

# APPG *for* CRAFT

Speakers for the Meeting of the  
All Party Parliamentary Group for Craft  
Wednesday, 12th January 2022, 10–11.45am, on Zoom

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## **Daniel Carpenter, Operations Director, Heritage Crafts**

Daniel was one of the founders of Heritage Crafts back in 2009 when he was working for Voluntary Arts (the UK and Ireland development agency for active participation in creative cultural activities) and writing about intangible cultural heritage and the role of amateurs in keeping high-level craft skills alive. He led the HCA's Pre-Apprenticeship Pilot project in West Somerset in 2017, and was commissioned in 2018 as Research Manager of the second edition of Red List of Endangered Crafts, before being recruited onto the staff team in 2019.



## **Margaret Morrison, Greg Whyte**

Margaret Morrison is a traditional sporrans maker based in Perth, Scotland. The company was started in 1999 and specialises in Highland Regalia leatherworks which includes not only sporrans, but also belts, straps, pipers cross and waist belts. Wherever possible they use local Scottish materials. Greg is described on their website as 'The Boss'!



## **Tony Millyard, Historical Woodwind Instrument Maker**

Following an excellent Engineering Apprenticeship in the 1970s and a career in the Computer industry, Tony has now been making copies of Baroque and Classical era Flutes, Oboes and Bassoons for over 25 years. With a Heritage Craft Endangered Craft Fund grant this year, he has now trained up a colleague in the art of flute making and they have designed a new flute for beginner players which is now being distributed worldwide to music shops.



## **Deborah White, Damask Weaver**

Having learnt the craft from Ireland's last damask weaver, his death brought home the realisation that the craft, and its three hundred year association with the north of Ireland, were fast in danger of extinction. Heritage Crafts through the Endangered Craft Fund sponsored her restoration of a broadloom used for the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1952, and generated an AHRC-sponsored PhD exploring the techniques of hand-woven Irish Damask.



### **Ernest Wright Scissors, Jonathan Reid, Product Manager**

Ernest Wright scissors was founded in 1902 and has produced hand-made scissors to exceptional quality ever since. The company has had ups and downs and is now the only scissor makers in Sheffield. Cliff and Eric, both in their 70s, are master putter-togetherers and now train others. In 2020 Ernest Wright became the very first winners of Heritage Crafts' President's Award, initiated and funded by The Prince of Wales. Jonathan is Product Manager at the company, a putter-togetherer and a collector of scissors.