



CLWYD WEB September 2011

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Meetings and Events

Sept 17th	Woven Berets, In house workshop led by Teresa Please bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thin card approx. 14" square for beret. • Yarn for warp and weft (not too thin or it'll take too long, maybe around DK weight, or thinner wools that could be doubled to give this. • Scissors, a blunt ended darning needle and a crochet hook. • Pritt stick or similar glue to attach a paper pattern (Teresa will provide this) to your card. As usual, the group meeting is not just about a workshop, so please come along and spin or knit with us even if you're not participating.
Sept 24th/25th	Masham Sheep Fair, Masham, Nr. Ripon. N. Yorks. Commercial livestock Saturday, rare breeds Sunday, fleece sale, suppliers stalls and exhibition.
Oct 8th	All Wales Exhibition at Llanidloes. Jane J. and Gill are assembling all our woollen bits for the display board, and will add some machine stitching. IMPORTANT: If you have more pieces for the ragwort challenge display (some may have been taken home after the dyeing day at Teresa's) they will need to be brought in on Saturday or sent to Jane or Gill ASAP. Can you also bring any small items for the Guild's own display of work. We'd also like volunteers to help set up and take down (on the day).
Oct 15th	Peglooms
Nov 19th	AGM and Christmas Meal
Dec 10 or 17	Escape from Christmas

The nights are drawing in, now is the time for sitting and spinning, making damson jam, and chasing the mice out that the cats have brought in for company. I hope you all had a good summer and are ready for our next workshop, so here is the first notice to prepare you for the future.....

Association of Guilds of Weavers Spinners and Dyers, NATIONAL EXHIBITION 2012 – Advance Notice

Next year's exhibition will be held at the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, Chichester. It will be for two weeks in July 2012 (final date to be agreed), a week either side of the Rare Breeds Show. This will not only show the public the various breeds, particularly sheep, but will also show them what can ultimately be produced when our skills are involved. Over 2000 visitors could be expected that weekend with even more visitors during the weekdays. This will enable us to showcase our many crafts and skills to a much wider audience with the display of finished pieces as well as watching demonstrations of the skills required to produce them. The exhibition will comprise two parts: selected work and non-selected work.

Selected work: NO SET THEME. Entries again by photograph, a small sample piece of work or materials to be attached to the photograph which can provide a 'feeling piece' for visitors to handle. Group entries will be accepted

Non-selected Work: As with the CD cases last time, Guild members will be able to submit work that **fits within a six-inch ring**. Everything submitted will be hung together in a special section. It can be spun, woven, dyed, knitted, crocheted, felted - or any combination.

From Joyce: Cilcain Show August Bank Holiday Monday.



Pictures from Gill

I would like to thank those members of the Guild who braved a wet and muddy day to demonstrate at Cilcain show August bank holiday Monday: Kate, Jane, Gill, Chris and Margaret along with myself. We were allocated a spot in the North Aisle of the church so remained dry and comfortable and the cafe was next to us. Many visitors showed an interest in what we were

doing, Chris's weaving was of great interest. As there were enough of us we were all able to have a look at the show which must be one of the best locally. We were offered some fleece and I still have a few Swartbles fleece available, if anyone is interested give me a call.

A few of us meet every Monday to spin/whatever and now have a thriving craft group in Cilcain village hall - Mondays 10.30 onwards - all are welcome. The village hall has a fund raising effort and all groups who use the village hall join in including us. Every Saturday afternoon tea and cakes are served and the host groups demonstrate their activity and often craft is for sale. Our next hosted tea is 5th November so please come and have tea! I have to say that calling in for tea any Saturday is a good idea as the standard of baking in Cilcain is very high!! Full details of what is on are on the village website <http://www.cilcaintoday.org.uk/index.html>
See you there!

From Sandra: At the North Wales Country Fair in Bala, a lady called Lynn Rose mentioned that she has Llanwenog fleece that she would like to sell. They have not had any sheep dip used on them. She is in the Glanrafon area near Corwen.

As well as the Cilcain pictures, Gill has sent me these pictures from the Bala show.



From Lynn: A number of people have been asking how I am, so thank you to all of them. I am recovering well but cannot do a lot, which is frustrating. I am trying to extend my walking but have to remember you need to walk back as well. Not driving yet so will not be coming to the guild for the moment. Best wishes, Lynn

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Some Websites You Might Like to Browse from Elsbeth (N. Shrops)

<http://www.worldofwool.co.uk/about.php> This business was established by David Morsley and his wife Lynn in 1988, who together built the turnover in just one year to over £½ million all from their own front room!

They are now based in Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, with over 6,000sq ft of storage. It's a bright easy to navigate website, with a really good "Googwool" feature. They stock a wide range of products, including:-Natural Wool Tops and Fleeces, Dyed Wool Tops, Wool/Fibre Blends, Effect Fibres, Yarns, Pre-felt & Felt ,Silk Speciality Fibres, Synthetic Fibres ,Fibre Fill and Wadding ,Eurolana Dyes ,Magazines Books & DVDs Equipment and Accessories and Gift Vouchers

http://handspinner.co.uk/using_drop_spindle.html This contains a neat video clip demonstrating how to use a drop spindle with Sheila Dixon. She is based at Ashby de la Zouche, Leics. She stocks a range of Ashford products, Individually-painted Traditional Spinning Wheels, fibres, fleeces and magazines and cards. There are sometimes second hand wheels available through this site.

<http://www.norwegianwool.co.uk/> This site based in the UK and dealing in £ S supplies Norwegian Wool and Norwegian fleece, carded for felt making and spinning in natural colours and also dyed.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Us0nk_ryMDI This video clip runs for about 8 mins and describes and demonstrates in good detail how to draft wool prior to spinning on a spindle.

<http://www.spinningdaily.com/media/g/spinning-how-to/default.aspx>

Interweave Press has a lot of useful free resources, for example a good pamphlet on spindle spinning and another on fleece preparation/wool processing. They also regular publish free knitting and weaving patterns. (The caveat is that they'll want your email address then send you regular advertising in the guise of newsletters - though these also contain good information.

Please contact the website administrator if you have anything of interest for the newsletter