

News update

Our February meeting saw us welcome Roger Bennett from the Buxton Mountain Rescue. He gave an informative talk on the history of mountain rescue, from the days when appeals for help would be published in the newspaper to today's teams making full use of the latest equipment and technology for rescues in the Peak District. He also warned of the dangers of going out without the appropriate equipment or clothing. Not something our walkers would do!



News & Dates for your diaries

Spring Pal Meeting "in a pickle" From Jane Wedderburn one of our new PALs (Public Affairs Liaison) "The Spring PAL meeting was held at WI House in Chester where we were invited to take part in a 'hands on' workshop titled "in A Pickle" run by Dr Natalie Fey from the University of Bristol.

So on a February Tuesday afternoon it was a return to the chemistry classroom with safety specs and gloves as I, and 49 other PALS, explored why pickling makes things last and how turning it into jam preserves fruit.



The first 30 minutes went in a blur but I recognized some words such as periodic table, molecules and osmosis! The next two and a half hours were rather more comfortable and fun. We experimented with jelly sweets, lemons and oranges, baking powder and

alcohol as we explored the chemical reactions and processes that are used to preserve food.

Everyone enjoyed the session and many commented that if chemistry had been like that at school it would definitely have been more memorable.

One of the reasons why the session was offered was due to the work at Bristol School of Chemistry to make chemistry more accessible to everyone.

So if anyone wants to find out more about the work of Dr Natalie Fey go to

www.chempics.wordpress.com/about/ws2014

Carnival Time We have decided to take part in Hazel Grove Carnival this year so please put the date (**Saturday 16th July 2016**) in your diaries! The theme is Rio. We hope this is going to be a major fundraiser for our group funds which we can then plough back into activities for members as well as raise the profile of our group and the WI.

We are going to run a Bakes and Preserves stall and would like as many of you as possible to be involved in whichever way you can. Our Carnival Committee met for the first time and have come up with plenty of ideas so look out for a sheet you can sign up to for contributing produce! We will need plenty of cakes and or preserves and the logistics of getting them to our stall and 'manning' it throughout the day are still to be planned but we are optimistic that it will be an enjoyable day for all.

DLTC Fundraiser Meal There are a few places left for the meal at the tennis club on the 23rd April. It is always an enjoyable evening. Would everyone who has signed up please be sure to pay at the members' meeting.

Well Done! To Kath, Nicole, Barbara and Helen who represented Great Moor at Mottram St Andrew in the Count Quiz Tournament. There were 18 groups in this round and the top score was 57/80. Two groups tied for 2nd place with Woodford going through. We came 5th with 53. It must be said that the 2nd half had some tricky rounds!

Coffee Afternoons Do join us on Wed April 20th, for a tea, coffee, maybe a bite to eat, and plenty of chat. Meet at the Funky Monkey Davenport @ 2pm

Round the World Meals Our March meal was an interesting night at La Cueva in Cheadle. We were only 5 and enjoyed good food again at this Tapas Bar. However, the service was a let-down, we waited for a table after being bounced off ours for a party of 8 that never showed. We waited for our order to be taken and then again for our drinks and food to be served. We were cold as the room had no heating and finally we were then presented with a very interesting bill from the till where the total was greater than the items listed!

Not to be put off our next RTW meal will be on the 1st April when we will visit The Easy Fish Co in Heaton



Mersey. Sign up at the March members' meeting if you would like to go and choose from the menu and Susan Turner will email to confirm the booking and

advise of any deposits needed. Remember if your plans change to let the venue know yourself and advise Sue.

Lunch Group March's lunch was at La Casetta, an Italian restaurant in Cheadle Hulme. 6 ladies went and all plumped for the £9.95 3 course set menu which they all enjoyed. The service was friendly and efficient and the ladies learned that if you come from Bologna then Sunday lunch has to be lasagne!

A change for April when instead of lunch we will go for an afternoon tea at The High Lane Tea Rooms. This will be on Friday 8th April at the later time of 2:30. Please sign the sheet at the next meeting if you would like to go.

Book Group If anyone would like to join the book group which usually meets on the first Monday of the month at the Shady Oak at 7pm let Marjorie know or just turn up in April. At the March meeting we discussed Afterwards by



Rosamund Lupton The book met a mixed reaction and provoked a fair bit of discussion. Details of the book we are currently reading to be discussed on Monday 4th April are on the website and available at the members' meeting.

Craft Group A great evening doing resin flowers.



We first learned to bend and twist wires to make nice petals and leaf shapes. Next was the tricky bit, to dip the

petals in the resin, but we all managed. The petals dried in seconds. After assembling all the elements we ended up with vibrant flowers. Alice refused payment saying that she could not price the very small amount we used so we decided to put £1.00 towards our charity. A successful evening all round. Our April meeting will be held at the Shady Oak in Bramhall on the 19th

April More information at the members' meeting.



Knit and Natter The Knit and Natter group meets on the 2nd Wed in the month at 'The Shady Oak', Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG from 7:30pm onwards. Either turn up on the night or contact Nicole for further details or help with getting there. The next meeting will be on the 13th April. Bring along any project you are working on. Perhaps your individual entry for the Cheshire Show?

Cheshire Show A reminder that this year's Cheshire Show is on the 21st and 22nd of June. If you are interested in going tickets can be bought on line. Nicole has put details of classes you can enter onto the website. There are classes for novices to enter and for those more experienced members. There are also opportunities to help at the show which will earn you a free entry ticket. If you are concerned about getting your entry to the show or would like more information, speak to Trish Hall. NB all entries must be in by the March meeting.

Games Night. We usually meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Shady Oak at 7:30pm. The evening is for everyone who enjoys an evening of

entertainment and laughter. Nothing too long or mentally strenuous! If you have a game to share, you can bring it and teach us. For further information contact Chris or Jane at the members' meeting

The next meeting is: 21st March 2016

Walks March's day time walk to Lyme Park was called off due to poor weather, However 6 ladies will be going to Lower Peover on what we hope will be a Sunny Sunday morning.

Details of next month's walks available at the members' meeting. Our weekday walk is on the 5th April and our weekend walk will be a cycle ride on the 16th

If you are interested in these, the weekend and/or the weekday walks please sign the lists at the meetings or contact Marjorie Brown on 456 3263, e-mail jmbrown@btinternet.com or Lorna Hough on 483 1139, e-mail lornahough@yahoo.com. It is a great way to spend an afternoon or day at the weekend.

Pub Quiz Group Congratulations to the ladies who quizzed for coming first last week! If you think you would enjoy the weekly pub quiz on Thursdays at the 'Puss in Boots', Nangreave Road please speak to Trish H. It doesn't matter if you can't manage every week, everyone is welcome.

Suggestion Box Thank you to those ladies who have put in suggestions at the January meeting. One idea was to arrange a day trip to the beach and we now have some details (see opposite) Do continue to keep sharing your ideas, the Committee do consider them and bear them in mind when planning the programme, events etc. The suggestion box is situated on the front table and is for members who have ideas for activities that they would like to help to provide, or any other suggestions they would like to put forward.

Cinema/Theatre group: Review of NTL **As you Like It** – definitely one to see again if you have the chance. A really imaginative set and interpretation of the play. **NTL Hangmen** David Morrissey as the hangman and Reece Shearsmith as his assistant – both gave great performances. The set moves from the condemned man's cell to the interior of a pub as you may remember them. Worth seeing if there is an encore performance.

We have a very busy Cinema/Theatre group and sometimes have to book tickets very quickly and a long time in advance. To avoid disappointment, if you wish to be included and receive information about what's being planned then please e-mail Alia

(abea@hotmail.co.uk) to add your name to the cinema/theatre group list.

Already Booked Breakfast at Tiffany's on the 14th April, **Mamma Mia** on the 12th May and **Tom** on the 26th May

Coming Soon The Madness of King George 22nd April at Altrincham Garrick, Two into One 10th May also at Altrincham Garrick. The Shawshank Redemption at the Lowry 7th September.

Further details available on the website. Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to any of these by email, alia or at the next members' meeting by signing the relevant sheet.

Day Trip to Crosby & Speke Hall Following on from the interest shown last month we hope to arrange this trip for Saturday 25th June. To go ahead we need to be able to fill a minimum of a 41 seater coach. This trip is open for family and friends with priority going to our members. We would arrange to be at Crosby in time to see the Iron Men and possibly stay for a picnic there before going on to visit Speke Hall and Gardens, The cost should be around £11 depending on numbers. Please sign up at the meeting.



North East Cheshire Group (NECG) Look out for all the news and events of activities you can enjoy in the NECG newsletter sent to your inbox monthly. Toni will have more details at the meeting.

Spring Meeting will be held at Woodford on the 13th April 2016. Graham Walton will be talking about his life with 7 women. There will be a competition for the best 'New Baby' card. Your card should be brought along to the March meeting when we will ask our speaker to choose one that we will enter at the Spring Meeting.

Summer outing We are planning a day trip to York on the 15th June, more info to follow

Cheshire Federation of WI's (CFWI)

Upcoming events / news The CFWI have a number of activities/events over the next few months that may be of interest to members. If any of you are interested in any of the events please see Trish H.

Cheshire Show –Can you help? CFWI are asking for unfilled, Lemon Drizzle or Victoria sponges, they are offering £2 a cake. The recipe is provided.



New Member Meetings – A chance for new members to visit WI House in Chester Thurs May 5th 10am or Thurs 19th May 7pm..

County Walk – Wed 13th April at Hawarden, Flintshire.

Lady Denman Cup. Competition to write a letter to your younger self. 500 words.

County Team Bowls Tournament 2016 We are invited to enter a Bowls team for the County Tournament. The final will be played at Lostock Club, Northwich on Monday 12th September 2016.

National Federation of WI's (NFWI) Tickets for the NFWI Raffle are now available at £1 each. Please see Helen Eaton at the members' meeting if you would like to purchase any.

Stockport Without Abuse (SWA). We will have a collection bag for any toiletries or items of clothing that you may like to bring in. Single bed bedlinen is also welcome. We will ensure they get to the charity.



Stockport Foodbank We continue to collect much needed donations for Stockport's Food bank. Why not ask your family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, community groups etc. to help donate!!! Thank you.

TWIDDLE MITS Quite a few members have made Twiddle Mitts which we have been asked to knit to help dementia sufferers. Vera will supply a pattern and also a pattern for hats for the homeless. Please see her if you would like to help with these or the other knitted items for Stepping Hill Hospital and Wythenshawe Hospital, or the breast drain bags for Macclesfield Hospital.

Birthday Wishes Nicole celebrates her birthday on the 28th March and Lorna on the 5th April. Sue J on the 6th and Marjorie on the 15th. Ladies, have a wonderful birthday on your special day.

If you would to be included in our birthday wishes please put your birth date and month on the birthday list at the next meeting.

WEBSITE You can find our Great Moor and District WI at: - www.greatmooranddistrictwi.org.uk You will find details of most current, future and past activities. Please let us know if you would like to add or change anything.

Next Meeting The next members' meeting is on Tuesday March 22nd at Hazel Grove Civic Hall. Our speaker is Paul Corry who will be Salsa Dancing. You may wish to come in suitable footwear! Please can we remind members they must sign in so that we know who is present. This is required for safety reasons in case we should need to evacuate the building.

Hostess Rota Our March hostesses are Karen, Chris, Linda and Valerie. Please can the hostesses liaise to bring 4 pints of milk and tea towels. (Any costs will be reimbursed by Trisha on production of a receipt).

Raffle If you have anything at home that you think would make the perfect raffle prize please bring it along to the meeting and Mary P will be delighted to receive them. Many thanks.

Trade table/Bookstall We will of course be having our normal book stall in March, so please bring along books you would like to donate. Prices for books will be 50p for paperbacks and £1.00 for hardbacks. The loose change collection box will always be available for donations. Our next trade table will be at the May meeting. Bring along any items, crafts, plants or preserves you would like to donate to raise funds for our charity. Please price your items.

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