



CLWYD WEB

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Next Meetings and Events

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| Jan 16th | In House. Latch hooking through canvas – make a cushion cover. If you have the “prodders” for this please bring them along with thick yarn or perhaps cloth for rags. We’ll try and supply canvas and spare prodders! |
| Feb 13th | The Shrewsbury Guild of Spinner, Weavers and Dyers are hosting a Friendship Day on Saturday 13 th February 2010 at 10.00am to 4.00pm. All are welcome. Methodist Church Hall, Landsdowne Road, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3 0HZ |
| Feb 20th | In House. Weaving sticks and Peg Looms NOTE: The Association National Exhibition has a closing date for submissions (selection by photo this year) of 1st March |
| Mar 20th | Freeform Texture Knitting Workshop with Ildiko Szabo (Booking required) |

Happy New Year everyone

In November we held our AGM

20 of us managed to get to the AGM quite a respectable turnout.

From January, we need to ask everyone to sign in to comply with the college dire regulations.

We will have a regular sales table for members to sell items (not necessarily spinning related). Isabelle will be organising this so contact her if you bring anything. There is a 10% commission charge.

Chair's report

An eventful year, we had workshops from Avril Otiv (baskets), and Riitta Davies (Flax spinning) plus “In house” – dream catchers, dyeing, drumcarding and spinning (with thanks to all the members who helped make these so good).

Teresa and Joyce hosted rather quiet At Homes in August.

.... And ... we managed to demonstrate at more events than ever.

- Llysfasi to help with their Ofsted inspection and their Open Day.
- Our Friendship Day, with some excellent local suppliers.
- NEWI (very, very busy – we’ll need more members to help at this!)
- Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod at the welsh assembly stand, where we watched displays of cooking and had some interesting meetings with some of the visiting choir members who talked about spinning in their own countries and were interested in the way we worked.
- Ty Mawr (twice)
- Yale - where we attended to impress OFSTED inspectors (again) and received a very welcome donation to guild funds of £100.
- Gresford Craft Group Exhibition – a large show centred around the quilters and very pleasant not to have to organise or man all the time.
- Llandegla show (Janet)
- Ford Wrexham main dealers ladies night (Janet and Teresa)

We also put together a display board for the All Wales on a recycling theme, but in general didn’t feel too inspired by this (and it appears other groups may also have found putting together a display on this theme difficult.) However the speaker was good.

I’ve shown the first few meetings of the year above and next years program will be published in the next newsletter – it includes workshops on spinning the new fibres, weaving a bag on a box, and natural dyeing with extracts. We also have a date for Janet Striven’s Open Garden on the 27th June

Treasurer's Report. We made a small profit last year – helped by Yale's donation, the raffle, garden day and friendship day and cutting down on out sourced workshops. This year we are putting on a few more external workshops. Please bring Raffle prizes if you can.

Committee Gwenda and Katya who are standing down (thanks for their contributions over the last couple of years). The rest of the committee are continuing but we could use a program secretary!

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*Amanda Hannaford writes: I'm going to be in Wales during January/February next year and thought some of your members may be interested in booking either a **Spinning Retreat or Masterclass** with me. We are dividing our time between Laugharne in Carmarthenshire and Machynlleth, Powys, and I'm thinking of running the Retreats and Masterclasses while I'm in the area. If anyone is interested the dates available are 27th or 28th Jan (Laugharne) for a Masterclass, and 3/4/5th and 7/8/9th Feb (Machynlleth) for either Retreats or Masterclasses. On any of the dates there would be two retreat places available or 4 for a masterclass.*

*David Jones of "Cadw, Welsh Assembly Government" writes: We're in the process of planning a learning event at Denbigh Castle on the 21st of May as part of **Adult Learners' Week**. It's an annual week-long national campaign delivered each May which seeks to engage and inspire people to pursue adult learning - either to catch up on skills not learnt at school, to learn for or at work, or to learn for fun. We are currently looking for providers for the event and I was wondering whether Clwyd WSD would be interested in taking part. We ran an event in St Davids Bishop's Palace earlier this year and it was attended by the Pembrokeshire Spinners and Weavers. The members of the public enjoyed watching and having a quick go at using one of the machines. I was wondering whether anyone from the Clwyd WSD could come along and do a similar thing in Denbigh. It might be a good way of attracting new members.*

(ED: Individuals in our basket group do this in Cheshire – they get paid – If anyone wants to go for this I can send details!)

*Bryn Thompson (AGWSD Programme) writes: **Alison Daykin Fancy Spinning workshop** at Abergele Guild: The cost will be £12 a head. We will be asking people to book a place in March. When: 10 am-4.0 pm, Saturday 15 May 2010*

Venue: Llanfair TH Community Hall Parking: Outside Hall

Refreshments: Tea/Coffee available throughout, but bring own lunch.

Materials to bring: Wheels and spindles, of course, and fancy threads, feathers, yarns you want to ply into your yarn.



For Sale: A country style spinner made by Joe Prince price £60 o.n.o

There are 3 bobbins and it will spin & ply enormously fat yarns, but you can also spin normally on it but because of the low ratio that is quite hard work

*I dont use it very often & I dont have house room for it anymore.
Contact Jane*

And Finally – one good use for all this snow!

If we get those really low temperatures again (Jodrell reported - 18C on the coldest nights), this kind of snow has been used by Scandinavians for wool rug cleaning. Just take your rug out, lay it in the snow, broom some snow onto the surface and brush it off weft wise. You will probably see some dirty snow being removed

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