



# GREAT MOOR AND DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2014

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

- **November meeting - 'AGM and Hotpot/Chilli**

On 25th November, we held our AGM, five years on since Great Moor and District WI began. After a damp and chilly fire drill, Lorna presented her secretary's report, outlining all that we have done in the last twelve months. President, Alia, then thanked everyone for all their contributions over the year. In particular, Lorna H and Sue B were thanked for all their hard work as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and they were presented with a gift as a token of appreciation. The new committee were appointed and Alia agreed to continue as president. We finished the evening with hotpot and chilli during social time.

- **Coffee afternoon for Dec**

As we are all so busy in December, our next coffee afternoon will be on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 at 2.00 pm at the Funky Monkey in Davenport.

- **Round the World Meals**

As we are having our Christmas meal on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> we did not go on our 'round the world' meal in December. The next round the world meal, will be on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, at Libby's, Marple Bridge. Please sign the list if interested.

Please can we remind members that if you sign up for the 'Round the World meals' and you then find you cannot go, even at the last minute, it is important that you let the organiser or restaurant know.

- **Lunch Club**

The December (Christmas) lunch will be on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, at The Three Bears. The cost will be £11.95 for carvery and dessert and requires £5 deposit. Please contact Judith W if you would like to join us.

- **Christmas meal 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

This year's Christmas meal is on Thursday 18th Dec, at the Alma Lodge.

- **Fundraising meal at Davenport Tennis Club**

Following the success of our fundraising meals at Davenport Tennis Club this year, we have booked the dates for 2015. They are 18th April and 10th October, so put them in your diaries ladies.

- **Book Club**

This month's book 'Somnambulist' was given 6.5 out of 10. The book club members were a bit divided on this book with some commentating that the it was "An enjoyable book with lots of twists and interesting characters". "Well written and easy to read." While others thought it was "A little tedious

towards the end unfortunately."

Next month's book is: A State of Wonder by Ann Patchett.

- **Craft Group**

### **Christmas decorations**

Making cards was a new skill for a few of us. It needed quite a bit of dexterity to manage these fiddly little corners but it was well worth it. Catherine had prepared and cut all the bits of card to make five different items for the whole group.



First, we made a basket out a circle of card. Then we folded pieces of colourful card to construct an origami box for little presents. Next, we created two different gift tags a star and a flower shaped one. Last, we coloured a little girl or a little boy and stuck it on a lovely heart shape card. The biggest challenge was to use double-sided tape in the right place and not our fingers or the table. A wonderful evening.

### **Christmas gift wrapping**

On Tuesday, 18th November Vera lead a group of 10 ladies in the art of Christmas gift wrapping. Initially Vera demonstrated various methods of fastening bows onto ribbon, attaching baubles onto the bows and ribbon and also wrapping bottles with tissue, net and cellophane. Of course she made it look really easy and helped those of us who found it a little more challenging. She came armed with a large collection of materials for us to try and even brought some ready wrapped parcels for us to practice on.



A few ladies were convinced their families and friends would never believe they had wrapped presents so professionally. There is no craft group in Dec, and the first craft on offer next year is on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015, and is 'book folding' with Alia. Further details to follow. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Knit and Natter**



We meet at The Shady Oak, Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG from 7:30pm onwards. Either turn up on the night or contact Nicole D or Sue M for further details or help with getting there. The next Knit and Natter session is on

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015. (every second Wed of the month)

- **St Georges Christmas Tree Festival**



Hopefully as many of you as possible managed to get to the Christmas Tree festival at St Georges Church from 26<sup>th</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> December, where we again entered a tree.

Our theme this year was boxes and crackers, all done in shades of purple and silver, and as you can see our ladies did a very impressive job decorating our tree. We have received a

very large number of well deserved compliments so thanks to everyone who was involved.

- **Games Night**

As we have decided not to have one in December, the next one will be 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015. Do join us for a fun evening's entertainment.

#### **Future dates**

16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 16<sup>th</sup> March

- **Weekend Walks**

Our weekend walk in November was to Chatsworth. Five of



us started from the car park, taking the river path and then climbing up through moorland and woodland to reach the estate road. This led us to the tower which overlooks the house. We then made our way gradually downhill back to the very busy Christmas Fair where we enjoyed our lunch and then wandered through the stalls. The atmosphere was very relaxed, and several purchases were made!! We would recommend a visit.



- **Weekday Walks**

Our last weekday walk for 2014 was on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December where we followed the Stockport Town Trail finishing at the Plaza for afternoon tea. Marjorie led seven of us expertly round many interesting parts of the trail, telling us fascinating details about Stockport's heritage that many of us didn't know. We all enjoyed the afternoon tea at the Plaza with most of us opting for the tea and delicious scone, jam and cream!! Many thanks to Marjorie for all her hard work preparing the walk and talk. Also thanks must go to Marjorie and Lorna for organising the many varied and interesting walks (and cycle ride) that we all enjoyed this year and we look forward to seeing what walks/cycle rides they have planned for 2015.

#### **Future weekend/weekday walk dates for your diary**

Marjorie and Lorna are now sorting out the dates and walks for 2015 and these will be advertised shortly.

- **Pub Quiz Team**

At our last quiz for 2014 the pub quiz team continued to pit their wits against the other teams at the 'Puss in Boots' and were only 4 points behind the winners!!! They have all greatly enjoyed this year and look forward to 2015. Speak to Trish H if you are interested in joining them, you'll find the evening great fun!!!

- **Suggestion Box**

Don't forget our suggestion box 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. Please put all suggestion in the box.

- **Bobble hats for the homeless**

We have had a request to knit some bobble hats for the homeless. Please see Anne S for the pattern.

- **Subscription for 2015**

Almost 60 members have already rejoined and for those that have yet to pay, please bring your form and payment of £36.00 to the next meeting. The collection of subs will stop at 7:30pm and resume in social time. This is so we do not disrupt the main session and talk. Members **must pay** by the January meeting or their place will be given to the next person from our waiting list. Please will members let us know if they are not intending to renew their membership.

- **Cinema/Theatre group**

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, to add your name to the cinema/theatre group list.

#### **'Paddington Bear'**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, sixteen members connected with their "inner child" and went to see "Paddington" at Cineworld, Didsbury. We all thoroughly enjoyed the good, clean humour and we came out still smiling and hugely entertained.

#### **'Noises Off'**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> December members went to Stockport Garrick to see this fast paced, fun packed, back-staged comedy. The casts trials and tribulations in rehearsing and performing set the scene for a classic farce. Funny, amazing timing, and yes it all goes horribly wrong – but that's the point! As director (actor) says "It's all about slamming doors and sardines...." The cast did really well and had us laughing out loud.

#### **'Gaslight'**

Poynton Players December production was "Gaslight", a 1938 play by Patrick Hamilton. It takes place in fogbound London in 1880 and tells of a husband's attempts to convince his wife that she is going insane. Meanwhile, he secretly searches the flat above theirs for jewels belonging to an old lady who used to live there and whom, it transpires, he murdered. The staging was well done and it was moderately entertaining, but ultimately quite predictable.

#### **'John' NTL**

JOHN was put on by the DV8 Physical Theatre at the National Theatre and broadcast live to cinemas on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. It was an interesting portrayal of real life stories which combined spoken word with movement. The director interviewed more than 50 men - one of them was John. His story of years of crime, drug use and struggle was depicted and converged with the stories of other men who frequent a gay sauna. Ultimately the story seemed one of loneliness.

Both the set and choreography were excellent - unfortunately the signal was lost again for a few minutes towards the end of the performance but it still provoked a lot of discussion.

#### **Already booked**

'Ross Noble Tangenteman', 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
'Blood Brothers' 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015

#### **Future Options**

NTL Treasure Island Didsbury – 22/1/15  
East is East, Manchester Opera House, 29/01/15

Further details available on the website.

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

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

### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WI (NFWI)

#### • **The Centenary Celebrations**

The Centenary celebrations are to be held on 16th September 2015. We need to decide as a group what we would like to do, and to that end we now have a Centenary Celebrations sub-committee and a Centenary Craft sub-committee. Please contact Judith if you wish to join the Celebrations sub-committee, and Nicole or Sue M if you wish to join the Craft sub-committee. Meetings will be planned for early in the new year.

#### • **Resolutions for 2015**

Federation representatives have shortlisted seven new resolutions for NFWI campaigns. Now all members have the chance to select which resolution they think should be taken forward to the 2015 Annual Meeting. The key information and selection slip is in the Nov and Dec issue of WI Life. Anyone wishing to vote on the seven National resolutions should bring their slips to the Dec meeting for us to send to Cheshire – alternatively they can be sent off by individuals.

Please see the NFWI newsletter attached to the e-mail.

### 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.

#### • **County Winter Walk**

This is a two mile walk around the City of Chester Walls on 14<sup>th</sup> January. There will be stops at various points of interest. Hot soup and rolls at WI House at the end of the walk.

To reserve a place please contact Christaine Robinson on 07814 767565 or email nosnibore@hotmail.co.uk after January 1st.

#### • **Hints and tips for the Cheshire Show**

This is being held at Byley Village Hall, on Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 from 10.00am - 4.00 pm. There will be various judges showing the pitfalls, and how to overcome them, when entering the show. If you have previously, or always wanted to but never had the courage, this is the opportunity to hear and see firsthand what the judges are looking for and how to improve your exhibits. There may be a limit to 2 per institute, so please see Trish H if interested.

#### • **County Quiz 2015**

After our success of the last few years we are hoping to enter a team into the CFWI County Quiz 2015. The preliminary round will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February or Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February with the final being held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015, all starting at 7.30pm. If you are interested in being part of the team or offering to stand in if a member is unable to go please let Alia know as soon as possible as names have to be in by 6th January.

#### • **Bridge Drive**

A Bridge Drive will be held in Appleton Parish Hall, on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015. You are asked to book in pairs and take your own cards and score sheets. Tickets are £5.00 p.p. which includes afternoon tea. Please see Kim if you are interested in going.

#### • **Annual Council Meeting**

This meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Lifestyle centre, Winsford, from 11.am - 3.30pm. The guest speaker this year is High Sheriff of Cheshire, Mrs Susan Sellers. Tickets are £3. Sign the sheet / contact Trish H if interested.

#### • **Knit or Crochet for absolute beginners**

This will take place on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Apr 2015, at WI House, Chester, from 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Members will learn one craft on the day. Please take a packed lunch and crochet cotton (if choosing that craft). The cost is £10.00 which includes tea/coffee. There is limited availability and closing date is Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please sign the list if interested.

#### • **Cheshire Show 2015 - Cheshire Show Booklet**

This year the Cheshire Show is being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June at The Showground Tabley. It is a special year for WI members with the National Federation celebrating its centenary and the Cheshire Federation its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A copy of the 10 different classes is attached to the e-mail, has been given to the craft group, and is on our website.

#### • **CFWI 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Centenary Celebration**

This will take place at Gawsorth Hall on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July, with the gates open to members from 12.30 pm. Cost of £5.00 includes glass of fizz and slice of celebration cake. The Hall is open from 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm, grounds open until 6.30 pm. There will be entertainment in the theatre. Further information to follow in 2015.

### NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

#### • **Winter Walk**

The winter walk takes place on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. Meeting at Nelsons pit carpark at 10.00 am, our walk will be followed with lunch at the Boars Head. These are always most enjoyable walks and a good way to meet other WI members. Please sign the list if interested.

#### • **Spring Evening Meeting**

This takes place on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April, with Lydia Slack. Further information to follow.

#### • **Autumn Evening Meeting**

This takes place on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, with food and entertainment . Further information to follow.

#### • **Bunting and Banner**

We have been asked to make our own bunting (in green and cream), and banner. It needs to have our WI name and the date our group started plus any decoration. Please bring along any ideas to the next meeting. This is required by March 2015.

### NEXT MEETING



The next meeting is on Tues December 16<sup>th</sup> at Hazel Grove Civic Hall. It is our Christmas Party and we hope as many members as possible will be able to attend the meeting and join in the fun.

Please be sure to bring along your contribution to the buffet table. (Christmas hats optional!!!!)

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.

Please can we remind members they must tick their name when they arrive, so that we know who is present. We need this for safety reasons e.g. should there be a fire and we need to evacuate the building.

### **PROGRAMME FOR 2015**

**January 27<sup>th</sup> - The Wonder of Woolies**

#### **HOSTESS ROTA**

No hostesses are needed for our December meeting. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those that volunteered for hostess duties this year and all the delicious cakes and biscuits that were provided. We still need hostesses for 2015, and would like everyone to have a go, – there is no obligation to bake - so if you can, please sign up on the hostesses' rota list at the next meeting.

#### **TRADE TABLE**

No Trade Table this month, but we continue to have a book sale and we ask you to bring along books to sell on the night. Prices for books will be 50p for paperbacks and £1.00 for hardbacks. The loose change collection box will always be available for donations.

#### **FRANCIS HOUSE**

One of their fundraising events, is selling Easter knitted chicks and if you would like to make some then the pattern is attached to the e-mail. You can donate them with or without eggs. Francis House will fill them with donated eggs if required. They are needed by the end of February 2015.

An idea we have had is to produce a recipe book of members' favourite recipes and sell the booklet in aid of Francis House. Please see Alia for further details.

Our charity co-ordinator committee member is Lorna H. Please see Lorna if you have any ideas regarding fundraising for Francis House.

#### **STOCKPORT FOODBANK**

We are still collecting 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.

#### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Two members celebrate their birthdays over the next month, Pam S on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec and Carol M on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. We wish you both a very happy birthday and hope that you both have a great 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.

#### **WEBSITE**

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