



CLWYD WEB

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<p>Jul 16th - Show and tell</p>	<p>A chance to relax after the last couple of hectic months. Bring your wheel, bring your knitting, tell us you've already finished this years challenge and make us feel guilty! The library will put in a rare appearance and there'll be a sale table etc.</p>
<p>Jun 28th - North Shropshire Guild Open Day at Whitemere</p>	<p>Annual get together and Spin-In a great day out. Everyone welcome but please let Teresa know that you're coming (and she'll have more details and directions). Another interesting item from N. Shrops. July 12 meeting. Indigo around the world, Dianna Gaffney</p>
<p>August - At homes</p>	<p>Details Next Month</p>

Biennial Exhibition at Erddig Hall - Pretty Impressive!

Many Thanks to everyone who turned out and helped. I certainly enjoyed the exhibition days – the busy ones showing children (and adults) how to spin with CDs and weave with party straws and the quiet ones where the visitors were often there to see us and talk. Thanks also to Teresa who made survival possible with the use of the staff room for tea, coffee and breaks. At a rough count the bank holiday weekend saw 6000-7000 visitors through the gates (no, they didn't all get to see us, though it sometimes felt like it.) The room looked marvellous with tables vaguely themed by colour and I think we did an amazing job bringing order to a chaos of bags of pieces of work and several miles of blue cloth. The bags of raw fleece were a hit with the kids, and the spinners were all kept busy showing what you could do with it. The loom and Gwenda's stick weaving showed what happened next, and the felted items sneaked in between. (Janet's felt slippers were so admired by one lady that they might have walked ... if she'd provided a pair!)



Notices

- **Janet Strivens** has young woad plants and lots of antheric tinctoria (Dyers Camomile?) she'll bring some along to Myra's (today) or get in touch directly.
- **Caia Park Environmental Group** are having big bash with loads of different environmental groups and think it would be great to have us to show how natural wool rather than synthetics can be made into garments. July 6th
- **Wool and Willow Exhibition** Llanidloes, Powys from 28th June - 9th July. The exhibition is run and funded by Glasu. Talks: Mary Butcher Sunday 26th Pick & Mix 'Basketry Today' £2 6.30 – 8.30pm
Workshops (£20) : Garden & Interior Willow Structures. Thu.30th, Willow Irish Potato Basket Tue. 5th . Knitting for Beginners Sasha Kagan Wed. 6th. Felting Wool Workshop Thu. 7th Woven Wool Cushions Sat. 9th .

Woolfest 2005, a new national show celebrating nature's finest fibres', is being held in Cockermouth, Cumbria on June 24th-25th. Details can be found in the Journal and on their website: www.woolfest.co.uk

Gwynedd Guild Invite you to their 30th anniversary celebration to be held at Treborth botanic gardens (near the Menai Brige) 10-4 16th July. Knit, weave and spin in company and a chance to look around the gardens. Tea and coffee will be provided, but they welcome contributions to a shared lunch. Please let Hilary know numbers by early July .

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From The Shed (as mentioned in the Journal!)

<http://www.theshed.co.uk/elviswig.html#pattern>

The hand knitted Elvis wig pattern is here and FREE. Brainchild of artist and Shed head [Simon Thackray](#), the knitted Elvis wig was specially designed by [Sirdar](#) to coincide with the world's first [North Yorkshire Elvis Bus Tour](#).

Photo: (left to right) Ian McMillan, Wendy Moorby, David Rawson and Simon Thackray.

If you can't get the loan of a computer (free at Cheshire libraries) if you REALLY have to have this, I can get you a copy

Hebridean sheep fleece. Would anyone be interested in purchasing the above. I have 3 sheep (2 shear). The fleeces are in excellent condition and I would be looking for £25 each. I did in fact supply a lady from your Guild last year who was very happy with the fleece. If anyone is interested pls contact Judith Del Ry on

The Bury New Loom (Trad) First found as a broadside ballad in 1804 published by Swindell's of Manchester – those of a nervous disposition should stop reading now.

As I walked between Bolton and Bury it was on a moonshiny night,
I met with a buxom young weaver whose company gave me delight,
She says young fellow come tell me if your level and rule are in tune,
Come give me your answer correct can you get up and square my new loom.

I said my dear lassie believe me I am a good joiner by trade,
And many's the good loom and shuttle before in my time I have laid,
Your short lams + jacks and your long lams I quickly will have them in tune,
My rule it is in a good order to get up and square a new loom.

Well she took me and showed me her loom and the down on her warp did appear,
The lam-jacks and nails put in motion I levelled her loom to a hair,
My shuttle ran well in her lathe sir my thread it worked well up and down,
My level stood close to her breastbone the time I was squaring her loom.

Well the cord on my lam-jacks and treadles at length it began to give way,
The bobbin I had in my shuttle the weft in it no longer would stay,

Her lathe it went bang to and fro my main thread it kept her in tune,
My pickers went knickety-knack all the time I was reiving her loom.

Well my shuttle it still kept in motion my lams she worked well up and down,
The weights in her rods they did tremble she said she would weave a new gown,
My strength now began for to fail me I said lass it's right to a hair,
She turned up her eyes and said Tommy my loom you have got pretty square.

But when she let go her four loom poles it flew out of order again,
She said bring your rule and your level and help me to square it again,
I said my dear lassie I'm sorry for I must be in Bolton by noon,
But when I come back in this way lass I'll square up your jenny and loom.

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