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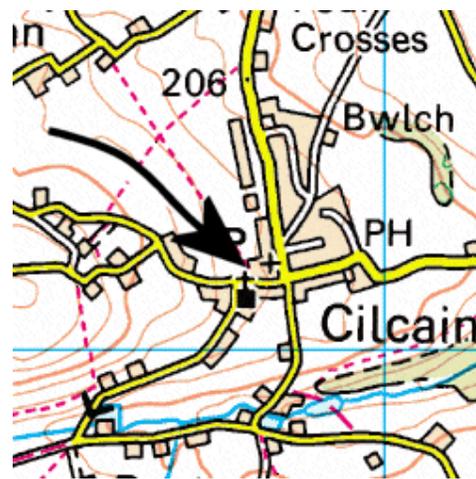
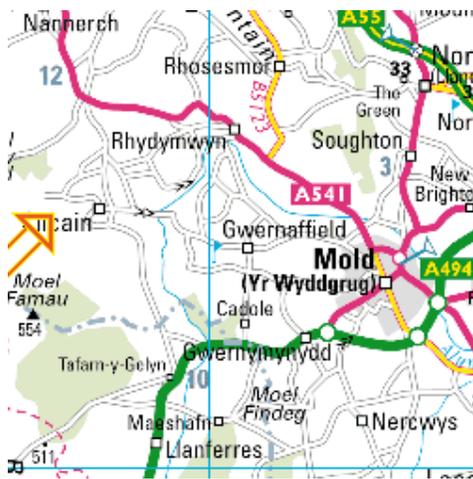
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EVENTS & MEETINGS

June 10th Caerwys Show (Saturday) - we will be housed in a luxurious tent so please contact Joyce (see below) if you can represent us there.

June 17th Guild Anniversary to be held at Cilcain Village Hall. Joyce recommends heading for Cilcain from the Mold/Denbigh Road (it's marginally wider and less scary than heading in from the South!). The Village Hall is by the Cilcain show ground and there is a small car park there. I find my way there by getting to the crossroads at the centre of Cilcain and heading up hill. (I usually get lost and have managed to approach the place from most directions) The Hall is on the right just after the pub and opposite the church. Please don't park in the Pub Car Park!



There will be a "bring a plate" meal, but this time as we will be inviting ex-members to join the group as guests, can we ask everyone to bring 2 dishes (a sweet and a savoury perhaps). There is some crockery at the Hall, but just in case (and to keep the clearing up down, can you also bring a couple of plates, cutlery and a mug and/or glass (it's not vital but it'll help though we may just go for paper plates!)

There will be a challenge before the meal and a talk with examples afterwards, on Japanese textiles and costume.

And... we would really like to be able to display any 21 theme guild challenge pieces by then!

And... if you have any old photos of guild activities from WAY BACK, please bring them along too.

June 27th North Shropshire Guild invites us all to there annual summer get together at Whitemere Food (BBQ?) spinning and an enjoyable day £5. Contact Teresa

July 15th meeting. This was going to be a visit to the wool board at Porthmadog, but as someone pointed out, getting there on the first Saturday of the school holidays will be less than fun, so Myra has offered to host another of her superb natural dyeing days. Details to follow eventually! We will try to reschedule the wool board trip.

August – at homes (TBA)

We have some offers to host an *at home* but nothing definite yet, so please contact one of the Committee if you'd like to hold open-house in August. We may have another try at a Wool Board visit this month.

August Shows – volunteers needed. Please contact Joyce

August 21st Ruthin Show. We should try and support this local show.

August 28th Bank Holiday Monday – Cilcain, a fun small village show.

Llanarmon Sheep Dog trials – details later.

Celyn Farmers Market – spinner wanted – details from Lynne.

Sep 16th meeting. Workshop from Dot Seddon (Synthetic dyeing). Places still available - numbers are really only limited by available heat sources! If you'd like to join this workshop, start collecting small glass screwtop jars NOW. (you will need to bring 6 jars of around 250ml capacity.)

April Felting Meeting (from Teresa)

(I really regret missing this one – Ed)

This was an excellent meeting, full of different ideas. Audrey and Betty demonstrated berets, hats, tea-cosies and bags – all very colourful and much enjoyed. Janet M. showed the beautiful lace felt that she does. 2 methods were shown and members made samples with some managing scarves.

Barbara T. did needle felted teddies. Needle felting needs a lot of concentration, so there was the odd sore finger by the end of the day, but many teddies went home (in bits) to be finished. Jane did beads/balls which could be used to finish work or threaded up as jewellery.

The meeting was well attended and much enjoyed with some great work at the end of the day. It shows how valuable members' skills are to the guild.

LLysfasi Open Day was also well attended with 9 of the guild turning up to help (that's around 25% of us!).

This was very welcome, since Llysfasi let us meet at the college for free and it's good to let them know that we appreciate this. So, Barbara, Betty, Audrey, June, Lynne, Kate, Lorna, Doris and Rosemary showed up and spent a day in the sheep shed with the shearers. (Lynne said she felt very sheepy when she got home and everything went in the wash!) Llysfasi even provided a hot meal, and the "audience" figures were around 800. (So that means that around 800 of the next generation might have an idea that clothes don't grow on trees.)

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"A mayor in the northern Netherlands said Wednesday he intended to impose a hefty fine on sheep carrying advertising for a hotel website, citing a law banning roadside advertising. Mayor Bert Kuiper of the community of Skarstelan around the small town of Joure said the offending advertising had to be removed by Monday.

If the farmers concerned failed to comply they would face a fine of 500 euros (600 dollars) per sheep per day.

The sheep wear dark blue jackets with white lettering and a pink logo advertising the website Hotels.nl through which hotel accommodation can be booked.

But the company concerned was undeterred. 'We are not going to remove the adverts. We will simply pay the fine,' Hotels.nl director Michiel Nagel said.

'It goes up to a maximum of 20,000 euros, and that's not so much,' he added. Nagel said the farmers in the area, which lies in the northern province of Friesland, benefited from the advertising. And he said his business was also gaining. 'We had a record turnover last weekend, because we had more clients, partly through the sheep,' Nagel said. The Dutch hospitality industry had a record Easter weekend.'" (Deutsche Presse-Agentur, April 19, 2006)

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