



CLWYD WEB

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NEXT MEETINGS and EVENTS

July 18 th Meeting	Board Weaving – Hats and scarves without looms. Please bring a LARGE piece of strong cardboard eg washing machine size! (We'll try and have extra so don't hold back even if you can't find anything suitable. (A full size hat can take some time, so you might want to make a dolls hat or one for a child!) Bring lots of wool! We'll also be distributing the challenge bags!
July 23rd	Ty Mawr Spinning Day 1.30 - 3.30 pm. Contact Teresa for details.
August at Homes	TBA Joyce will be hosting an at home on a "midweek day not at the beginning of August". Unfortunately Barbara cannot now host an at Home, so if anyone else is interested please get in touch with one of the committee ASAP. Traditionally this would be for a Saturday.
Sept. meeting	Hand in time for "second time around" items for All Wales display board, so have a good think this summer! (And related to this, Janet would like any old silk blouses that you have that otherwise might be heading for the rag bag!)

Here are some requests for those you weren't at the last meeting:

Challenge fibre exchange bags will be handed out at the next meeting - if you haven't joined in this yet, you'll have to get a bag to Teresa before then. (100gms/40ozs of an interesting mix of natural fibres for spinning)

Yale (Wrexham) would like us to help them out again this year - probably for a week in October. We need days of the week

which you could be available (eg can you do a monday or tuesday but not friday)

Contact Teresa for all these items

The Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers 2010 National Exhibition - 'Kaleidoscope: Fine craftsmanship in a colourful world'. Call for Submissions. The 2010 National Exhibition will be held in Mansfield Museum between April 17th and May 29th 2010. As you will see, we are breaking with tradition by undertaking selection from photos of work. There is a a lot of information supplied, which I will bring to the next meetings.

We've been setting up next year's program over the last month or so, if you have any special requirements, please let me know. In particular, we'd like to do a knitting workshop of some sort, so if you have anyone that you'd recommend as a tutor, I'd like the details.

One of our new members, Avril Clements has been working commercially in textiles for many years. She has a website at <http://avrilclementsdesign.webs.com> which shows some great pieces of felted and hooked work. Please look in.

Lorna has been contacted by an ex-guild member with some fleece for sale. There are 15 fleece - some black welsh (£1) and some white of a french breed - probably "Berrichon du Cher" - see <http://www.berrichonsociety.com/> at £5. (Ruthin area)

I've spun some of this now and it's a very white crisp fleece with a staple length of around 3" which spins to a very bouncy yarn like a down breed fleece.

Wheel For Sale: The Guild is selling an Ashford Traditional Wheel £85, it's dusty and needs a new tension spring and a bit of TLC but it otherwise perfectly sound. 2 speed flyer (scotch tension) single treadle with Lazy Kate and (currently) one bobbin. Contact Teresa



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For those with internet access, there is a large and growing forum online called Ravelry (at www.ravelry.com) There are many, many subgroups that you can join. Eg groups for owners of different makes of wheel, sheep breeds, local knitting groups, just plain oddball groups (there's a group called "Kylies who Spin" for people called Kylie who spin). A search for groups with "Spin" in their name or description brought up nearly 1000 different groups and I haven't even trawled through all the names yet. Some guilds have formed their own groups as a place to chat, I could probably start a group for us but it looks like a lot of work! Instead I have started a topic for us in the WSD group where I'll try and put workshop information in case it attracts any new members.

And now for something different for a summer break!

Shetland's Creative Connections Festival, 3rd – 9th August 2009. The event includes Art Craft Experience, Fiddle Frenzy, Makkin' Wi' Words, and Shetland's Storytelling Festival.

Individual Summer Schools in Shetland knitting techniques, Traditional Shetland Fiddle playing and Writing - exploring a sense of place. The week involves morning and afternoon workshops, with Cultural trips around Shetland, and showcase concerts with a lively festival club.

The morning workshops for the Art Craft Experience are delivered by two experienced tutors to give each participant maximum attention, as the successful teaching of knitted techniques requires one-to-one instruction.

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And especially for the back page - I invite you to recall when you were (very) young J and

THEY WALKED ON THE MOON!

At Jodrell, we'll be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Moon landing including bouncing voice messages off the Moon. (I've been trying to persuade the telescopes to point at the moon - not something we normally do!)

And from a dusty shelf in a shed we found some recordings made in the Control Room of Jodrell Bank Observatory, where astronomer Sir Bernard Lovell and colleagues were listening to transmissions coming from the moon. These "Dramatic and previously unheard recordings" of the moment the Russians tried to gatecrash the American's Moon landing in 1969 have today been released by The University of Manchester's Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics. <http://www.jodrellbank.manchester.ac.uk/news/2009/luna15-apollo11/>

