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Meetings

Jan 18	Start the year get-together
Feb 15	Back to Basics. (Mini workshops and demos)
Mar 15/16	Pick-up weaves with Martin Weatherhead, ***at Bryn Mair***
Apr 26	Paper Making . (Note date!)
May 17	Coloured Sheep with Olwen Veevers
Jun 21	A dyers Garden at Myra Ryan's
Jul 12/13	Exhibition at Afonwen Craft Centre
Aug	At Homes (to be arranged)
Sep 20	Shetland Knitting with Angela Hawkins
Oct 18	Felting Workshop
Nov 15	AGM and Christmas Meal (Bring a Plate)

Feb meeting. Back to Basics.

This will be a set of mini-workshops and demos given by guild members. We plan to run short sessions on:

- Inkle Loom weaving
- Plying from a single bobbin (Navaho and Andean)
- Drum Carding
- Spindle spinning
- Bead Loom weaving

We'll be bringing materials along for you to try. In fact, I'll bring some fleece that you can drum card, spindle spin, Navaho ply, then weave onto an inkle loom! Or bring along anything you'd like to experiment with. If you are signing up for the pick-up weave workshop, you could check out the inkle loom threading for that.

Other forthcoming events:

Mar 29th NEWI Science fair. Volunteer teams of 4, for a sheep (fleece) to sheep (knitted).

Jun 8th Sasha Kagan knitting workshop.

Jun 12th/13th. Annual Exhibition. Have you still got all those socks?

Jun 24th. Visit with N. Shropshire at Whitemere

Oct 5th. All Wales Event. This year's theme is for each guild to be given a colour.

Mar 12th/13th Weaving Workshop at Bryn Mair.

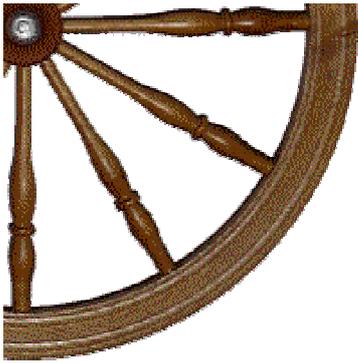
KYRGYZ TERME with Martin Weatherhead.

Informal get together on Saturday at Llysfasi for non-workshop members. (A full handout is available for the workshop.) **Terme weaving** is a warp-faced pick-up weave that can vary in width from an inch to perhaps ten inches wide. It is traditionally used to make decorative bands that are used in the construction of the nomadic felt yurt. For the workshop, you'll need an inkle loom or a 2 or 4 shaft table loom. (4 shaft will make life easier than 2). Recommended yarn: mercerised cotton, or another smooth yarn in 4 colours (light and dark shades of 2 colours are recommended eg blue and turquoise, gold and orange). The weft yarn should be around 4 times the thickness of the warp. If you're using a table loom thread up without the reed. (A rigid heddle loom probably won't work for this.)

Ed's note: I'm going to try and order some suitable yarn, possibly from Texere unless Aberkhan has anything. If anyone wants to join me on this, see me at the meeting or phone me (Chris).

p.s. No prizes for spotting the mistake on this years membership - if you didn't get one - Helen may not have received your subscription yet.

The Back Page! This time there was a whole side of paper unaccounted for, so here's a copy of one of the information pages from my web.



Chris's Spinning Wheel Howto's

www.spindizzy.net/Howtos

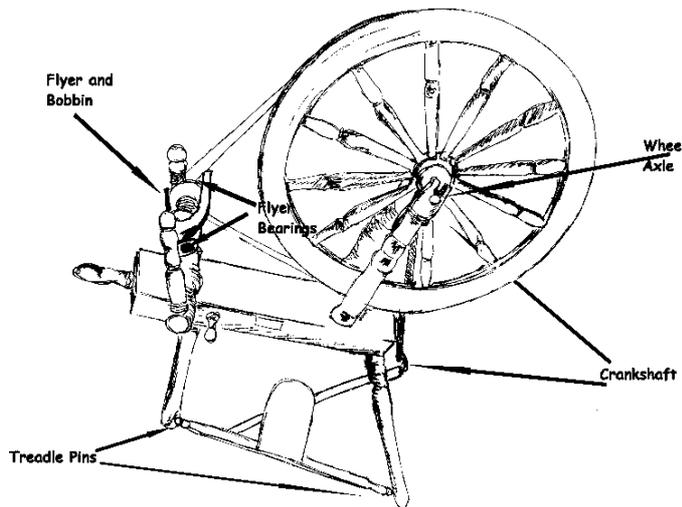
Keep Spinning - Smooth Running

So, You've just achieved a spinning wheel rescue. All the parts are there but it isn't exactly racy

From the top.....Put the wheel on newspaper - not on your new carpet!

Take off the flyer and bobbin. Do all the bobbins spin freely on the flyer axle? If all the bobbins stick, clean up the flyer axle. If there's any rust, take some wire wool or wet and dry sandpaper to it, until the bobbins will purr around. Add a bit of oil (3 in 1, sewing machine or light engine oil). If only one of the bobbins sticks, apply a little wet and dry to the bobbin bearing - be careful, if you over do this and make the hole too large, you'll have a noisy bobbin

Reassemble the flyer, and clean and oil the flyer bearings. These may be leather in old or repro. wheels or nylon (PTFE) in modern wheels. Nylon doesn't need oil, but the rotating surfaces do need to be cleaned or dust and general grot from the fibre you're spinning will form a very efficient grinding paste and wear your wheel away



Back to the main wheel. It should be running on bearing points on a pair of uprights. The wheel should be solidly fixed to its axle, and turn easily and run true (If it doesn't run true, that's serious maintenance time.. another story). The wheel axle may just rest on wood, or have leather, brass or nylon contact points or even sealed bearings. Wood on wood, probably needs a little grease, but again, the most important thing is to make sure that the axle isn't turning on a grease/grit grinding paste. Clean and replace the grease if it's easy to get at, otherwise use oil which will stand a chance of flushing the grit out. Use oil for wood/metal contacts and if it's metal/nylon make sure it's clean, and maybe give them a wipe with a greasy rag.

Now, down to the bottom. The treadle (right) shouldn't need much attention, but a clean and a few drops of oil wouldn't go amiss down here. While down there, you can also check out the connection between the treadle and the footman - left. (This is a flexible something eg. a piece of braid, leather thong or nylon connector). Occasionally the footman may be completely replaced by a cord. Finally a drop of oil on the bearing where the footman attaches to the crank, (again if it's nylon - run some oil through to clean it, then wipe it dry).

And finally what about the spinner! After a number of years, spinners may find themselves a bit stiff with joints and bearings getting distinctly rusty.

Some ideas... Find the best position you can, try different seats, Don't spin for too long at a time, get up and stretch, practice spinning with either hand, so that you change position from time to time, change the foot you're treading with or use both, try fish oil (even if I didn't benefit, the regular dose of cod liver oil that I was given when young, gave fine glossy fur....to the cat that helped me eat it!)