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## CLWYD WEB

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### **Jun 21<sup>st</sup>. A Dyers Garden at Myra Ryan's**

Myra says that there's some parking on the drive otherwise we can use the lane, but if people can share would be good. The meeting should start around 10am as usual. Please bring small skeins and/or squares of fabric (wool or silk will dye, but cotton needs to be tanned). Perhaps we could all bring please bring a plate of food, plus the usual old clothes, gloves, labels and identifying thread (man made shouldn't dye) to identify own hanks. We are 'going green' for the day, linking to the All Wales event/display, so we'll dye yellows and then do some overdyeing. Everyone welcome – non-dyers can come and spin, knit etc! (there won't be anyone at Llysfasi).

**Jun 24<sup>th</sup>.** Visit with N. Shropshire at Whitemere Yacht Club near Ellesmere. 10:30 am to 4pm BBQ lunch £3. Please let Teresa know if you're going.

**Jul 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>.** Annual Exhibition at Afonwen.

#### **New members to welcome:**

Miss Jane Cullen  
Ms Gwenda Davies

### **April Paper Making Meeting (Teresa)**

17 people attended and had a great time. We started by shredding various coloured toilet rolls, the bits were then soaked for 10 mins before being whisked to a pulp with a hand held blender. Then the real fun began. Plain paper was soon too boring, fibres were added, members went outside, picking leaves and flowers to experiment with. At lunch time we all went downstairs and joined the spinners.

Joe Prince had made some beautiful luxury drop spindles, still in the trial stage and Ann was trying them. They were much admired and coveted by us all. Then it was back to the paper making. Everyone helped to clear up, from collecting the pulp left so we didn't block the drains, wiping tables and vacuuming the confetti

on the floor. A highly successful day. Thank you Rosemary. (She was so successful that she sold all her paper making frames and only managed to save one for herself by holding onto it). We all decide that we should have hand made paper frames (green) for the labels for the All Wales exhibition.

### **'Spinning a Yarn' - the guild's Annual Exhibition at Afonwen Craft Centre.**

This will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> July and the handing in day for exhibits will be at Myra's on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please fill out the details for your piece on the enclosed form, so that we can make up labels and a program.

We are also looking for **volunteers** to man it all day or half day, we'd like if possible, at 2 people per room, with people in reserve to come and spin outside plus if the weather is good.

### **Llysfasi Open Day: (Joyce).**

The open day was well attended and we were very busy all day. The day started with a wonderful poetry recital from Rosemary and Sylvia and then constant visitors. The college provided us with a nice lunch but except for sitting to eat we were fully occupied for the whole day! Sylvia and initially Rosemary discussed/demonstrated what to do with wool, Ann demonstrated the use of the drop spindle and Lynn demonstrated the use of the wheel. Barbara, Floss, Mum and I joined in the general chaos with plenty wanting to 'have a go' at spinning, carding or just handling the wool. (Methinks that as a guild we should buy some fleece for demo in future as kids especially want to take samples.)

### **Erddig Country Crafts Day. (Chris)**

Teresa mustered us to demonstrate at Erddig last month with members of the N. Shropshire Guild. It was a lovely sunny Bank Holiday weekend and the place was quite busy with people coming through in bursts. Not only did we interest the public, but it was also good to see other spinners. I was very impressed by cotton spinning on a very elegant Charkha, and with the decorative

painting on a Louet wheel. Thanks to everyone who turned out - they should use those ice creams to bribe us next time, I can recommend the honeycomb flavour, but advise against trying to demonstrate spindle spinning with an ice cream in one hand!

**A weaver - Anid Ruff** – ex-member is moving from a large to a small house and is looking to find good homes for a large quantity of weaving yarns and some weaving and spinning equipment. If you can help, me for the details.

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*If anyone has a few spare ounces of white fleece of any interesting or unusual breed that they'd like to donate to my Aran spinning experiment, please let me (Chris) know.*

### ***Bobbins - a few thoughts.***

*I recently wound a full bobbin from my Timbertop wheel onto a spare Ashford bobbin (there must be a natural law saying that the number of bobbins required is always one more than the number possessed.) It was interesting to find that the bobbins held around the same amount, even though it looked as though the Timbertop would hold more. I started looking at the manufacturers specs. Both bobbins are quoted at 4oz. Hmm... I went and did some weighing. I'd filled the bobbins as full as I possibly could with wool singles, but there was only a smidgen over 3oz. on each.*

*I was intrigued and went to measure the other bobbins that I have from the Ashford Jumbo flyer (quoted at 8oz) and my new Ashford Bulky spinner.*



*I managed to get just over 7oz. on the Jumbo bobbin, but the Bulky spinner defeated me completely, I don't have enough sheep to fill that! They say that it will hold over 2 lbs.*

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