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Programme for 2008

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| Feb 16 | Think Big (In House) Broom stick Crochet, Jumbo Spinning (downstairs), Knit a large bag to felt in the washing machine. And BIG tassels. Bring The large knitting needles, ditto crochet hooks, sewing needles, scissors, tape measure, wool, cotton, silk thread plus fleece as roving. If you have a jumbo spinner, or jumbo attachment for your wheel, bring that along too for a test drive. |
| Mar 15 | Tapestry Weaving – Victoria Green. Please return booking slips by the February meeting. NEW! Science Fair! |

For this month's newsletter I have to thank Teresa, who sent me such marvellous notes that I hardly had to write anything myself!

Our first meeting of 2008 was an "In House" workshop on braiding. Many of our members turned out for this meeting and we also had 2 new members join. Liz showed us some of her Kumihimo braids on a Marudai. She had brought some card for us to try some simple braiding ourselves holding the cards. She then showed us how to improvise a Marudai using a screw stool and plant pot holders so that we could use both hands at once. Gwenda then showed us her jumbo version (x 3!) A wooden floor stand with a short leg was fitted with the tube from inside a bale, into the top of this was fitted a square wooden top with a short leg. She then showed us her yarn weights; these were pieces of card with copper coins taped on either side at the bottom and a hole in the top of the card to attach the yarn. Rosemary had set up her inkle loom to demonstrate round braids and Teresa brought Lucets to show square braids. The two upstairs rooms were soon alive with everyone working hard. Elizabeth had brought some cotton for us to use and Janet had brought some silk in hanks from Damascus (!) Soon braids were being produced and so eager was everyone that lunch was a little late. So many thanks to Elizabeth, Gwenda, Rosemary and Teresa for a very enjoyable start to 2008.

Program 2008. We have now firmed up some of the question marks in this year's program:

May: "In House" Synthetic Dyeing and will be held in the Canteen.

(May (either Friday 2nd or 9th) is Llysfasi Open Day)

June: Selections for the National Exhibition PLUS a show and tell with a difference. We will ask you to bring items that are "I'm sick of this?", gone wrong, unfinished, bought with good intentions, "why did I buy this?", what shall I do with this? Bring them in, all your WIPS and UFOs (works in progress and unfinished objects). Perhaps other members of the guild can offer help or ideas or even sort out or finish off. (This has already worked, last month Elizabeth took Janet's tangled silk skein home to unravel).

July: In House Felting – again several types of felting to try.

(August Bank Holiday - invite to the Cilcain Show. NOTE we're still looking for a volunteer to coordinate summer shows!

This year's committee - a second attempt with apologies if I've missed anyone!

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| Chair/Llysfasi liaison: | Teresa | Vice Chair / Treasurer: | Janet |
| Correspondence Secretary/Journal: | Anneli | Newsletter: | Chris |
| Minutes/Library & Equipment Lists: | Betty | Programme Secretary: | Dot |
| New Members Hostess and Support: | Liz | Raffle: | Isabelle |
| Members: | Katja, Joyce, Gwenda | | |
| Tea and Coffee: | Rosemary (non-committee member) | | |

Raffles: A raffle will be held every month to supplement guild funds for an occasional more expensive workshop (eg Ritta's flax spinning workshop or Wingham Wools). We intend to have a bottle of wine plus one other item each month. If you would like to help by donating a prize please give them to Isabelle; unwanted gifts can be recycled. (Max. £5 if you buy a gift). Remember, we also have a Sales Table (it can be anything eg garden produce) 10% commissions goes to guild funds. We will also be selling excess books from the Guild Library, 2 or 3 a month.

Wooden name badges with a sheep, Clwyd Guild and your forename are now available for £2.50. Please contact Liz

The Challenge: A very early warning that this year's guild challenge will be "A CHRISTMAS DECORATION" for table, tree, house etc. and should be ready for the November meeting.

Barbara, Celia, Jane (& hopefully others) are having an event at Loggerheads Country Park on Mother's Day weekend 1st/2nd March. We will be selling our wares - fibre, yarn, knitted & felted items, jewellery, handbags, scarves & other accessories. We will be next door to the cafe at Loggerheads which is now open and very popular, selling local produce & Fair Trade teas & coffees. Then you can have a healthy walk to get rid of the calories you just took on board & indulge yourselves in a spot of retail therapy too! Do come & visit even if it's just for a chat and a nosey round, we'd love to see you!

Joyce asked me to remind members of the existence of the Cilcain group as some newer members may not even know that it exists! So..... the group meets every Monday morning at 10am in Cilcain village hall. A small charge is made to cover costs of hall hire and tea and coffee. All crafts are welcome, we currently have spinners, knitters and patchworkers attending though embroidery, tapestry and weaving happen..... anything goes.

The Back Page

Southdown Fleece: we have just had one of our shearlings sheared (in the hope that there are some shows this year!) and so we have her fleece available for you to take if you would like it. We live in Bwlchgwyn, near Wrexham, and if you know of anyone who would like this fleece they are welcome to take it.

Myra has forwarded this email from Sarah Workman – she's doing some VERY impressive stuff!

"The pressure is on in uni now, more so after this week. I've not stopped smiling, I've been awarded a precious metal bursary from goldsmiths in London. 4 of us applied from NEWI and it was hand delivered at the last minute. I'm the 1st person in NEWI to have been awarded one. there are only 45 given out a year. Mum and Dad are so proud of it. It has the potential to open so many doors for me. I would never have believed it, I only went back to college initially to sew, I knew I could do embroidery! My current work has took me to Dinorwic and I'm using slate from the vast tips there. It's a truly amazing place. With the slate I'm using silver to replace what man has taken away. It reflects on the industrial history, the environment, the age of the stone and modern day. Its a challenging piece as it's precision engineering and that's new thing for me, but I like a challenge.



Barbara Thomas sent me this link to a knitters blog – Rose-Kim's "What the Hell is This?" page is a collection of items from shows, the media etc that will probably put you off knitting for life (I refuse to show the knitted dissected frog – with pink woolly entrails and worse). Here are a few from the fashion idea for BIG KNITS which we should all be studying for Feb. meeting. Those on line can go to <http://www.rose-kim.com/rose-kimknits/labels/Thursday.html> for more.



She calls these big-ass knits!



... and doesn't rate these too highly either J

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