



John Arbon Textiles & Fibre Harvest

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5th annual

Open Weekend

and Yarn & Tops sale

at our **MILL** in South Molton, N Devon

Sat 19th & Sun 20th May 2018

John Arbon Textiles would like to announce our 5th annual **Mill Open Weekend**. It will take place at our Mill in South Molton on **Sat 19th & Sun 20th May 2018** (free entry -10am till 5pm). As well as being an open weekend (with guided tours of the Mill, see end of page for more info), it will include a **Yarn and Tops sale**.

Our Mill in South Molton is one of only a handful of small-scale worsted spinning Mills still operating in the UK. John Arbon, our trusty leader, and our lovely team of Mill workers (Helena, Tash, Phil & Jack) happily spend their time making all our luxurious Tops and Yarns.

The Mill is not usually open to the public, but we have once again decided to open for this special weekend so people can see and learn about our vintage spinning and processing Mill machinery. Alongside we will have a sale – giving visitors a chance to get their mitts on Yarns, Tops & Socks (some at special prices). Plus there will be tea and home made cakes on hand to refresh and content if needed.

Our Mill, in South Molton (N Devon), was set up in 2013 when John painstakingly dismantled & moved, re-assembled & re-conditioned his cherished vintage Mill machinery. 2014 began with the Fibre Harvest Mill all set up in its shiny new surroundings & running smoother than ever. At the end of 2014 our new spinner (Kevin) arrived, followed in 2016 by Gino (a cone winder who came all the way from Italy). Then last year saw the arrival of our latest (and smallest) machine ... Thumbelina – she is a baby skeiner and makes all our lovely KBN 4ply & DK minis (she is Tash's pride and joy!). At the Mill, John (award winning De Montfort University textile graduate) is utilising his 20 years' experience to create & develop his own warmly received range of luxury Tops and Yarns, incorporating local & rare breed fleeces wherever possible.

John produces interesting & sumptuous blends of fibres, making gorgeous Tops for hand spinners & felters, which he also spins into luxury Yarns that are a treat to knit, crochet & weave. Some of our ranges are... Knit By Numbers (100% organically farmed Merino in over 100 gradient shades in 4ply & DK as 100g skeins and 25g minis too), Alpaca Supreme, Harvest Hues, & Devonía (a blend of 3 local breeds - Exmoor Blueface / Devon Bluefaced Leicester / Devon Wensleydale in both 4ply & DK with the 14 complimentary shades producing a rich melange of colour).

John Arbon Textiles & Fibre Harvest are small family-run businesses running side by side under the watchful, enthusiastic eyes of John & his wife / business partner Juliet. Their production concept is simple - a return to old style textile manufacture ... sustainably sourcing raw fibre locally wherever possible & converting it, in Britain, into high quality tops and yarns.

Entry is FREE - it includes meeting up with John & learning all (well most) of his woolly secrets.

For more info:

date: Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th May 2018

time: 10am-5pm (FREE entry)

tours: Daily Tours are at 10am, 11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm (it's advisable to pre-book if possible, simply email / phone Juliet). However you can, of course, visit on either day without going on a tour. Please note, owing to health & safety restrictions, only children over 11 will be allowed on a tour & will need to be accompanied by an adult if under 16.

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