



## CLWYD WEB September 2013

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### Meetings and Events 2013 Programme

<b>Sept 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<p><b>Braiding , Colin Squires</b></p> <p>"In the workshop on braids, I will bring examples of various techniques already set up which I will demonstrate, which those attending can experiment with, and can then decide which they would like to set up for themselves."</p> <p>"I will cover a number of finger woven techniques requiring no equipment as they are constructed in the hand. Some other techniques need tensioning, which can be done using soft boards for pinning into, which I will bring. I will also cover inkle and tablet weaving if required. I will bring a few inkle looms all of which will be available for people to try, or they may wish to bring their own inkle looms or tablets, in which case, small shuttles will be required. "</p> <p>"I suggest smooth firm yarns of medium thickness for experimenting with most techniques - nothing too fine as they would take too long to set up. Scissors and a darning needle and possibly a latch hook would also be useful, but I will bring both yarns and equipment so no-one need worry about not having the necessary things. A notebook and pen/pencil may also be useful as no-one will have time to try all the techniques in a day and may wish to make notes."</p> <p><b>ALSO for the meeting:</b></p> <p>Gill writes: Could you bring anything you have that we can display at the All Wales event in October. Small items that can be put on the wall display easily. (Anyone wanting to go to this can have a lift with Gill - four anyway.)</p> <p>The banner is getting there! I have just stitched it onto the backing and trimmed off the edges. Looking quite good, but still lots to be done. I am knitting an edging strip to cover the edges out of the leftover letter yarn and Betty has said she would spin more if needed.</p> <p>Seasons board is almost finished but I will bring it to the meeting to get everyone's opinion about what is needed for the centre.</p>
<b>Oct 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<p>I am writing to invite you to attend a <b>Wingham Wool Work Sampling Workshop/Open Day</b> which is being held at the Llanelltyd Village Hall, Llanelltyd, Near Dolgellau, LL40 2TA, on Thursday 10 October 2013 between 10am and 4pm. I attach details of the workshop for your information and a poster for you to display.</p> <p>Will you please inform members of your Guild of this event and contact me if there is any more information that you would like me to provide. I hope that we will meet many of you on what we hope will be a very popular and inspiring day.</p>
<b>Oct 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wheel maintenance, or any suggestions please</b>
<b>Nov 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AGM and Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>Dec 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Get Away from Christmas (Note 2nd Saturday)</b>



The Guild did indeed have a busy summer, with Ty Mawr in July, Moel Fammau, Bala, Ruthin and Cilcain Shows, two "At Homes", and even a last minute request from a mountain dog rescue association to go to the Alyn Waters Country Park next Sunday (1st Sept) to spin dog fur. Three of us went to Moel Fammau and at Cilcain there were six. Other shows appeared equally well attended so our thanks to everyone who turned out during the summer. There was a lot of interest in the displays and at Cilcain we met a Mongolian lady who is importing Yak and camel hair!. She might bring some along to the October meeting. (Note I have a box of yak down stashed away somewhere – very soft but it smells dreadful, though the smell washes out!)

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**Sat. 2 November, Carol and Pete Leonard are running a one-day spinning workshop at Alston Hall College, Longridge, near Preston, Lancs -**

*<http://www.alstonhall.com/courses/category.php?id=5463>. All enquiries and bookings should be made through the college (<http://www.alstonhall.com>). Alston Hall is a fine building, in a lovely location, the staff are friendly and helpful, the food is excellent; and there's a bar! The day is billed as Learn To Spin but, as there are two of us, we are happy to tailor to participants' needs. People can use the day as an opportunity to brush up their skills, whether on wheel or spindle, or to learn a new technique. We shall have some of our own substantial spindle collection, and a couple of wheels, for people to try. We are happy to answer any queries on the course; if you have a particular area on which you'd like to focus, please get in touch - [Spindlers2@aol.com](mailto:Spindlers2@aol.com) - beforehand.*

*For your diaries, very advanced warning (but I can recommend the silk workshop)*

**New Talks & Workshop Series to the UK, April-June 2014 from Priscilla Lowry.**

*The information and news on all the talks and workshops is on my website [www.priscillalowry.co.nz](http://www.priscillalowry.co.nz). Without a doubt two of the most exciting workshops are the Flash Jacket, which has been a standout success and enormous fun, and the little Silk Evening Purse, which can also lead to all sorts of wonderful variations. You may prefer to do some of the Silk workshops.*

**George Weill (Fibrecrefts)** have a 20% off autumn sale (Offer ends 1st October 2013) on Fibres for Spinning, Dyeing, Felt Making or Paper Making

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