



CLWYD WEB

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Next Meetings

<p>Jun 19. J & D Gaffney Textiles of the Golden Triangle.</p> 	<p>Starts promptly!!! The <i>Golden Triangle</i> is the area where three countries - Thailand, Laos and Burma, meet. It is so called because of the great fortunes which were made from the opium which grew so prolifically there. This trade is now almost gone but there is still great wealth to be found in the wonderful textile heritage of the hilltribes who live in this remote and mountainous area. The clothes they make for themselves for everyday wear and for more special occasions are a riot of colour with stunning embroidery and weaving techniques. We have taken slides in some of these hillside villages and there are lots of beautiful textiles made there for you to handle and examine. Like us, we think you will be full of admiration for this wonderful work done by poor working women in the most basic of surroundings.</p>
<p>July 17.</p>	<p>Dyeing PURPLE at Myra's</p>
<p>Your Guild needs you! By the time this news letter goes out, we'll have received and banked a substantial grant from the Arts Council of Wales which helps to support the workshops and speakers that we can bring in. It also helps us to put together our exhibition every second year. (Thanks to Helen and Rosemary and the committee for a LOT of hard work here).</p> <p>In return for this support, the guild promises to bring our crafts out into the community as much as possible. So far this year we have spent a day at NEWI's science fest (!) with the help of Joyce, Theresa, Helen Jo and Anne, and Lynn. A (similar) few really hard working members managed to keep many hundreds of children occupied at Llysfasi's Open day last week but the summer rush will soon be on and we really need everyone to try and give some time and share the load.... And it can be great fun too and you get in free to some pricey shows. (We may also be able to contribute to travelling expenses)</p> <p>So, we'll soon be circulating a list of events which the guild has been invited to. Think hard and see if you can manage to come to at least one of them even if it's only for a half day. So far we have definite dates for: British Coloured Sheep Breeders Assoc. Knitting challenge June 6th LLanarmon yn Ial 14th August Flint & Denbigh 19th August Ruthin 21st August Cilcain 30th August Flintshire Community Arts & Crafts 9 – 30th Oct</p>	<p>Last reminder: On May 22 10am-4pm The Cheshire Guild are hosting a talk by John Allen at Croft in Warrington. There will also be trade stands and demos.</p> <p>We are invited to a spinning day at Whitemere 29th June numbers to Teresa</p> <p>April meeting – Visit to hat museum Stockport (from Lynn) The museum was well signposted and the chimney was easy to spot although we had to circle it to find a suitable parking place. Those of us who arrived first waited in the cafe with cappuchinos and the receptionist directed the next Guild member in to join us. We waited a further 20 minutes then decided to start on the tour. After a brief delay we saw an interesting video about the industry. Apparently much of the development is due to the influx of the French Huguenots who processed fur into hats to supplement their poor incomes and later on as felt hats became popular, men wore fur felt and ladies wool felt hats. The gallery had a wonderful display of hats including some by famous designers. Sylvia decided to try to be a B.A. airhostess, she looked lovely but they were not recruiting on that day. Our guide switched on the machinery in turn, (H.&S. will not allow some things any more). We ended up in the shop of course and more than one hat was purchased. Personally I liked the knitted strips of carrier bag ones best. We finished the visit with lunch in the cafe, which was very tasty. The tour was most interesting and informative, we all agreed it was worth visiting and we had really enjoyed ourselves. Those who did not come missed a good day out. There were only four Guild members and a chauffeur but the company was most agreeable.</p>

Association of Guilds of Weaving, Spinning and Dyeing National exhibition. August The information has just come through it is 1st – 20th Aug in Wells with submissions between 10th & 17th July. This means that if you'd like to put any pieces up for selection, they will have to be brought to the June meeting or as a last resort can be given to Myra by July 10th.

Especial thanks are due to Rosemary and June who single handedly finished the clearing out and clean up of Bryn Mair.

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As I write this newsletter, I'm waiting for the "blood red moon" predicted for this evening when there is a full lunar eclipse (usually a rather dull rust colour, by blood red sounds better on the news!) Fat Chance – it's pouring down, thunder and hail during the day – now it just raining. Oh well there'll be another one along soon. If you missed that there's a neat comet (called in fact comet NEAT!) which you may be able to see low in the West just after sunset if you have a very clear dark sky (I've have the hazy orange glow of IC1)

And finally....

Shrek the Sheep

That's shorn it! Fleece cut after six years

A sheep which evaded humans for six years in New Zealand's Central Otago Mountains has been shorn in front of a live television audience.



According to [Sky](#) Shrek's fleece weighed in at 27.5kg and was removed by former world champion sheep shearer Peter Casserley. Mr Casserley used an old-fashioned pair of cutting blades to remove the fleece, described as "rock hard" in places.

Shrek looked a little disorientated when the shearing was over, but seemed to adjust to his new shape quickly.

Strands of the fleece, measuring around 380mm in length, are being sold off in specially-marked boxes, with interested parties from around the world having put in bids for a woolly memento.

A limited amount of clothing made from the fleece will also be sold and all money raised from the auction of Shrek's wool will go to cancer-fighting charity Cure Kids.

(Report courtesy (ie nicked from) Ananova
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