



## CLWYD WEB

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### Next Meetings and Events

Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> Guild meeting, Llysfasi	Dorset Button Workshop – Joan Gilbert (Places still available) See below for things to bring.
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Chester Guild friendship Day, Frodsham Community Centre (details below)
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> Guild meeting, Llysfasi	AGM & Christmas meal (Bring a plate) & 2008 Challenge (Christams decoration – you did remember, didn't you?)
Dec 13 Escape from Christmas , Llysfasi	NOTE 2nd Saturday

### Workshop: Dorset Buttons with Joan Gilbert

#### THINGS YOU NEED

Note book and pencil.

- ~metal curtain rings, various sizes
- ~ scissors, sewing needle [darning needle], selection of sewing threads cotton, in different colours
- ~embroidery silks [odds and ends of threads]
- ~small piece of thin material ?? about inches square
- ~Small piece of muslin or finger type bandage.
- ~cotton wool or wadding size of a couple of cotton wool balls.

If any one has earring fastenings or broach pins they can be used, also if there are any tatters in the group bring a shuttle and thread. Joan says that she will bring some metal rings that can be used if anyone has a problem getting curtain rings, they are a bit heavy for use but ok to practise with.

#### Demos:



Joyce would like to thanks everyone who helped out at Yale College in Wrexham at the end of last month. Over 3 days, Joyce, Chris, Kate, Betty and Teresa went in at the crack of dawn and staggered out at the end of the day having taught spindling and a bit of weaving to 3 or 4 classes of students. (If you think demoing at fairs is tough, try colleges). It was hard work, but we got a free lunch, some travel money (allegedly) and a payment to the guild which should help fund a workshop. The college's exhibition, on a theme of recycling was fascinating, from old welsh socks and blankets to modern pieces made from tins, old wiring, plastic bags etc. We made ourselves a home in a corner under some great jellyfish and corals by Inga Hamilton. (Picture by permission - artwork ©rockpool candy, [www.rockpoolcandy.com](http://www.rockpoolcandy.com))

#### News:

For the weavers amongst us, Peter Collingwood died peacefully and unexpectedly in his workshop on the 9th of October 2008. Details of his memorial will be announced on his web site

<http://www.petercollingwood.co.uk>

**Chester Guild friendship Day** on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7QN, commencing at - 10:00am and closing around 4:00pm. This year we have P & M Woolcraft with all the goodies they are famous for, as well as **Earth Collection**. There will be a charge of £2.00 per head, a 'bring and share' buffet lunch, and we will provide juices, however there will be a charge of 30p per cup of tea or coffee. *So come along and catch up with friends, spin a little, and/or indulge in some retail therapy, all in the name of fibre crafting!* Please contact should you have any other queries.

**Association Spring Online Workshops.** For a number of years the Association has run residential spring workshops. On a trial basis in 2009 these are being offered on an online basis. The Online

Guild has been conducting workshops like this for over 6 years and is drawing on its resources and expertise to present workshops in this new manner. All students are welcome whether members of a Guild or not and whatever their level of expertise. Access and familiarity with email and the internet is essential. Students will have to provide all their own materials but there will be no other charge. Three parallel workshops will be offered each running from Thursday 16 April to Thursday 30 April.

- Gutter Dyeing with Jane Deane
- Peruvian Pickup with Sylvia Glenister
- Spinning Designer Yarns with Tricia Weatherston and Barbara Scott

At the start of the period each tutor will upload the first lesson via a new website, [www.wsdworkshops.org.uk](http://www.wsdworkshops.org.uk). Students may then download and print off the material in order to work at their own pace. They are welcome to email comments and queries to the tutor via this website and replies will be sent in a similar manner. Photos of work in progress and completed items can similarly be uploaded. As the workshop progresses further lessons will be uploaded by the tutors. It is not expected that any specialist equipment or materials will be required. All should be available from your "stash" or easily obtainable in your locality. Kit lists will appear approximately 2 weeks before the workshops. Further detailed instruction regarding the use of emails and photos will be published on the website approximately 2 weeks before the start of the workshops. Any immediate queries please contact Margaret Parker.

**For Sale:** (Lynn) Last week a friend asked me to advertise an old wheel they do not need. It does work although there are no spare bobbins and it requires hooks on the flier. I told them before I saw the condition that wheels vary from £50 to £100. This one has been well used but not by the present owner.

**Wanted:** If anyone has a raddle to sell, please contact Anneli

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The International Highland Spin-in is to be held in Bothwell, Tasmania on 27.28 Feb and 1st March. For details see [www.bothwellspinin.com](http://www.bothwellspinin.com). In conjunction with the Spin-in there is an external contest, spinners from around the world are invited to see how many continuous metres they can spin from 10grams[.35ounce] of raw wool[sheep]. There are four categories and lots of rewards including Personal Best Certificates for those who enter for the first time or beat their previous record length. Over the years 22 countries have entered and become linked together in "friendship with their threads." For details see the website or contact Barbara Fowler [spin\\_in@hotmail.com](mailto:spin_in@hotmail.com).



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