

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2013

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

- **July meeting - 'Cake decorating Demonstration' - Janet Nash**

At our members meeting on 23rd July, Janet Nash came to show us how to make cup cakes. She covered everything we needed to know; baking the cakes, mixing and applying the butter icing, shaping flowers and figures from sugar paste and enhancing the final look. Some of us were lucky enough to get to taste her cakes, which were delicious and we all got written instructions to take home so we could start on our own masterpieces.

- **Coffee afternoons for August and September**

The next two coffee afternoons at the Funky Monkey in Davenport are Wed 21st August and Wed 18th Sept, from 2.00pm. (Always the third Wed in the month)



At Coffee Culture in Hazel Grove, (opposite Asda Carpark), our next two afternoons will be Fri 30th Aug and Fri 27th Sept from 2.30 pm. (always the last Fri in the month)

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

- **Meals out**

On Friday, August 2nd, nine members travelled by train into Manchester to eat at the Red Hot World Buffet. It is a very large restaurant with an equally large self-service food area. For an inclusive price of £14.99 for a two hour session, diners can help themselves to starters, main courses and desserts from a range of cuisines. The food on offer included English, Chinese, Thai, Indian and Mexican. This was a unique dining experience and we all agreed that it was very good value for money. The only drawback was trying not to overeat.

- **Lunch Club**

Seven ladies had lunch at Woodford Park garden centre on Thursday August 22nd. It was a good job we had booked a table as it was very busy. As some of us had a Sage card we all had lovely food at a very reasonable cost.

In September we are going to go on a canal boat trip, the Judith Mary from Whaley Bridge. We have booked Thursday 26 Sept at 2.00pm. The trip lasts two and a half hours and costs £13.50 which includes a cream tea.

Please sign the list if interested in this.

- **Christmas Meal**

We are returning to the Alma Lodge, where we have held very successful Christmas meals before. We have chosen 19th Dec.

The deposit is £10.00 and can be paid at the next meeting. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Book Club**

'Cold Comfort Farm' by Stella Gibbons had mixed reviews. Some comments on it were "Having read this book at school I enjoyed re-reading it what did happen in the woodshed?" "Enjoyed reading this. It was a bit quirky and very entertaining." "Not the funniest book ever written but fun to discuss". It scored 5.3 out of 10.

The next book we are reading is 'The Girl on the Landing' by Paul Torday, which we will be reviewing on Monday 2nd Sept.

- **Craft Group**

The next craft group is on Tuesday 17th September, further details to follow.

- **Knit and natter, Crochet and chatter**

We are think of setting up an informal group where ladies get together and have a chat while knitting, crocheting, or any other craft they are undertaking. Please sign the list if interested in this group and whether you prefer afternoon or evening.

- **Weekend Walks**

On Sunday 28th July four of us set off on an overcast but clear day from the Canal Wharf Carpark in Whaley Bridge heading towards Eccles Pike. On route we managed to pick up a dog



which could not be persuaded to go home and we had an amusing time with Max until we managed to meet up with the owner and return him. Stopping off at a pub for a cup of tea, we returned back to the car via the canal getting back just as the heavens opened. We all agreed it was a lovely varied walk.

The next weekend walks will be on Sunday 22nd September. We are going to do something slightly different and combine a walk and an afternoon tea. We have booked to go to the Davenport tea room in Northwich at 3.00 pm. The cost of the afternoon tea is £15.99. We will be walking from about 10.30 am in the area. It will be flat walk of about 7 miles. Please sign the list if interested, stating if you would like to go on just the walk, just the afternoon tea, or go on both.

- **Weekday daytime walks**



Tues 6th Aug saw four ladies set off for a walk round Fernilee Reservoir. Taking a slightly different walk as planned, we had some lovely views of the reservoir and the surrounding countryside.

The next weekday walk is on Fri 6th Sept, leaving about 1.00 pm. Starting off at Nelson Pit carpark we will be doing a circular 4 mile flat walk taking in Macclesfield Canal, Poynton Coppice, and Higher Poynton.

Please sign the sheet if interested.

- **NECG trip to Ludlow**

10 ladies from GM&D boarded 1 of the 3 buses at Woodford to head off for a day out in Ludlow. The journey took us through some very attractive countryside, nevertheless we were all pleased to arrive. We were dropped off very close to the market which most of us took a look at. In spite of our numbers the town absorbed us all as we dispersed to shop, take in the



castle, walk by the river or just find a quiet courtyard for lunch. It was a glorious sunny day and all to soon it was time to return. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the visit albeit the time ratio of travel:visit was skewed the wrong way. However, it was very

reasonably priced and very well organised - no mean feat for such a large group.

- **Pub Quiz Team**

The Pub Quiz team have now attended a number of quiz's at the 'Puss In Boots', on a Thursday, and are intending to go weekly when possible. Last week two new ladies joined the team which came joint 8th out of about 30 teams, and all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

- **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 to add your name to the cinema/theatre group list.

'Macbeth'

The 20th July live screening of Macbeth was enjoyed by all of us who went to see it. There were 11 in our group but the cinema was full of an expectant audience. The play had received excellent reviews for its innovative production. As part of the Manchester international festival it was held in an old church with the actors performing up and down the length of it. By viewing it on screen we perhaps benefited from always having a face on view of the action, Look out for this if it comes round again as an 'encore' screening and you missed it the first time.

Already booked

'The Taming of the Shrew', 29th August 2013
'A Murder has been arranged', 29th August 2013
'Improbable Fiction', 2nd September 2013
'Blood Brothers', 4th September 2013
'Othello' - NTL, 26th September 2013
'Frankenstein', 31st October 2103

'The Habit of Art', 7th November 2013

'Paul Merton', 1st November 2013

'War Horse' 15th January 2014

Future options

'If I were You', The Garrack, 18th September £9.00 (2-4-1 available)

'People', The Lowry, 15th October, £27.00

'Deathtrap', The Garrack, 23rd October, £9.00 (2-4-1) available

'Ardal O'Hanlon', The Lowry, 3rd November, £21.00

'The Mouse Trap', 20th March 2014, £24.50.

Alia, has circulated theatre options for June - December 2013 to those in the cinema/theatre group.

Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to any of these either by email, 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)

- **NFWI Open Days**

This is WI members' opportunity to visit the NFWI Headquarters in London where you will have the opportunity to find out about the work of the NFWI, have a tour of the building and meet the staff.

The open days will be on Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 October 2013 and there will be 2 sessions available on each day, a morning session from 11am - 1.15pm and an afternoon session from 2pm - 4.15pm.

The deadline for booking forms to arrive at the NFWI is Wednesday 31 August 2013, and places are strictly limited to 25 per session. Please see Lorna for further details.

MOODLE ACCESS

If members would like access to the WI moodle site, you need to contact Anne Smith and she'll add you to the drop down menu on the site together with your email address. You should then receive your username and password within 24hrs.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND REAL JAM FESTIVAL

The Christmas Fair and Real Jam Festival 2013 will be held on the 7th and 8th December 2013 at Denman college, There are classes for everyone so the whole family can take part and enjoy turning delicious produce into prize-winning entries. For further information on the different classes and how to enter, please see the notice board or our website. You will find the information on our website on the 'Links' page, and on our noticeboard.

Please see the e-mail for the August 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 Walk**

On Wednesday 11th September there is a walk from Gordale Garden Centre, over the fields to Willaston. To reserve a place contact Lyn Worrall 0151 336 8744 or lyn.worrall@btinternet.com after 28th August.

- **Chicago Teddybears Jazz Band**

Join the WI Advisers for a Great Jazz & Entertainment evening at Frodsham Community Centre - 7.30pm, Fri 13th Sept. Admission is £9.00. Bar open at 7.00pm and in the interval. Family & Friends welcome. Please see Lorna Hough for an application form. Cheques payable to CFWI. Closing date 31st August.

- **Bakery and Patisserie day**

Bakery and Patisserie days at Reaseheath College, Reaseheath. Learn how to make a range of breads and stunning pastries in their new food centre - Cost £30 - Tea and light lunch included. TWO dates available 16th & 23rd September. When applying please state which day you would prefer. To reserve a place apply enclosing a SAE and cheque for £30.00 payable to CFWI to WI House White Friars Chester, CH1 1NZ by Friday 30th August and stating which day you would prefer.

- **Autumn Council Meeting**

Held at Lifestyle Centre, Winsford 11.30am-3.00pm, Tues 8th Oct. The Guest speaker is Michael Portillo (former MP, writer, broadcaster and Presenter of BBC2 Great Railway Journey's). Tickets £12. Please see Lorna Hough for details.

- **Hobby Craft show 12th - 14th September at Eventcity Manchester**

Calling all craft enthusiasts! The Creative Stitches & Hobbycrafts show is on this September 12th - 14th where you can discover all the latest craft inspiration, supplies and innovations from more than 80 exhibitors. There are so many features to see and enjoy plus a selection of stunning costumes, a FREE programme of Quick & Easy Workshops, Talks and Demonstrations each day of the show and much more.

Ticket Prices: - Adult £9.00 (£7.00 Advance Price*) Senior £8.00 (£6.00 Advance Price*). *All advanced tickets need to be ordered by 5pm Monday 9th September.

For more information please visit www.ichf.co.uk.

- **Scrabble and dominoes tournaments 23rd and 26th September**

Two scrabble and two dominoes tournaments will be held this year, the first scrabble and dominoes tournament takes place on the 23rd September in Tarvin Community Centre, the second on the 26th September in Lower Withington Parish Hall, both starting at 7.00 pm. Closing date for entries is 10th September.

- **County Darts Competition**

CFWI are holding a Darts competition for teams of 4 players and a scorer. Knock out rounds start in Oct/Nov 2013 with the final twelve teams going forward to the final on Tuesday 11th March 2014. Entries needed by 18th September. Please sign list if interested in taking part.

- **Christmas Craft Taster Day**

A Christmas Craft Taster Day is being held on 9th November 2013 at Thornton Hough Village Hall, Wirral, 10.00 - 3.00. You

can learn to make simple gifts, cards and decorations for a cost of £5.00, plus £1.50 - £2.00 for materials for each activity. Take a packed lunch. Closing date Fri 25th October. Please sign the list if interested where you can see the choice of crafts available.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

- **Summer walk on Thursday 25th August**

Meet at Bollington Recreation /Visitor Centre car park, Adlington Road SK10 5JT at 7pm. Aim is to have a short walk and then a meal at The Plaice around 8.15pm. As last year's summer walk, we will be given a menu beforehand. Our orders will then be taken before we start the walk and forwarded to The Plaice ready for our return. Please sign the list if interested

- **Autumn meeting on 16th October**

This is our afternoon meeting. Drinks at 1.30pm for a start at 2pm. Speaker is Rowena Harker-Leder – a former Bluebell Girl and air hostess with BOAC. She evidently has many amusing tales, with blatant name-dropping. She once refused a date with Cary Grant. Now 70, she has long legs and still can do leg kicks. Title of talk "Reminiscences of a Bluebell Girl". Cost of ticket £5 including refreshments. It is not our turn for providing a raffle gift, but it is our turn to run the Raffle.

- **Winter Outing to Liverpool**

Wednesday 13th November is the date for the NECG winter outing to Liverpool. Coaches will leave Woodford Community Centre at 9.30am returning approx 5.30 pm, cost £9.50. There will be an opportunity to do Christmas shopping, visit the Albert Docks, Art Galleries, Museums, Cathedrals, the Waterfront and Mersey Ferry. See Judith for tickets.

HOSTESS ROTA

Please could August's hostesses Susan Turner, Gloria Masfield, Celia Cooper and Carol Muter 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.

COMMITTEE

The Committee is re-elected every November at the AGM, and some current committee members will be standing down, meaning we will have some vacancies. If you think you might like to join, and would like to observe a committee meeting, then please talk to a committee member at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Tues 23rd August at the Hazel Grove Civic Hall, where we will be having a Ploughman's Supper and an exhibition of Crafts. If you haven't paid, or haven't signed up and would like a ploughman's, please can you bring the £4.50 to the meeting (includes tea/coffee/cake). If you aren't having a ploughman's please pay for tea/coffee/cake in the usual way. Please can you bring any crafts you would like to show. You are more than welcome to sell any of your crafts, but if you do, we would appreciate a small donation to our charity. 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.

NEXT THREE MONTH'S PROGRAMME EVENT FOR 2013

Can we politely remind members not to talk while the speakers are talking. Many thanks.

August 27th: **Ploughman's Supper - Member's Evening - Exhibition of Crafts**

September 24th: **'Circus Skills' David Booth**

October 22nd: **Gift Wrapping Ideas - Katie Lomas**

TRADE TABLE

There will be no Trading Table this month as we have the Craft Evening and Ploughman's Supper. We will update you all in the September meeting on ideas for the future use of the Trading Table.

CHARITY EVENT AFTERNOON TEA

We are having an 'Afternoon Tea' at Davenport Tennis Club to raise money for our charity 'The North West Air Ambulance'. It will be held on Sunday, 8th September 3.00 pm till 5.30pm. The price will be £5 and we hope to have some tickets to sell at the next meeting.

Hopefully there will be a stall for the Air Ambulance, and there will be a Wine and Chocolate Raffle. If you have any donations for this, please pass them to Sue Johnson, Maddy Fletcher or Lynda Smith. Also if anybody would like to make a cake for us that would be great!

CHARITY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2014

At the last meeting members voted on which charity we wanted to support from Sept 2013 - Sept 2014. 31 members voted in favour of continuing with the NW Air Ambulance, with 9 members voting for other charities, therefore we will continue with NW AA until Sept 2014.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

All the very best to Margaret Buckley who celebrates her birthday on 1st Sept, and Lynda Towers who celebrates hers' on 5th September. We wish you both a wonderful and enjoyable day.

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

STOCKPORT FOODBANK

Again a very HUGE thank you for last month's donations which were very much appreciated. We continue to help collect food for Stockport Foodbank, and there will be collection bin to collect donations at each meeting. We are particularly short of toiletries for men and women, toilet rolls washing up and washing powder, nappies etc. 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 . Please let us know if you would like to add or change anything.

If you would like to place an advertisement in our newsletter, or on our notice board please either e-mail your advert to

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