



CLWYD WEB

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<http://www.spindizzy.net/clwyd>

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We meet at the Llysfasi Campus of Coleg Cambria, which is on the Ruthin/Wrexham road. Our meeting starts at 10am and we need to leave by 4pm. Visitors are welcome, at a charge of £3 for the day. Tea and coffee is provided, bring your own lunch **AND A COFFEE MUG.**

Welcome to the New Year – please note subscriptions (£18) are now due.

2018 Programme (Preliminary)

Feb 16 th	Leather work, dye, cut and make a small item (wallet, glasses, passport or phone case) with Chris. See below for details.
March 16 th	Wavy Weaving with B. Weir (Paid workshop).
Apr 13 th .	NOTE 2nd Saturday! Start on Challenge board for All Wales

Please remember to park in the car park to the left of the entrance, though we can use the area by the building to drop off and collect. Disabled spaces are also available by the building.

Welcome to everyone who turned up to our January meeting.

Please note that:

1. We now have to meet solely in the smaller room (with the vending machines), since the stickmakers have moved into the main cafeteria space, though we may be able to spread out in the afternoon.
2. It looks like we will not be able to use the main doors and should therefore use the side door (round to the right if you are facing the main doors, or on the LHS of the building if you are walking up from the carpark at by the main road.)

Leather workshop. The following people have signed up:

GillL, Betty, Krithia, Kyra to do the marbling

And

Gwyneth, Elizabeth, LizB, YvonneP, Gillian, YvonneD, Isabelle to make something without the marbling, but (optionally) with flat or no dyeing.

That's probably as many as we can fit it given the restricted space, but if a few more people from the second group would like to try marbling we should be able to manage.

Chris will bring as much with her as possible, but you may have to share tools. Please bring aprons and rubber gloves (I have some latex ones that I can bring). Leather dye will stain pretty much anything! If you have them, a cutting mat, metal or strong perspex straight edge (ruler), disc cutter and strong shears will be useful and save you waiting to share these.

We will be cutting leather to a pattern, dyeing it (optional), sealing the leather, stitching or rivetting, and if there's time, burnishing and polishing to finish.

The Association's AGM:

New members may not be aware, but our guild is affiliated to an Association of guilds

<https://www.wsd.org.uk/> which promotes our various crafts and provides useful services such as an annual event which is a summer school alternating every year with a National exhibition. They also provide guilds with public liability insurance for when we are doing any public outreach.

This year's AGM will be held on April 6th and Betty has volunteered to be our delegate.

It may be useful to her to have our opinions of some of the discussion points:

Proposition 1 from the GPC

The wording of the AGWSD Constitution Section F (ii) b to be changed from "Not less than two nor more than **eight** members elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office for five consecutive years, at the expiration of which they shall not be eligible for re-election for at least one year. No more than two serving GPC members may have been nominated by the same member organisation."

to "Not less than two nor more than **twelve** members elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office for five consecutive years, at the expiration of which they shall not be eligible for re-election for at least one year. No more than two serving GPC members may have been nominated by the same member organisation."

Reason: To bring the Association constitution in line with the Journal constitution

Proposition 2 from the GPC

Affiliation fees for members to be increased from £4.50 to £4.75 commencing January 2020.

Reason: The Affiliation fees for individual members have not been increased for some time. They have been maintained at £4.50 for 2017, 2018 and 2019 although GPC and AGM costs continue to rise year on year. As a not-for-profit Charity Organisation the GPC is very aware that members' money should be spent with due diligence and careful consideration. The amount of Public Liability Insurance cover increased during 2018 from £5,000,000 to £10,000,000 for every claim to ensure adequate coverage for all members of affiliated guilds. Additionally the AGWSD is actively promoting Bursary Fund access by including some certificated course areas within the Bursary remit in addition to Summer Schools. An increase in fees of 25p per person is regarded as reasonable within this context.

Points for discussion

3. The Montgomery Guild suggests that:

A "positions vacant" list be created and hosted on the Association's website details tasks positions that require a volunteer

Reason

We are continually told that the GPC is feeling stretched and that there is a need for more volunteers to come forward. Many members are not in a position to volunteer to become a GPC member but would be able to step forward to do small, short term tasks. At present it is hard to keep track of the many non-GPC positions that people currently volunteer for. If a list was published on the website the GPC may find that they can attract people to volunteer to do a short term, one off task e.g. volunteers for shows such as WoolFest or WonderWool, or pieces of graphic design work i.e. the bookmarks that were recently produced.

4.The Montgomery Guild suggests that:

A national email mailing list is set up and used to communicate with members directly

Reason

Guilds are consistently being told that information is not passed on to members. This may be for a number of reasons, but the simplest way to ensure that all members have equitable access to information sent from the GPC is for them to be contacted directly. We are a modern organisation who is still using a process of dissemination information that pre-dates the internet and email. In order to thrive and grow in a modern world we need to be evaluating out methods of communication. As a guild our members would welcome having a national database of members, and would happily pay an increased subscription to cover the costs of doing so.

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Phrases in common use derived from textiles: (shamelessly poached from an online guild discussion)!

- *Sabotage, dates from the early 1800s when the 'draw boys' broke up many of the new-fangled jacquard looms with their sabots, or clogs.*
- *Being on tenterhooks*
- *Dyed in the wool*
Sleazy, originally applied to a too loosely woven cloth, then as a moral judgement.
- *Cloth ears, from industrially caused deafness in weaving sheds,*
- *Life's rich tapestry,*
- *Taking the piss, as the barge community referred to those taking barrels of urine from London north to be used in industry, mainly textiles, who would claim they were taking wine or some other more prestigious cargo, etc.,etc.!*

Do you have any more?

**Tea, coffee and biscuits available, but we ask for a donation in aid of cancer charities.
Please contact the editor if you have anything of interest for the newsletter**