

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2012

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

- **Chocolatier, Simon Dunn at July meeting**



Simon Dunn spoke very enthusiastically on how he became a chocolatier, his work, and how his business has developed over the last 15 years. He brought along lots of examples of his work for us to buy, and samples for us to try, which we all very much appreciated!!

- **Coffee afternoons for September and Oct**

Fancy a chat, coffee/tea and maybe cake, then come along to our popular monthly coffee afternoons at the Funky Monkey in Davenport.



We meet on the third Wednesday afternoon each month and our next two afternoons will be Wed 19th September and Wed 17th Oct from 2.00pm.

- **Meals out**



Thirteen of us went to the Greek restaurant 'Rozafa' and really enjoyed the food and evening. The portions were

so generous that some took 'doggy bags' home with them!

Our next monthly evening meal 'around the world' is on Friday 7th September, when we will be visiting the Danish KRO bar in Heaton Moor. If we arrive for 7.00 pm we can take advantage of their weekly special menu and have 2 courses for £9.95 or 3 courses for £12.50.

Please sign the sheet if you would like to go.

- **Lunch Club**

We are thinking of starting a lunch club that meets once a month for lunch, at different venues. If you would be interested in joining this group then please sign the list, stating which days would suit you best.

- **Book Club**

Twelve of us met at Great Moor Library to discuss 'The Lost Wife' by Alyson Richman. It was a very popular read with most thoroughly enjoying it. It received our second highest score of 8.29 out of 10.

Our next meeting is on 3rd September where we will discuss 'The Yacobeian Building' by Alaa Al Aswany

- **Craft Group**

The next craft group meeting is on Thursday 23rd August. We will be meeting at Sue's house. Alice will be showing us how to do smocking, and if you have any check material and embroidery threads, do bring them with you, otherwise a nominal charge will be made for materials.

Future craft group dates are:-

Thursday 20th September, Tuesday 16th October

Tuesday 20th November, Thursday 13th December

Please do not buy 'materials' unless you really want to as we can supply them for a nominal price.

Nicole and Sue would like to know if any members would be interested in full day workshops on either Saturdays or Sundays. They will put a list out at the next meeting for those interested to sign. Our thoughts are that there are some skills which cannot be covered in a 2 hour evening session.

- **Walks**

Four of us, joined 17 other WI members in the NECG, on the NECG summer walk and supper. We started off at 'The Miners Arms' in Poynton, a circular walk heading towards the Marina on the Canal, then along the canal, and round back to the pub for a very enjoyable meal, mixing with fellow WI members of other groups. A most enjoyable evening.



The next evening walk is scheduled for Mon 20th August, meeting at the Nelson Pit Car park, Poynton. Due to it getting darker earlier we are starting at 7pm. Please contact Lorna if interested.

We have arranged our September walk for Sunday 23rd September, venue yet to be decided.

If anyone has an idea for a walk or is willing to lead a walk, do let us know.

- **Visit to Ashton Market - Sun 30th September**

There has been a market in Ashton for over 700 years. A royal charter to hold a market in Ashton was granted in 1284.

In May 2004, the historic Market Hall was destroyed by fire. A new, temporary "Phoenix" Market Hall was opened until the old hall was finally re-opened in November 2008 with an up-to-date interior that still retains some of the quirkiness of the past, but with much-improved facilities.

On the last Sunday of each month a Farmers' and Producers' Market is held, and we are planning to go to this on Sunday 30th September. If you would like to go, please sign the sheet, indicating whether you need/can offer a lift.

- **Cinema/Theatre group**

Twenty members have now signed up for Dandy Dick on 30th August and is now fully booked. Also fully booked is 9 - 5 on 19th October with ten members going. Eighteen people are booked for Entertaining Angels on the 12th September at 'The Garrick', and there is one place left at £6.00. Contact Alia if you would like to go.

We are thinking of organising a trip to Madame Butterfly which is on at the Plaza, Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 7:30. Tickets are £32 (£30 concession).

Nine members are interested in the cinema screening of the National Theatre's 'The Last of the Hausmanns' on Thurs 11th October at 7.00 pm, at the Plaza in Stockport. Tickets are £15.00, £13.00 concession.

Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to either of these either by email, 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 you are interested in joining this group then please e-mail Alia to add your name to the list.

- **Xmas meal – 20th December**

The Xmas meal is on 20th December at the Alma Lodge. The cost is £20.50, so please sign the sheet, and bring along £10.00 deposit to the next meeting.

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

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF W I (NFWI)

- **Action on the 2012 resolution**

The resolution 'Employment of More Midwives' was carried by a 96% majority at the AGM. We have received information on action that can be taken regarding this resolution. One is signing an e-petition started by the Royal College of midwives by 22nd August. To do this go to <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/13716> and sign online. Alternatively there is another petition you can sign that will be available at the next meeting. You can also see further information on this at the next meeting.

- **Resolutions Submission**

We have received 'Guidance on Resolutions' for any member who wishes to submit a resolution to be considered for inclusion on the Agenda for the Cheshire Annual Council Meeting in March 2013. Members should complete a form detailing reasons for submitting the resolution and any research done. Forms need to be in by 15 September 2012. Please speak to Lorna if interested.

- **Next AGM Saturday 1st June 2013 Cardiff**

- **Olympic sports event for WI – 'Big Walk, Little Splash'**

We are getting towards the end of the time allocated to taking part in this venture, so please don't forget to let Marjorie know of any walking or swimming you have done so that she can include it in our journal. Any distance, anywhere can be recorded, walks along the beach, swimming on holiday, walk to the shops, walking the dog etc. We really would like to include **all members** in this, so please get in touch with Marjorie by either

filling in the slip, or e-mailing her, including a picture of yourself if possible.

Please see NFWI Newsletter attached to the email for the latest NFWI news.

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.

- **CFWI County Walks – Wednesday 26th September**

Approx 5 miles circular walk on the Wirral. To book a place contact Lyn Worrall on 0151 336 8744, or Tricia Hall on 0151 336 3303 after 3rd September

- **Golf day competition – 21st September**

The Golf Day Competition takes place at Hartford details in June's newsletter, closing date Wednesday 22nd August.

- **Scrabble and Dominoes Tournament 24th and 27th September**

Scrabble and dominoes tournaments on the 24th September in Tarvin Community Centre, and on the 27th September in Lower Withington. Details in June's newsletter. Closing date for entries is 7th September.

- **Jubilee Jamboree Concert – 17th Oct**

Jubilee Jamboree Concert with the Weaver Valley WI Choir on behalf of and in conjunction with CFWI, at Northwich Memorial Hall at 7.30pm Tickets £10.00.

- **CFWI Archive Event 9th - 31st Oct**

From 9th to 31st October on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, WI House Chester will be open to view the Archive Exhibition from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm.

- **With Christmas in Mind - 30th November**

Make a garland for your door, decorate a topiary tree, make flowers for a table decoration. Basic materials will be included in the cost of £18.00. For full details and to book a place, apply to WI house. Closing date 19th October.

- **WI House summer closure**

WI House will be closed to members from Thursday 26th July until Tuesday 4th September. However business will continue as normal and correspondence dealt with.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

- **Future events**

Autumn meeting – is on Wed Oct 17th, 1.30 pm (with drinks) for a 2.00 pm start. The speaker is Judith Hibbert "An afternoon of comic reverie". Judith is extremely amusing and has appeared on TV, stage, cabaret and pantomime. She does impersonations, e.g. Joyce Grenfell, Victoria wood etc. According to those who have seen her, this is not to be missed. The completion this time is to make up a limerick, based on the theme "WI". Tickets are £4.00.

Trentham Gardens trip is on Wednesday 14th November for Christmas shopping etc. More detail later.

Sign list if interested in either of the above

HOSTESS ROTA

Members of the committee will be 'Hostessing' this month at the ploughman's supper.

Next 3 MONTHS' PROGRAMME FOR 2012

August 28th: Craft and Ploughmans

Don't forget to bring along any craft work that you have done/are doing, or craft that you may need advice on. In addition we will be displaying our exhibits that we entered at 'The Cheshire Show' this year.

Sept 25th: Secrets of a Mystery Shopper, Keith Vigurs

Oct 23rd: Health/Beauty tips

TRADE TABLE

The Trading Table at the moment consists of a few books, a coat and some small items. Please see if there is anything you can bring along to help us raise more money for our charity.

The main meeting will concentrate on **CRAFTS OF ALL KINDS** so maybe you have some left over resources that you no longer need – for example, a cross-stitch kit you will never finish, left over wool or yarn, patterns you no longer use, etc.

LET'S GET CRAFTY FOR BEECHWOOD

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

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

Many Thanks

Christine

Members have asked how much we have raised from our Trading Table over the last few months. We have raised for Beechwood through the Trade Table, pennies box and coffee donations at the book group, April - £17.04, May - £27.84, June - £63.45 (due largely to the very kind donation of jewellery from Carol M) and £16.56 in July.

RECIPE FOLDER could do with some new recipes, so do bring along copies of your favourite recipe(s) to be included in the folder.

BEECHWOOD - OUR CHARITY FOR 2012

Fundraising event for September, October and November

The complete calendar of events organised by Beechwood will be on our notice board and any WI members are welcome to take part. Beechwood not only helps cancer patients and families but also people with Parkinson's and dementia.

- **Friday 21st September** Night of entertainment 7.30 pm at Beechwood Cancer Care Centre.
- **Saturday 6th October** Pamper Day. All day event with limited places so book now £55.00.
- **Saturday 24th November** Christmas Fair 10.30 am at Beechwood Cancer Care Centre.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

We would like to wish Margaret B a very happy birthday on 1st September, have a lovely day Margaret.

If you would to be included in our birthday wishes please let Trisha W know the date and month of your birthday, by either e-mail or at the next meeting.

RAFFLE

Does anyone have any items they could donate for our raffle. If so could you bring them along to the meeting and give them to Mary P. Many thanks.

HONOURS

Did you know that you can nominate anyone for an honour? There are so many unsung heroes who deserve to be honoured - but they need someone to nominate them. Women in particular are missing out!!! If you want more information please see the pamphlet on our notice board.

WEBSITE

We will very soon be launching our very own Great Moor and District WI website. Alia and Trisha have been working very hard on it and hope to go 'live' after the next meeting. Once 'live' we will let you all have the link so you can have a look.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Tues 28th August 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.