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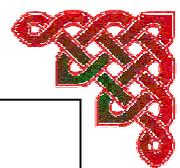
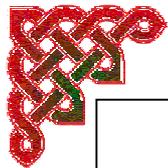
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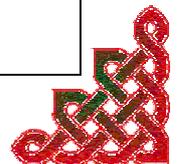
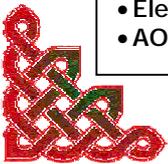
Next Meetings and Events

Nov 15 th Guild meeting, Llysfasi	AGM & Christmas meal (Bring a plate) & 2008 Challenge (Christmas decoration – you did remember, didn't you?)
Dec 13 Escape from Christmas, Llysfasi	NOTE 2nd Saturday An Informal meeting, bring your current project and ignore the Christmas shopping list for a few hours.



The A.G.M. of the Clwyd Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers. 2008
AGENDA

- Presentation of the minutes of previous AGM (Helen Bendon has forwarded me a copy of last year's minutes, and they will be made available at the meeting – she wishes us well for 2009 and hopes to be able to join us occasionally)
- Matters arising
- Chairman's comments.
- Treasurer's report
- Programme for 2008
- Election of Committee
- AOB



October Meeting – Dorset Buttons

At the going rate, I think that we probably made about tuppence ha'penny! (Thanks to Anneli for the picture)



We are hoping to run soft basket workshop in March with Averil Otiv. She writes:

"I thought that a list of plant materials might be useful now as many of you will be tidying up your gardens for the winter. Most material needs to be dried and resoaked before using to minimize shrinkage in the finished basket. My favourite vines and runners are Akebia (chocolate vine), clematis, grape, honeysuckle, ivy, vinca, virginia creeper and wisteria. Simply choose straight lengths, remove leaves and coil to dry. Good leaves are Iris siberica, daffodil (harvest in spring so not applicable for you) hemerocallis (day lily) kniphofia (red hot poker) and sisyrinchium (goes purple to black on drying). Pick or pull leaves as they die down in autumn, brown ones already on the soil are fine. Dry on newspaper turning often, when dry keep flat in rolled up newspaper and label. Store at room temp in a dry place. Other material which is fun to use includes walnut leaf stems, catalpa pods, sweet corn husks, pine needles and sedges, especially ones with lovely seed heads. Have fun harvesting!"

The Back Page

Sue Parry (?) writes: We have a number of items of hand and table top weaving equipment with books and wool that belonged my mother. We are wondering if any of your members would be interested in purchasing them, we will supply a detailed list with photographs of the items if any one is interested. We live in North Wales so delivery will not be a problem

(Looks like a 2 shaft weavemaster table loom, dryad rigid heddle, tapestry loom and some books. Ed.)



I was a bit short of Weaving, Spinning or Dyeing related snippets this month, So.....



You may have seen this already, but it's definitely worth repeating J Swansea Council contacted its in-house translation service when designing a bilingual sign barring heavy goods vehicles from a road in the Morryston area of the city, but as the translator was not available, they received an automated e-mail response in Welsh saying: "I am not in the office at the moment. Please send any work to be translated."

Officials had it printed on the sign under the English.

Welsh-language magazine Golwg printed photographs of the offending sign after the gaffe was pointed out by readers.

And now the scientific bits J This email was sent round at work recently: "Does someone like eating teaspoons I know that we have at least half a dozen somewhere, because I bought some and put them in the tea room last week. They have now all vanished". In reply there was a link to this report in the British Medical Journal (dec 2005) this scientific study from Australia. <http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/331/7531/1498>
Method: 70 discreetly numbered teaspoons placed in tearooms around the institute and observed weekly over five months.

Results: 56 (80%) of the 70 teaspoons disappeared during the study. The half life of the teaspoons was 81 days. The half life of teaspoons in communal tearooms (42 days) was significantly shorter than for those in rooms associated with particular research groups (77 days). The rate of loss was not influenced by the teaspoons' value. The incidence of teaspoon loss over the period of observation was 360.62 per 100 teaspoon years. At this rate, an estimated 250 teaspoons would need to be purchased annually to maintain a practical institute-wide population of 70 teaspoons.

Conclusions The loss of workplace teaspoons was rapid, showing that their availability, and hence office culture in general, is constantly threatened.

The Sky: On November 17th and 18th, the Earth passes close to the trails of cometary debris from Comet Temple-Tuttle which produces the annual Leonid Meteor shower. Sadly, this year, the Moon will be nearly full in the same bit of sky, so our chances of seeing them will not be good. The moon will also make observing the Geminid Shower (Dec 13th) difficult.

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