



CLWYD WEB July 2011

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Meetings and Events

July 16th Location – at Teresa’s	Ragwort Dyeing day – in preparation for All Wales meeting Please bring along any small squares, cords or yarn that you’ve prepared for inclusion in the All Wales display board. Bring along a plate (of food!) to share, and some dyeing accessories – apron, rubber gloves, markers for your samples (eg coloured synthetic or cotton yarn). Perhaps a plastic container to put wet samples in. AND most important, any Ragwort that you can lay your hands on – I’ve just started seeing some flowering, but the farmers must be getting rid of it properly and there’s not much about.
Aug 13-14th	N. Wales Country Fair, Bala. Please contact Teresa if you’re interested in attending for the Guild.
August 20th	At Homes – Teresa will be holding open house on the usual meeting Saturday See above for contact details and directions (Bring a plate as usual!)
Sept 17th	Woven Berets, In house workshop
Oct 8th	All Wales Exhibition at Llanidloes. Please try and bring along (by the September meeting!) any (smallish) items for the Guild’s exhibition board, for example things from any workshops that you’ve taken in the last 2 years, slippers, braids, etc. We’d also like volunteers to help set up and take down (on the day).

Sylvia writes: I have had a good knitting book out of Ruthin library, if anyone would like to borrow it later. It is Folk Socks by Nancy Bush - The History and Techniques of Handknitted Footwear. It has an interesting section on Flammegarn - a method of tye-dyeing wool which we might like to try at the Ragwort dyeing day? (*Ed: you have a much better library than I do!*)

I hope you all had a fine blue day at last month’s workshop “**Indigo Dyeing**” with **Fiona Nisbet**. (Fiona has hand outs available of the techniques she uses to prepare and use indigo dye baths.)



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*Fiona thought we might be interested in this: **Woolsack is the project that enables anyone to contribute to making a cushion from British wool. It is intended that these will be given as a personal welcome gift from the people of Britain to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic athletes. The website with all the details is at <http://woolsack.org> but here’s a quick summary:***

Timescale: We’re asking if cushions could be made by **March 31 2012**

There are no preferred colours or patterns - the only stipulations are:

The cushions must be pure British wool (or other British natural fibres including mohair, alpaca, angora), natural or dyed colours, hand or machine spun. What is important is that the wool/fibre comes from British animals.

Please contact us if you plan to use hand spun yarn from home scoured fleece. (These cushions need to be identified and only given to athletes from countries that will allow home scoured wool to be imported, or treated professionally so they can be imported into any country - this will be done for you when the cushion is finished). Cushions made from hand spun yarn from commercially prepared spinning wool/fibre do not need to be specially marked.

*They must be **16”/40cm square** and made sufficiently densely to permit direct stuffing with wool (this is both the cheapest and the most effective in terms of making a fully British product with fire retarding properties) or have a wool interlining. They should be made flat, ready for stuffing and will be sewn up to complete (please see below about stuffing)*

*You may use any single technique or combination of techniques, including knitting, crochet, felting, weaving, embroidery, tapestry, etc. **You cannot use any of the protected Games’ Marks.** For practical purposes what this means that **you shouldn’t use images of the Olympic logo, rings or torch.***

The cushions must be stuffed with the British wool stuffing which has been donated to Woolsack. There are a number of events and shows around the country where you can bring your cushion(s) if you wish to do the stuffing and sewing up yourself and there may also be stuffing events at wool shops. If you aren’t able to attend a stuffing event then please contact us. We can advise of where you can post your cushion and spare yarn for finishing and one of our team of volunteers will stuff your cushion(s) for you.

Please contact the webmaster if you have anything of interest for the newsletter