



## CLWYD WEB

JULY/AUGUST 2006

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### EVENTS & MEETINGS



#### August – at homes

Monday August 7th Janet Strivens will be hosting our first "At Home" She suggests although we don't usually theme at homes, it would be nice to invite people to bring a fleece if the weather is nice for sorting and maybe washing. New members might find the chance to look at different fleeces interesting, and some help in tackling the first step in processing is always useful. (If you'd like to try this, I suggest bringing: fleece, bucket, and an old pillow case) ps bring a contribution for lunch too.

#### Wed. 16th August with Helen Bendon (Wrexham)

Please could anyone who is thinking of coming to Helen's at home phone by the previous Thursday to tell her that they are coming

#### August 12<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Guild of Weavers Spinners & Dyers Friendship Day.

To be held at Forden Community Centre Nr. Welshpool. !0.30am – 3.30pm. Bring a plate to share. Cost £2  
The Threshing barn from Leek and Silken Strands from Bangor will be present to tempt you with their wares.

#### August Shows

Thank you to Barbara, Shirley and Sarah (and Jess) for turning out at Caerwys show  
If anyone can help at Llanarmon Show - Sat 12th August could they ring Sarah Workman  
For Ruthin Show 19th August- ring Joyce.  
and also contact Joyce for Cilcain Show on August bank holiday.

#### Sep 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Workshop from Dot Seddon (Synthetic dyeing).

You'll need:

10 x 20 gm hanks of wool, mohair or silk, loosely tied. OR 10 x 20 gm lots of fibres.

6 clean 250ml bottle (plastic is OK)

250 ml white vinegar

If you have one, a spirit thermometer

A glass or plastic stirring rod (not wood)

1 or 2 small dye pans of at least 1 litre capacity

1 or 2 microwaveable dishes eg large Christmas pudding size.

Rubber gloves, Apron, Old Towel, old oven gloves if possible. Some cardboard labels.

Also useful, a hotplate (gas or electric), and perhaps some containers (jars) to take home unused dyestuffs.



#### **Dyeing day**

Our July meeting was held at Myra's for experiments in dyeing with indigo and madder. We had another splendid day weatherwise, foodwise and colourwise and I hope every one has overcome their fear of indigo (Myra had also made up indigo, madder and logwood packs and instructions for us to take home!)

I have some lovely madder dyed silk yarn to find a project for, and everyone took home some seriously blue cloth, yarn or fibre from the indigo baths. Thanks to Sarah for the picture.

#### **Additions to membership list:**

Please welcome (and welcome back)

Verona Wikluk

Noreen Bowden

And a change of address (from 11<sup>th</sup> Aug) for  
Teresa Smith



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#### **Visite du Galloise**

*A small clipping to show how to impress the French with relaxing spinning techniques (you can do your own translations!)*

#### **For Sale**

*I have 3 black Wensleydale and 1 white Teeswater fleece for sale at £7 each. They have been picked over but not washed.*

Contact Jenni

#### **Colours of the Celts**

*Traditional dyes for the 21st century*

*30th July 2006 10am-4pm £50.00 (including all materials and Lunch)*

*In the grounds of the home of Jo and Colin Foley high on the hills beside Llanfair TH overlooking Snowdonia. A day with Helen Melvin dyeing with the traditional dyes of the Celts. Students will learn how to prepare mordant and dye wool and silk with dyeplants grown in Helen's Garden and will also end the day with multicoloured fibres and fabrics*

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