

SATURDAY TALKS – All in the Talk Tent, near the Café, except Sat 3pm & Sun 1pm	
10.30AM	<p>The Joy of Foraging - Leah Apostolou</p> <p>An exploration of the benefits of foraging on our well-being, as well as the potential positive environmental impacts of building a reciprocal relationship with nature.</p>
11AM	<p>Farming in Protected Landscapes - Megan Godley - Mendip Hills AONB</p> <p>How farmers in the Mendip Hills have shaped the landscape, and how they continue to deliver public goods in the AONB</p>
11.45AM	<p>British Wool Shearing Training - Richard Schofield - British Wool Shearing Manager</p> <p>Covering the process of the shearing programme and what British Wool contributes to the wool industry from leaving the farm to the Grading depot.</p>
1PM	<p>How to select a fleece for spinning - Chris Rice (Somerset Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers)</p> <p>Points to check when considering the choice of fleece, including possible faults, how to process your fleece considering the end use of the yarn.</p>
2PM	<p>Regenerative Fashion - Elizabeth Keach & Caroline of Rosenborg of Atonement td.</p> <p>Caroline and Elizabeth are Co-Founders of the startup London-based fashion brand Atonement Ltd. Their company aims to be a holistically 'regenerative fashion' brand both in fibre sourcing, and within their entire business operations and strategy. This talk will showcase some of the latest research in regenerative fashion, learnings from working in conventional fabric sourcing vs. direct from farms and insights on what the emerging regenerative fashion paradigm is on track to become. Their talk will end with a 15 minute Q&A where they will welcome questions and discussion around what true farm-to-closet, regenerative fashion supply/value chains can be.</p>
3PM	<p>Sheep Welfare - the Good Life for sheep - Lisa Morgans and Laura Palczynski - Innovation for Agriculture</p> <p>Join Laura and Lisa for this 30-min interactive workshop (IN THE SHEARING SHED) and help them to create a good story for Ewenice the sheep! Learn more about how we can provide positive experiences for individual sheep and flocks. Have your say about how we can share the message of a good life for sheep far and wide! Some of the questions we will discuss: What does a good life for sheep look like? What is good animal welfare? What type of assurances or standards would you like to see on wool and sheep products?</p>
4.40PM	<p>Is it time to take sustainability mainstream? Certification to deliver real change - Jason Gale - A Greener World</p> <p>Introduction to the not for profit global farm certifier A Greener World, including background of the organisation and an insight to their sustainable farm programmes, including Certified Animal Welfare Approved, Certified Grassfed and Certified Regenerative.</p>
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12NOON	<p>Wool - a Down to Earth approach - Yuli Somme of Bellacouche</p> <p>In an ecologically vulnerable world can we think of doing funerals differently to reduce our carbon footprint? Taking inspiration from the 17th Burial in Wool Act, I have been making shrouds for over 20 years, using locally sourced wool made into felt. Funeral culture is changing, adapting to modern needs and sensitivities. Twenty years on from my outsider idea the simple elegance of a woolly cocoon to bury our dead is finding a place that brings comfort to families, whilst also providing a viable and poignant use for wool, which has been undervalued for too long.</p>
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2PM	<p>Soil to soil: a sustainable approach to designing knitwear - Ria Burns</p> <p>Ria is a knitwear designer whose efforts to develop fully traceable and sustainable knitwear have led to her developing a holistic, soil to soil approach to design and making. From sourcing her wool as locally as possible, to becoming an accidental horticulturalist by growing her own plants for natural dyeing, to designing zero waste garments to be cherished, looked after and passed on; in this talk she will take you through her journey, showcase her work and provide some practical tips on sustainable knitwear making.</p>
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