

## GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER APRIL 2013

### NEWS AND UPDATE ON EVENTS DURING THE LAST MONTH AND REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March meeting - Cake Competition and Line Dancing**

Our March members meeting saw the welcome return of the cake competition. Members enjoyed sampling the homemade cakes and voting for their favourites. The winners were: 1st place Sue Johnson with her delicious maple syrup cake, 2nd place Jo Lockett and 3rd place Trisha Woodsmith. Thanks to the generosity of the winners who donated their winners we raised £30.32 for our charity, the North West Air Ambulance.



To work off some of the calories consumed, we had a very enjoyable evening learning and performing line dance routines. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Even though there were a lot of left feet around, there was also a lot of laughter! Our thanks go to Alix for stepping in at short notice to teach us.

- **Coffee afternoons for April and May**

Do join us for a coffee/tea and chat at either or both of our popular coffee afternoons.



The next two afternoons at the Funky Monkey in Davenport is Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April and Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May, from 2.00pm.

At Coffee Culture in Hazel Grove, opposite Asda Carpark, our next two afternoon will be Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April and Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May from 2.30 pm.

- **Meals out**

Our next Round the World Meal will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May – venue to be confirmed. Please sign the list if you would like to go.

- **Lunch Club**

The Lunch club is proving popular and our next one is to the Puss in Boots on the 15<sup>th</sup> May, so please sign the list if interested.

- **Fundraising meal at Davenport Tennis Club**

Don't forget our next fundraising meal at the Tennis Club will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 for 8.00 pm. The previous meals have been very successful, and popular

events. We will be having a three course meal plus tea/coffee for a cost of £10. As with the previous meals this event is open to partners, friends etc. Please sign the list if you would like to go, stating how many places you would like. Please can you bring the £10.00 per person to the next meeting. Alternatively email Trish Hall at [trishyhall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trishyhall@hotmail.co.uk) to book your place(s).

- **Book Club**

'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo', by Stig Larsson, was this months' book, which was generally well received, though some found parts of it disturbing. It was felt it was well written with good descriptions of Sweden. It scored 6.83 out of 10.

Our next book is 'Somewhere towards the end' by Diana Athill, which we will be reviewing on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

- **Craft Group**

Nine ladies met at Christinas' to make fabric folded flowers. Once we got the hang of it, they proved to be relatively easy to make and we were all most impressed with our results.



Our next craft group is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm at Nicole's house, 11 Crossfield Grove, Woodsmoor, SK2 7EQ, where we will be doing Paper stitching

You must bring the following items as Nicole won't have enough for everyone :

- a tray or a hard surface
- a mat to prick your card on (cork, rubber, mouse mat, etc)



You will need as well:

- a light coloured card
- thin nice thread: rayon, silk etc
- a sharp needle
- a pin with around head

These material will be supplied at a modest cost if you don't have any

Future craft group dates are:-

Tuesday 21 May

- **Walks**

The next weekend walk is on Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April. Meeting at the Ram's Head carpark in Disley at 10:30am we will be walking

through Lyme Park – approx 5-6 miles with some steep climbs. A packed lunch is needed.

- **Weekday daytime walks**



On a sunny, but chilly Friday afternoon in April, eleven of us met at Brookside Garden Centre. Our walk of nearly three miles took in one of Poynton inclines and Poynton Pool, finishing off with a tea/coffee back at the garden

centre.

Our next planned weekday walk will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Meeting at Nelson's Pit car at 1.45 pm we will walk into Lyme Park, stop off after just under 2 miles at the coffee shop (and loos), then walk back via Hase bank wood, and the canal - just over 4 miles. Please sign sheet if interested.

- **Pub Quiz Team**

A few members have expressed an interest in running a pub quiz team, and are looking for others to join them. If you are interested in being a member of a pub quiz team please sign the sheet stating which evenings are best for you, or speak to Anna Burke for more information.

- **Trip to Dorothy Clive Gardens**

Twelve members have so far signed up for the trip to Dorothy Clive Gardens and Bridgemere Garden Centre on Friday June 21st. It will be all day and the cost around £20. Please sign the list if interested.

- **NGS Gardens open for charity**

We have received information from the National Garden Scheme about gardens opening to the public for charity. We will display the list on the noticeboard at the next meeting.

- **Bowling**

A number of ladies, from different WI clubs join together to go bowling at Torkington Park on a Friday morning from 10.00 - 12.00. Cost is £1.00. See Anne Smith for more information.

- **Cinema/Theatre group**

We have a very busy Cinema/Theatre group and sometimes have to book tickets very quickly, and quite a long time in advance. So to avoid disappointment, if you wish to be included and receive information about what's being planned then please e-mail Alia el Asmar, [abea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:abea@hotmail.co.uk) to add your name to the cinema/theatre group list.

### **NTL 'People'**

On Wednesday March 20th, eight members went to Cineworld, Didsbury, to see the National Theatre's screening of the latest Alan Bennett play, 'People'. The excellent cast was lead by Francis de la Tour who struck exactly the right note between comedy and pathos as the owner of a decaying stately home. Her dilemma was whether to gift the house to the National Trust, sell it to a dodgy consortium or rent it out as a location for porn films! The most hilarious scenes were definitely when one such

film was being shot on one of the house's four-poster beds! We all enjoyed 'People' and agreed that Alan Bennett is a magnificent word-smith.

### **Grease**

Seven members, as part of a group of sixteen, went along to see 'Singalong a Grease on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. We all sang along to the familiar songs, waved flags and balloons and cheered the large array of 'Grease' costumes at the thoroughly enjoyable event.

### **The Ladykillers**

Five of us went along to the Lowry to see the Ladykillers. We were in the second row so could see the faces of the cast at close hand. Mrs Wilberforce was played by Michelle Dotrice (Frank Spencer's Betty) and the play moved along at a brisk pace keeping our attention. The set was great, with model railway engines and remote control cars on stage for the robbery. All in all we had a good night out.

### **Already booked**

Twenty booked to see 'The Full Monty' on the 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Eight booked to see 'The Miser' on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Apr.  
Eight booked for NTL 'Their House' on 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Twelve booked to see NTL 'The Audience' on 13<sup>th</sup> June

### **Future options**

'An untimely Frost', Poynton Players, Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013, £8.00.  
'Unoriginal Sin', Carver Theatre, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013, £8.  
'Who's afraid of Virginia Wolf', The Garrick, Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013, £9 (2 for 1 available).  
'Blood Brothers' The Lowry 4<sup>th</sup> September £29.50  
'War Horse' The Lowry 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 £45

Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to any of these either by email, [abea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:abea@hotmail.co.uk), or at the next members' meeting by signing the relevant sheet.

Please remember that anyone in the group can instigate a cinema/theatre visit by emailing the group with a suggested film/play, date and time. Other members who would like to join you should reply direct, and a trip organised.

For those members that are interested but are not free to go at the proposed time, then if you 'reply to all' saying you are interested but prefer another time, then you could liaise with others in a similar position.

**If interested in any of the events, please sign the relevant sheet at the next meeting.**

### **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WI (NFWI)**

- **2013 NFWI Resolution - Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres**

This year WI members have chosen to focus on the decline of the High Street. You can read more about this proposal in the WI Life April issue. We will be discussing and voting on this at the May meeting and our delegate will be taking our vote to the June AGM, where it will be decided whether or not to adopt it as a new WI campaign.

- **Photographic Competition**

Members are being given the chance to enter a new photographic competition by submitting an entry based on the theme 'Inspirational Women'. All photos must be the original work of the entrant and taken between 1 January 2013 and 30 June 2013. For further information, please see Lorna Hough.

Please see the e-mail for the April NFWI Newsletter

**CHESHIRE FEDERATION OF WI'S (CFWI) UPCOMING  
ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/NEWS**

The CFWI have a number of activities/events over the next few months that may be of interest to members. Please sign the **CFWI EVENTS** sheet with your name and CFWI event that you are interested in.

- **County Quiz 2013**

Congratulations to our quiz team Anna Burke, Nicole Dennerley, Judith Williams and Alice Hutchinson for coming joint fourth out of twenty-one teams in the final on 5<sup>th</sup> April. Very well done.

- **Winter Walk**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Moulton WI are organising a walk around Wimboldsley covering approx. six miles mainly along tow paths and fields. Bring a picnic lunch. To reserve a place contact Joan Christie by email - norman.christie@talktalk.net or phone Margaret Atherton on 01606 44253 after the 15<sup>th</sup> April.

- **New members meeting at Chester**

New Members and any other members who would like to find out more about the organisation, are welcome to join us at WI House, Chester, on 9<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am for 10.30 start, or 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7.00 pm for 7.30 start. A tour of WI House is also included. Please see Lorna Hough if interested.

- **Advance tickets for Cheshire County Show**

If anyone would like to purchase advance tickets (discount £2.00 per ticket) for the Cheshire Show on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June, then please see Lorna Hough for a form.

- **Cakes for the Cheshire Show 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June**

If anyone would like to contribute cakes for the WI refreshment tent please see Lorna Hough for details.

- **Archive Workshops**

Two workshops on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 3.00 - 5.00 pm or 7.00 - 9.00 pm are being held on caring for your own and WI records and how to preserve your digital heritage. Please see Lorna Hough for details.

- **Calendar Competition for 2015**

Photos of 'Cheshire at its best' have to be submitted by early 2014. Further details to follow.

- **Lady Denham Cup Competition**

WI members are invited to write a piece starting with the line 'If I were.. for a day, I would...' Members are required to 'fill in the blanks' with a fictional account of who they would like to be for the day and what they would get up to! Entries must be no more than 500 words and the competition line must be included in the final word count. Entries have to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> July.

- **CFWI - Resolution submission**

If anyone wishes to submit a resolution to be considered for inclusion on the Agenda for the Cheshire Annual Council Meeting in March 2014, they should complete a form detailing reasons for submitting the resolution and any research done. Forms need to be in by 1 July 2013. Please speak to Lorna Hough if interested.

- **Lunch and Cruise**

Lunch and cruise on the Shropshire Union Canal-Chester. Venue: Mill House Hotel, Milton Street, Chester CH1 3NF. Arrival: 12pm Return approx 3pm. Tickets £20. Tickets are limited so book early (if oversubscribed a second date may be arranged). To reserve a place apply enclosing a SAE and cheque for £20.00 payable to CFWI to WI House White Friars Chester, CH1 1NZ Closing date Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)**

- **Spring Meeting**

The Spring meeting at Woodford last week saw Great Moor & District responsible for the produce stall. Preventing enthusiastic WI ladies purchasing before the break kept us busy as we were pricing up but by the end of the evening we had sold everything. The speaker was Chester's town crier, he explained he and his wife were both in the business with his son their apprentice. The threat of having a bell clanged in our ears ensured no one fell asleep, but that was unlikely to happen as he had many ladies in stitches with his tales of American tourists and country weddings. Vivien Leigh our chair led the formalities and we agreed the minutes of the last meeting when we won the Limerick competition. There were only four entries for the competition this time, to make a bell, all four entries were of very high standard with an 'edibell' coming first.

- **Summer outing**

A date for your diary is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July for the NECG summer outing. Further details to follow.

**HOSTESS ROTA**

Please could April's hostesses Lynda Smith, Trish Hall, Sue Johnson and Maddy Fletcher liaise and bring 4 pints of milk, tea towels and cake. (All costs will be reimbursed by Sue on production of a receipt). We still need hostesses for months later on in the year, so if you can, please sign up on the hostesses list.

**NEXT THREE MONTH'S PROGRAMME EVENT FOR 2013**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>: 'A Trip down Memory Lane' - Chris Belton  
May 28<sup>th</sup>: 'Resolutions' - St John's Ambulance  
June 25<sup>th</sup>: 'Singing for Health'

## TRADE TABLE

The Trading Table is at the side of the hall, next to our kitchen area.

**THE NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE is our charity** which we will be supporting until September 2013.

There will not be a particular theme to the collection of goods this time – just bring along any items you feel are suitable, duplicates or those items which you have decided you no longer want or need. There are some lovely Edwardian Lady diaries going very cheaply and some beautiful jewellery.

Wherever possible I will endeavour to price the items.

We also have our RECIPE FOLDER for you to purchase recipes and bring your own.

***\*\*The KNITTING PATTERN FOLDER is bulging at the seams – some really lovely patterns were brought in last month so don't forget to have a look.\*\****

**Please see if there is anything you can bring along to help us raise more money for our charity.**

Spare change will continue to be collected in the same payment box for our charity.

Many Thanks

Christine

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Sue Shillito on 9<sup>th</sup> April, Eileen Lawton on 11<sup>th</sup> April, Marjorie Brown on 15<sup>th</sup> April, Christina McDonough on 26<sup>th</sup> April, Trish Hall on 2 May, Vera Jordon on 7 May and Judith Motram on 10<sup>th</sup> May I. We hope you all have a most enjoyable 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running to Alia, for gaining a Silver in the World Marmalade competition. A great achievement - well done.

## STOCKPORT FOODBANK

We have decided to help collect food for Stockport Foodbank, and there will be collection bin near the Information Board to collect donations. Due to high demand, all non-perishable foods, such as tins, jars of pasta sauce, pasta, rice, powdered mash potato, cornbeef, will be gratefully received, particularly bottles of squash, coffee, teabags, UHT milk and sugar (500grams).....Why not ask your family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, community groups etc to help donate!.....Thank you

## RAFFLE

Don't forget if you have anything that we could use in our monthly raffle, then please bring the items along to the meeting and Mary will be delighted to receive them. Many thanks.

## WEBSITE

You can find our Great Moor and District WI at :- [www.greatmooranddistrictwi.org.uk](http://www.greatmooranddistrictwi.org.uk) . Please let us know if you would like to add or change anything.

## NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting is on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the Hazel Grove Civic Hall. All members and visitors can sign in from 7.15 pm, for a prompt 7.30 pm start. If possible could the greeters try and arrive early (i.e. before 7.15 pm) to welcome all new visitors/members.**

If you would like to place an advertisement in our newsletter, or on our notice board please either e-mail your advert to [trishawoodsmith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trishawoodsmith@yahoo.co.uk) or take to the meeting and give to a committee member. The cost is £1.00 a month for each advert, for each use, whether on newsletter or notice board.

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