



## News from Timbuktu

Just recently Sue, Steve and Chris were joined by another Sue (Sue Lim of the Blue Ginger Gallery in Malvern) on their return journey to Timbuktu to reconnect with the local artisans. I have spoken to them a few times, to hear reports of immense hospitality, huge skies and sweeping landscapes, as well as excellent progress being made in the talks with the Tuareg artisans. [Read more...](#)



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## Blue Ginger event

A 'Timbuktu Tales' evening is to be held at the Blue Ginger Gallery on Tuesday 19 May, and a number of us will be going so we can talk about our trip to Timbuktu in February. We are expecting Mohamed El Maloud, the younger brother of Mohammed Lamine, the President of the 59 artisan associations in Timbuktu, to be visiting us at that time, so he will be there also. He is an accomplished silversmith in his own right, and talks eloquently (and in English!) of all things Tuareg, so an event not to be missed.

The Blue Ginger Gallery, half way between Hereford and Worcester, was one of the first places to offer to retail jewellery on behalf of Jump4Timbuktu. Its owner, Sue Lim, shared in our adventures on our trip to Timbuktu in February. We journeyed there via Djenne, where she bought some bogolan blankets. We were eternally grateful for the quality of the blankets not long after she bought them, when we stayed overnight in a Tuareg village, south of the Niger river, and used them to keep us cosy beneath the starry desert skies...



If you cannot make it to the evening, visit her blog, her web site, or better still, the gallery itself. Click [here](#) to do so. If you feel inspired to host a similar evening please [contact us](#).

## Fair Trade Fortnight

Jump4Timbuktu participated in two worthwhile events during this year's Fair Trade Fortnight. We were invited to take part in the Fair Trade Wales Market. This involved an early Saturday morning start from Hay. We were heading to the Makintosh Social Club in Cardiff to set up our stall amongst the growing network of friendly fair traders. The car park of the Club is home to the Roath Real Food Market, so we were able to benefit from this busy farmers' market's customers. The Fair Trade goods for sale were diverse and of the highest quality. With a pleasant atmosphere both inside the Club and out, we had a great day.

J4T was pleased to participate in Hay on Wye's Fair Trade evening at The Globe. Another enjoyable event with live music, ethically sourced drinks, and fair trade products available for sale. As well as having a fun night, for us it was another opportunity to talk about our project, display the beautiful jewellery and show off the exquisite craftsmanship of our Timbuktu artisans.



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