felt pictures, knitted work by Iknit members and home-made preserves. We welcomed two new exhibitors who brought their mosaic, patchwork and appliqué work from Eynsham and C21st yarns from

Kingham put on a colourful display of hand-dyed wool.

In the church the tables had been decorated with autumn berries and we served all-day tea, coffee, cakes and home-made lunches.

Welcome Support

Two charities were chosen to benefit from our efforts. - the Hope Church in Drăgănești, Romania, which is supported by the Wychwood Baptist Church and our local Wychwood Wild Garden.

The aim of the Wild Garden display was to broaden the appeal of the garden and to gain more volunteers to help with the maintenance and upkeep. New volunteers signed up on the day and we hope that we have raised the profile of this wonderful facility. Both charities will receive £145. Well done to everyone and many thanks to all who helped in any way.

Lorna Raye and Enid Hugill

Gail's Last Plant Sale

I am going to have (my last!) plant sale on the Village Green on **25th May** next year in aid of the Wild Garden.

Please think of me when you are thinning out the borders, sowing seeds and taking cuttings. All donations of plants, vegetables or flowers - anything that will sell - will be gratefully received.

Just bring them along to Shipton Village Green between **10am and 1pm** on **25th May 2013**.

And while you are there why not buy something to take home with you?

Gail Huntingford

