



## CLWYD WEB

May 2010

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### Programme

<p>May 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Reminder: <b>NO SALES TABLE</b> this meeting</p>	<p><b>New Fibre Workshop with Fiona Nisbet (booking required, contact Teresa)</b></p> <p>In the last few years lots of new fibres have become available to spinners. These are all produced from "natural" mostly plant sources, but they all differ in how they can be dyed, spun and used.</p> <p>Fiona's workshop will introduce to some of these new fibres, showing how they react to dyeing and the best way to spin and use them.</p> <p>There will be fibre to buy (both new and old). So bring a notebook, and a spinning wheel or spindle.</p> <p>The new fibres have advantages and disadvantages.</p> <p>They are usually acceptable to vegans (check this, in case animal derived products are used in the processing).</p> <p>They may use what would otherwise be a waste product eg soy silk is made from a by-product of soy bean use for tofu and soy milk. Bamboo fibre is made from a fast growing renewable plant.</p> <p>To make Ingeo, plant starches (such as corn) are broken down into natural plant sugars. The carbon and other elements in these natural sugars are then used to make a polymer.</p> <p>Milk fibre (obviously not vegan) is produced from milk protein.</p> <p>The manufacturers of all these new fibres compete in their "green" claims, but they are all produced by industrial processes, which require energy and a certain amount of chemicals (often in a closed cycle to minimise any pollution)</p>
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bag on a Box with Joan Gilbert (Booking Required. Contact Teresa)</b>
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Janet Striven's Open Garden</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Woolfest, Cumbria</b>
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dyeing with Earth Hues natural dyeing concentrates</b>
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Montgomery Guild Friendship Day</b>
August 30 <sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday Monday	<b>Cilcain Show. We've been offered a nice spot in the Church this year, so please contact if you can help.</b>

This month's workshop is being given by Fiona Nisbet. Even if you're not going to take the workshop, you might be interested in buying some of the variety of fibres that Fiona will bring along. She is also an Ashford dealer and can supply most Ashford products and spares. If there's something particular that you need, contact Fiona (Tel:01948 871618) so that she can bring whatever you want along to the meeting.

At our committee meeting last month we agreed that a different committee member would be responsible for opening and tidying and closing up each month. For the May meeting the lucky one is Barbara. This doesn't mean that we all run off and leave her to clear up, it means that we know who to help!

August at Homes. The attendance has been a bit spotty for these events in the last couple of years, so we'd like to ask people whether we should go ahead with organising them this summer, or perhaps look at something slightly different such as an informal get together, maybe a show and tell in a local venue (Ilysfasi is closed during the month). We'll be asking for your ideas.

Teresa has been in contact with a new craft group being set up in Oswestry. At one point they were interested in spinning wheels, but it now appears that they would like rigid heddle looms and drum carders. If you have one of these to sell (or donate!) please let Teresa know.



## The Back Page

*Last month's silk paper making was very productive. If you produced something from the paper that you made, can you bring it along to let every one see.*

*Here is a book which Barbara made up from the alpaca paper that she made using the same techniques. (We hope that she will give us a workshop on simple book making next year).*

*Janet Strivens knows of a supply of black welsh fleeces. Please contact her if you're interested*

### **Spin a Husky?**

*From: Sue Jones We are the Siberian Husky Club of Great Britain Welfare, we are a volunteer run donation funded rescue for the Siberian Husky, and we were wondering if any of your members would be able to help us out with our latest fundraising efforts.*

*We have copious amounts of Siberian husky hair - they shed a soft downy under coat twice a year, and lots of knitters and crocheters. What we don't have are spinners. So we were hoping that some of your members might be willing and able to help us.*

*We appreciate that it is a skilled craft and we may be able to pay either a small fee or percentage of sold produce to the spinner(s) The hair does need to be mixed with wool/fleece and we might be able to provide this free if not we would pay. Also if any of your members with in the Dyers craft would be interested in colouring the 'wool' we would love to hear from them, and any weavers who think they maybe interested in using the medium to produce a fabric (not sure if it would be strong enough)*

*In general if any of your members would be interested in having some husky hair to experiment with please let me know we are all over the country and would be happy to let you have it.*

*Thank you for your time*

*Kind regards*

*Sue Jones*

*Welfare Secretary*

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