



## CLWYD WEB April 2013

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### Meetings and Events

<p><b>Apr 20<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Show &amp; tell</b> This month's meeting is a nice relaxed informal one. Our show and tell meetings always turn out interesting, plus there'll be plenty of time to work on your own projects. (bring a wheel, your knitting or crochet some more letters!).</p> <p>If you want to join the "Show and Tell", please bring a recently finished project to show off, or a work in progress, or perhaps something that you're totally stuck on and are looking for help. Tell us the story behind what you're making!</p> <p>In addition, since some of us went off to Wingham events, Chris &amp; Janet to Penygroes with the Llyn Guild and Gill, Betty, Yvonne and Lorna (with Albert) to Frodsham with Cheshire Guild, I thought people would like to see what we bought and what (if anything) we plan to do with our new purchases apart from sit and admire them!</p> <p><b>And if you have any letters for the Banner, please bring them along (see below!)</b></p>
<p><b>Apr 14<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Abergele Guild Friendship Day 10am-4pm</b> We would like to welcome you to our Friendship Day at the Memorial Hall, Llanfair Talhaiarn, Nr. Abergele. As well as a chance to spin, weave, and inkle, we are glad to welcome back Annie and Kath's Mam a Mi dyed yarns. If you have small knitting/spinning/weaving items for a good will sale table, they would be welcome. Funds from this will go towards a charity. There will be a £2 charge towards the rental of the hall.</p>
<p><b>Apr 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Wonder Wool Wales, Showground, Builth Wells.</b></p>
<p><b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Shadow knitting workshop</b></p>
<p><b>May 30<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Ty Mawr</b> Sheep Shear and family Fun Day 1:30 - 4:00. Volunteers required</p>
<p><b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Llysfasi Open Day and Sheep Shearing Competition. 10am - 3pm</b> <b>Volunteers required.</b> This event is being held to "promote land-based industries" and will be along the lines of previous events but with families invited rather than schools. The college have invited us to provide demos, and say that we can sell if we wish with no charge for a stall, but are asking for 10% contribution to charity (The British Heart Foundation) on sales.</p>

#### Wingham at Frosham with the Cheshire Guild.

**Lorna wrote:** Lovely weather gave our day a good start, and A. and I saw only two HGV's on the way to Frodsham - must be a record small number. We arrived earlier than I expected and at that time mine was the only wheel. I bought some merino with silk to hopefully make a waistcoat, also some BFL for a sweater. Last year I unexpectedly received a gift of 100g of baby alpaca which is extremely fine and will I think be awkward to spin, so I searched for another colour to put with it. As for what to make from it - I haven't a clue yet, and will wait to see how it turns out. All in all a good day, one to be remembered for the right reasons, especially since Gill and Yvonne brought Betty as well.

#### Wingham at PenYGroes with the Llyn Guild.

**Chris wrote:** This was a mid-week meeting, but Janet and I both decided we needed a break from work. I met Janet just down from her home, we tossed a coin for coast road or cross-country and cross-country won. We had a scenic drive across a very cold Wales, with pretty white mountains (above a 1000' or so) and

found the Pen Y Groes Memorial Hall by about 11:30am. It was already packed with groups of spinners in colourful handmade woollen wear (the hall was very chilly) and we signed in and bought tea and home baking, before settling in to browse the Wingham room. Janet was after some of their custom blends to finish a jumper, but couldn't quite find a match. I bought some of the multicolour merino/silk mix, and some slubby mohair yarn for dyeing and weaving. By early afternoon, the big bag of mixed colour merino tops were getting quite empty and the frenzy died down a bit, Janet got a new drive band fitted to her Ashford, and we both resisted the lure of their big rolls of carded mixes.

We thought about taking the coast road back for a change of scenery, but the satnav told us that it was 10 miles and 20 mins longer, so we retraced our steps. I picked up my car and had an uneventful drive home past Wrexham, Chester and on to Northwich. (Gill pointed out that I might be closer to Wentworth than to PenYGroes – I just checked, and it's MUCH closer!). It turns out that our timing was perfect, next day it snowed on Wales, we sent 2 of our engineers off to Shrewsbury and they got stuck on the Wrexham dual carriageway for 2 hours, and Janet potted pictures of the view from her kitchen window, where only the peak of the greenhouse can be seen above the drifts.

**Association News:** There is a call for photos for the Association Calendar for next year. These should be in landscape format and (if electronic) should be 200dpi min. Email [calendar@wsd.org.uk](mailto:calendar@wsd.org.uk) or post to Hilary Turner, 37 Blundellsands Rd East, Liverpool, L23 8UJ. Closing date Apr 20<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone has any **8" squares for the All-Wales exhibition**, please bring them to the April meeting. Anneli is taking them to Wonderwool Wales for us to save postage. £1.50 is needed with each square, plus a label to tell us all about it. (If you can't get them to the meeting, you could mail them straight to Anneli before the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**August At Homes.** Teresa's 'at home' rainbow dyeing day is now on 10th August to avoid the clash with the Ruthin show on 17th. Gill is having an 'at home' on 31st August. This is hopefully to piece together the Welsh challenge, a display to represent seasons. Any suggestions at the next meeting will be gratefully received. Some thoughts are:

Only one season, making a collage of a scene from that season. Maybe a Christmas tree or beach scene.

Display board split into four with a scene for each season.

Abstract collage using colours of the seasons.

Flowers grown in the particular seasons

Events that happen in each season

**Letters for the banner.** Here is a list of the letters that are still needed. Teresa says that some ladies took yarn and patterns for these but they need to be done and brought to the next meeting. We are getting closer to the summer events and it would be good if we could start using the banner. We need: 2 x W, 1xV, 3xR, 1xP, 2xI, 3xN. If you have taken the pattern but can't get them finished could you bring the pattern and yarn back, please so we can get them done. Yvonne has kindly volunteered to have another session on them next meeting. Thanks Gill

## ***The Back Page***

***I can recommend this article and seeing the lovely Shetland ponies in their Shetland shumpers (there's a video too!)***

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2266196/How-turn-pony-jumper--combine-Shetlands-favourite-exports.html>

***Please contact Chris if you have anything of interest for the newsletter***