



CLWYD WEB

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Events

<p>Sat Nov. 20th</p> <p>Llysfasi</p>	<p>AGM with a variety of interludes including: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food: please bring a serving of something for sharing – sweet or savoury – and a plate (or 2) and cutlery! • THIS YEARS CHALLENGE – ALPACA • Learn about the guild's 2005 program. • Your last chance to join the committee for 2005 or to propose a "friend".
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Please try your best to get to workshops and be ready to start by 10am
Coffee will be served from 9.30am.

September Meeting. Spinning Fine and Fancy

Jane – lofty spinning, Joyce- fancy spinning and Janet – Fine spinning.

An impressive demo which really brought home why to me why I actually spin. The room at Llyfasi was packed and even after shifting tables into the hallway, you could hardly squeeze in another wheel! An impressive turnout and we all grabbed at the goody bags of coloured Wingham merino mixes, mohair locks and superfine merino.

Not in any orderJanet Major told us about spinning lace weight yarns as used in the Shetland ring shawls. We all fettled our wheels to get the lightest possible touch, measured ratios and attempted to spin fine enough that there would be only a bare half dozen wool fibres in the single thread as in some of Janet's samples. Good lighting and a magnifying glass might help here. I found the difference between the superfine merino and the Shetland very interesting, with the merino being finer, but it's matt finish giving less character to the yarn. (Now, I have to go back to spinning some of the superfine Cormp that I have stockpiled, it's as fine as the merino, with slightly more lustre, but I think the Shetland is still a bit better!)

Jane showed us how to spin a lofty yarn ie. A fat yarn that was light and warm. The technique had a some tips in common with lace yarn spinning – but the effects were totally different. This sort of yarn can be used to good effect with beads, since it will compress a surprising amount to allow you to thread it with beads.

Joyce encouraged us to throw all the counting and discipline out of the window (I promise I won't tell Ruth Gough ☺) To create wildy coloured yarns and textured boucle yarns. I think we'll see a rush of mohair next year.

At the end of the day, I felt as if I'd been to a Wingham wool sample session – bobbins filled with snippets of colour, texture and refinement all mixed up, and no idea what to do with them all. You couldn't have bought anything like these.

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<p>ANNUAL EXHIBITION Shrewsbury Guild of Spinners Weavers and Dyers at The Bear Steps in Shrewsbury 16th - 29th October 2005</p>	<p>SPINNING WORKSHOP Wednesday 26th October 2005 LUDLOW 10am - 4pm £20</p>	<p>FELTING WORKSHOP - wet felting and needle felting 12th, 13th & 14th December 2005 The Gateway in Shrewsbury 10am - 4pm</p>
	<p>Contact: Fiona Nisbet, Withymoor Cottage, Burleydam, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 4BQ Tel: 01948 871618</p>	

Clwyd Guild of Weavers Spinners and Dyers. AGM Nov. 2005

I wish to proposefor the committee

Seconded by.....

Please return to Myra on/or before the 2005 AGM. Thank you

I would like to suggest the following ideas for speakers or workshops

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Hilary Turner (Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers) is looking for stewards for WSD stand at the Dublin (3-6 Nov) and Harrogate (24 - 27 Nov.) knitting and stitching. You get in to the show for free and should get time to have a good look round. Contact Myra initially as she hopes to go to one of these and can coordinate enquiries.

Joyce asks that everyone who wants to order their Journal for next year through the guild comes to the AGM prepared to pay in advance. Calendars may also be ordered (2006 calendar is a supersized Jubilee issue with a picture and page for every 2 weeks).

The Association has now organised a way to borrow books and videos from their collection (they get to keep review copies!) The committee have copies of the catalogue and order forms. To borrow a book you must send a deposit (£10 returned when the book is returned) and a fee to cover post and packing.

At the last meeting, Janet Major brought along sets of her workshops notes. I've included some of these in the newsletter (unfortunately I have to cut them a fair bit to fit the space). The full versions are available if you contact Janet and can be invaluable for all those "obvious" techniques that I always find I've forgotten by the end of a workshop. (She also has details of the Wingham spinning workshop that provided the source of some of the spinning techniques shown in September meeting).

Finally – The Back Page.

This is totally irrelevant – but came up on the search that I make at newsletter time for "Quirky" news items (Which is where I find some of the better snippets that fill the dead space at the end of a newsletter – I bet you thought I made them up!)

Scientist perfects toast soldiers An engineer has come up with an invention that takes seconds off the chore of cutting perfect toast soldiers. When the hand-held cutter is pressed against a slice of bread, it creates a series of precisely placed perforations. Once the bread has been toasted to perfection, the soldiers can be torn off ready for dunking in a soft-boiled egg. The perforator is the brainchild of Mike Minton, a 37-year-old electronics engineer, who says the ideal soldier should be 22mm wide. "I love egg soldiers but the one thing I hate is cutting up the toast, because it is fiddly, messy and time consuming," he said. "There has always been a danger of cutting your soldiers too fat or too thin. If they are too fat then obviously they can't fit into the opened neck of the egg, which is infuriating. "But if the soldiers are too small then there's the risk of a catastrophic failure after they're dunked into the yolk. The simple act of withdrawing the soldier may cause it to break in half, forcing the person who is eating the egg to resort to a teaspoon." Mr Minton, who stresses that he is a serious inventor, came up with the idea during a visit to his parents' small-holding a year ago. He has spent the past year experimenting with different sizes of soldier. "Fortunately my parents own a small-holding with 30 chickens so I had access to as many eggs as I wanted," he said. The Perfect-Soldier cutter, will go on sale for about £6 at the British Invention Show later this month.

For sale £100 Ashford Traveller spinning wheel with 4 bobbins and a pair of handcarders (could split). Chris

And how not to assemble a Spinning wheel (from ebay) (I think that's a drop spindle stuck on the flyer!) This ISN'T the one advertised for sale above!



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

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