



CLWYD WEB

March 2017

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

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Meetings and Events Programme

March 18 th	Weaving with Chris and Trevor (see below)
Apr 8 th	General (Note meeting moved to second Saturday in the month because of Easter)
Apr 9 th (Sunday)	Abergele Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers Friendship Day. This will be held from from 10 – 4 at the Community Hall, Betws yn Rhos, LL22 8EE which has ample parking out front. Abegele WSD write: We hope you can join us for a day's crafting: rush weaving, drop spindling, spindle shop by local makers, fleece stalls, Krithia's pots, stash table, raffle, and more.
May 20 th	Clay Buttons with Krythia

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. Annual membership is only £18!

March weaving workshop. Trevor and Chris will lead a meeting focussing looms and in particular, on what can be woven with a simple loom such as the popular rigid heddle knitters and samplit looms. If you want to join in please bring you loom (or several looms!).

- If you have a project that started that you'd like to work on or get advice on, bring the loom warped and everything you need to weave.
- If you want to explore several different weaves, bring the loom empty plus anything you need to wind a short warp and a couple of shuttles. There will be ideas and suitable yarn which you can use and even a few ready wound warps available.
- If you don't have a loom there will be a few spares available for you to try.
- For anyone wanting to push further than a rigid heddle loom, Chris will try(no promises) and get an 8 shaft loom warped with something insanely complicated, and you can try your hand at weaving on that.
- And of course, if you want to come along and work on anything else please do!.

Below are 4 samples just off the loom to give you an idea of what you can do with 2 shafts/2 colours! They were all done with the same warp, though it was rethreaded (and tweaked!) after each sample!



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Ruth Robinson writes: *I am a member of the Dumfries Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers and also the owner of The Wheel Ewe, Majacraft distributors. This year we have the pleasure of having the owners of Majacraft coming over to the UK for our first ever UK Majacraft Retreat. It will be held in in October in Edinburgh, for 3 fun packed days of learning, spinning and weaving.*

I have attached a copy of the retreat poster, and wondered if you would distribute it to your Guild members. It will be an amazing opportunity to learn from world class tutors, meet other spinners and weavers, and of course learn direct from Majacraft themselves.

The link below holds all the information regarding the retreat. Numbers are limited, so will be on a first come basis. <http://www.thewheelewe.co.uk/spinning-retreat>

Nataliya writes: *I am organising a unique weaving group tour to remote village of Yavoriv in Ukraine in May 2017(17th-24th May). I thought it would be an interesting trip for members of your guild. On a tour(8 days), we will be weaving with local experienced weavers(4 mornings) and will be introducing other uktainian crafts and looking at the beautiful wildflowers meadows. Village lies in the middle of Carpathian Mountains with its outstanding nature. Area is very famous for wool, weaving and spinning and textiles. More information could be found on my website: www.experienceukraine.co.uk*

And finally from Jessica: *I just wondered if any of your members would be interested in my washed & combed Teeswater fleece? I have a small flock of rarebreed longwool Teeswater Sheep in Yorkshire and have some pure Teeswater fleece for sale - it is a blend of 1st and 2nd year clip fleeces. It has been professionally washed and combed and is pure creamy white. I don't make a profit on my sheep i sell the fleece to cover costs of keeping my sheep, shearing and preparing the fleeces. Prices are as follows: 250g - £10 + P&P £3.50 500g - £20 + P&P £5 1kg - £40 = P&P £7.50 If you'd like any more photos of the fleece please just ask. I look forward to hearing from you.*



Tea, coffee and biscuits available, but we ask for a donation in aid of cancer charities. (Please remember – these aren't free!)

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