



# CLWYD WEB

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## Meetings

Please arrive promptly for workshops ie 9:30am for 10 am start  
 And note that someone has to clear up at the end before we can go home,  
 and REMEMBER there's more than just the listed workshop at Llysfasi. An informal get together for spinning, knitting, wheel fettling, help to new members and a multitude of other activities, carries on every month.

May 20	Last day of Wonderwool Wales – This is part of the Welsh SmallHolders Association Annual Show. NorWEFT, on Stall 39, will provide an opportunity to experience the joys of working with Alpaca, whether knitting, spinning, felting or dying and look forward to meeting Guild members at the Show, so please introduce yourselves to us at the Stall!
May 26 (Sat)	North Shropshire Guild are hosting a Stash-Busting Workshop, with Angharad Thomas at Ellesmere Town Hall. "Got an ever-growing stash of stuff you bought because it was too beautiful to resist or because it might come in useful one day? (Haven't we all!) Come and spend a day with Angharad and be inspired with wonderful ways to lessen the stash. Doesn't matter whether you hoard fibre, yarn, cloth, paper, 'bits and pieces' - this is the workshop to finally find a way to put it all to use. And to make room for more, of course! Cost is £20 for the day, bring (or buy locally) your lunch, tea/coffee provided.
May 26, 27 and 28	Derbyshire Open Arts. <a href="http://www.derbyshireopenarts.co.uk">www.derbyshireopenarts.co.uk</a> will be held over the Spring Bank Holiday Week-End. It is an open event covering the whole of Derbyshire and each venue, 81 in all, is open each day from 11am to 5pm. Alison Daykin, an amazing weaver is exhibiting in South Derbyshire.
June 16	Myra's Dyeing Day – see below for details. <b>NO MEETING AT LLYSFASI</b>
June 26 (Tues)	North Shropshire Guild have invited us to their annual Whitemere Spinning Day. "We have booked the boathouse, we have booked the weather (!) and all we need now is you and your Guild!" They would like to know details of numbers by June 12 <sup>th</sup> , please pass these on through Teresa. (As the cost of hiring the boathouse has gone up this year, we will be charging £6 per head.)

## Natural Dyeing day at Myra's

You will need -

Equipment - rubber gloves, apron/old clothes, paper/pen

Materials - Animal fibre only: wool/silk/alpaca/mohair in approx 10g hanks, (please don't bring larger ones) you will need a min. of 8 ( max of 12). Tie hanks in 3 places, loosely, with figure of 8 ties, using synthetic thread/string that wont take up dye (you need this to recognise your hank from 20 others!)

Preparation of yarn - Scouring - this just means "very well washed & rinsed". You need to remove all dirt/lanolin/dressing (if using commercial yarn) and this can often make the difference between good & poor take up of the dye.

Wetting out - If you can do this it will speed up the day.

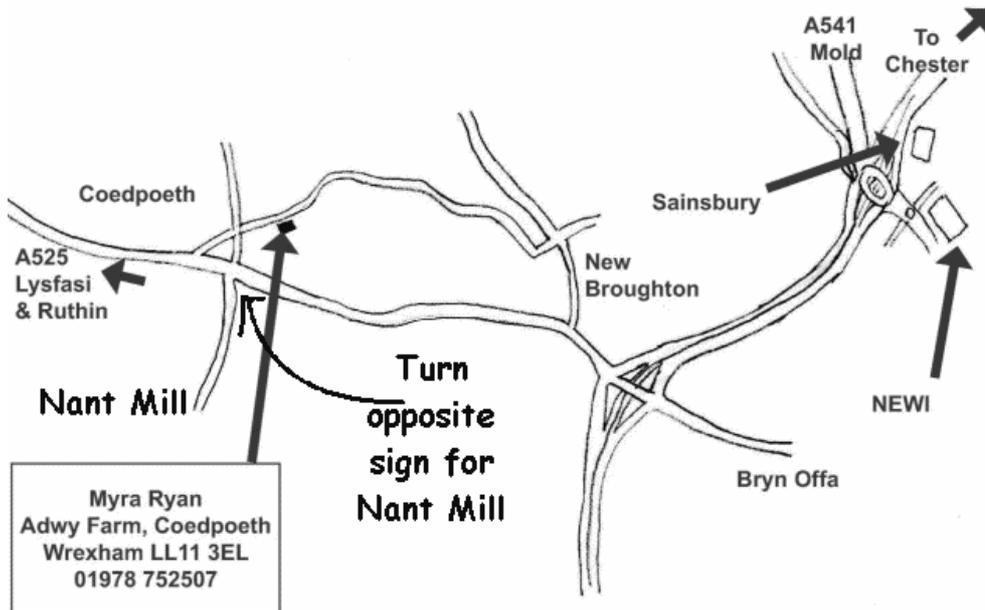
**\*\* FIRST WEIGH & RECORD THE DRY WEIGHT OF YOUR HANKS \*\*** and bring that information with you.

Friday evening - put fibres in abucket of water and leave to soak overnight

Sat morning - squeeze out all excess water and bring in plastic bag.

(We can wet out as I talk, all will not be lost BUT this is also one of the `secrets` of good dyeing )

**Additional notes** - If you want to dye fleece follow all of above instructions BUT you will need to have it `contained` in net bags (e.g. fruit net bags) I will have materials available to buy if you haven` t got your own handspun



Then just bring yourselves, a plate of food to share ( sweet or savoury ), plate & cutlery. If you could email/text or ring me to give me an idea of numbers in advance that would be much appreciated Looking forward to seeing you all. (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. Everyone welcome – non-dyers can come and spin, knit etc! (there won` t be anyone at Llysfasi).

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*Advance notice - There's a new UK woolly festival in Devon - FibreFest! The main festival is on 1st & 2nd September, with workshops starting on 29th August "It's gonna be bigger than WoolFest!" (allegedly). It will be run in conjunction with Bridwell Country Fair, and is being held near Coldharbour Mill (which will be open during the weekend with special events planned)*  
<http://www.fibrefest.co.uk/index.html>

*I had a nice article to put here ..... According to the SUN newspaper "THOUSANDS of rich women were conned by a firm into believing LAMBS were valuable miniature POODLES. Entire flocks were imported to Japan from the UK and Australia then sold by the internet company as the latest "must have" pet. The bizarre scam was rumbled when Japanese movie star Maiko Kawakami complained on a talk show that her new poodle refused to bark or eat dog food. She showed photos of the animal and was devastated when told that it was a lamb" However when I went to look up the details for this page, I found "Tall stories are common on Japanese talk shows and their authenticity is not carefully checked," notes [ninemsn](#) reporter Shaun Davies. It would appear the same can be said for The Sun." Grrrr.....*



*Still I have some nice pictures of the welcome that visitors to our exhibition at Erddig will have had, (this is Gwenda's upholstered chair on the left).*

*I hope to show some more later, here and online. Watch this space.*

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

