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Yarningham – Birmingham’s yarn festival



Yarningham is Birmingham’s yarn festival produced by Stitches and Hos. Following on from the success of the inaugural festival in 2016, Stitches and Hos have returned with the second edition of Yarningham.

Stitches and Hos have selected 20 of the best independent yarn related companies from around the UK to come and exhibit in the heart of England.

Yarningham was created for those who love everything about yarn from expert knitters to curious hobbyists.

Exhibitors include Fig Tree Yarns, Jersey based specialists in hard to source luxury yarns from the UK, US and Canada; Hand Dyed By Kate, a Swansea based dyer whose unique dyeing style ranges from delicate semi solids to gorgeous self striping and multicoloured skeins and Queen of Purls, who specializes in sumptuous earthy colours layered to create complex colourways Glasgow based indie dyer and who specializes in vibrant self striping yarn.

To compliment the marketplace, Yarningham will also include a short programme of workshops for visitors. Learn how to create two-sided knitting in the Double Knitting Workshop, or even how to use your knitting skills to transform your wardrobe in the Stitch Hacking Workshop.

Yarningham will also feature demonstrations from Birmingham and District Weavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild; baked delights from Lorna Bakes and a chance to try out Knitmastery the new mobile app for knitters.

Yarningham is the brainchild of Stitches and Hos, a motley crew of enthusiasts for things knitted, crocheted and stitched. Stitches and Hos have been creating stitched chaos at festivals, galleries and museums since 2006. Originally started as a monthly social night held in a pub, Stitches and Hos have also produced large scale knit graffiti projects including covering the pillars of Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to celebrate London 2012 Olympic Games.

For more information about Yarningham visit www.stitchesandhos.co.uk/yarningham

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Notes to editors

1. Yarningham is conceived and produced by Stitches and Hos. Stitches and Hos have hand picked a selection of independent yarn producers from around the UK to exhibit.
www.stitchesandhos.co.uk
2. Yarningham takes place on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July, 11 -5pm. Limited day tickets are available in advance and cost £3.50 (+ booking fee). Further tickets will be available on the door and cost £5. Advanced tickets are available from We Got Tickets www.wegotickets.com
3. Yarningham is held at Stirchley Baths, a former Edwardian swimming baths that has been restored into a community hub.
<http://stirchleybaths.org>
4. Yarningham is Birmingham's yarn festival held at Stirchley Baths, comprising of a marketplace, workshop programme, demonstrations and not forgetting cake!
5. Birmingham and the West Midlands did not have an independent wool show. Stitches and Hos created Yarningham in 2016 to rectify that.

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