

# GREAT MOOR AND DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015

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

### • **January meeting - 'The Wonder of Woolies'**

At our January Members' Meeting, we were delighted to welcome Judith Beckett who talked to us about 'The Wonder of Woolies'. She shared with us her passion for all things woollen and had a fabulous display of wools that she'd dyed and also some of the things that she'd made from them. She told us all about the natural substances that she uses to dye the wool and the properties of fleeces from different breeds of sheep. She enjoyed her evening with us and has even put her name on our waiting list to join!

### • **Coffee afternoon for Mar and Apr**

Our next two coffee afternoon will be on Mar 18<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 2.00 pm at the Funky Monkey in Davenport. (Always the third wed in the month).

### • **Round the World Meals**

Our February RTW meal was at La Casetta in Cheadle Hulme. A first time visit for all, we found a lively atmosphere, the restaurant, run by two brothers, was really busy. There was quite an extensive menu for an Italian, and all bar one of our party tried and enjoyed the various fish dishes. Only one desert was ordered which looked great. Perhaps this venue deserves a visit by the lunch group?



Our next RTW meal is on 6<sup>th</sup> March, venue tbc. 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**

Thursday saw five of us meeting for lunch at Norbury Farm in Hazel Grove. There is always a good variety on their menu ranging from sandwiches to daily specials and all made on the premises. They also have some lovely cakes which are very tempting. The only quibble was the draught that came from the open windows where the staff were working so any future visits will be made in the summer!

Dates for your diary

Fri 13 Mar - Boars Head, Higher Poynton

Wed 22 April - venue tbc, Frid 15 May - venue tbc

### • **Fundraising meal at Davenport Tennis Club**

The first one of our fundraising meals at Davenport Tennis Club, is on Sat 18th April. We serve a delicious 3 course

meals made by members, all for £10.00 per person, and we have a highly entertaining evening. If you would like to join us then please see Gloria or Sue, sign the list and pay at the next meeting. We are restricted to 46 people, so initially members can only have one guest each.

### • **Book Club**

Last month's book, Skios by Michael Frayn provoked a fair bit of comment as to whether Farce works as a novel. It scored 5.9 with a lot of members feeling it had a poor ending.

March's book the Auschwitz Violin by Maria Angels Anglada will be discussed on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00 pm, at the Shady Oak pub, Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG. This month's recommended read from the group is 'The Forgotten Garden' by Kate Morton.

### • **Craft Group**

The next craft evening is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, at the Shady Oak pub, Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG, where Nicole will show us how to do some wire knitting. You will need

Small knitting needles 2.00 mm to 3.00 mm.

Thin craft wire 28 gauge or 0.200 mm or 0.300 mm.

Small beads (optional).

On Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Mar, at the Shady Oak pub, Anne will be showing us how to make sock bunnies. Members need to bring a sewing needle and thread, child's socks (although Anne will provide these for 50p), button for the nose and beads for the eyes (if the bunny is being given to a child under three years old these can be substituted by French knots and thread will be needed).

### Future dates for your diary

10th Mar - Sock Bunnies (Anne)

15th April - Yorkshire buttons (Sue)

19th May - Cloth tray (Christina)

### • **Knit and Natter**

The Knit and Natter group meet at 'The Shady Oak', Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG from 7:30pm onwards. Either turn up on the night or contact Nicole Dennerly or Sue Mann for further details or help with getting there.

The next session is on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 2015. (every second Wed of the month).



### • **Games Night**

The WI Games Night is for everyone who likes to play, or wants to learn, simple, fun games and have 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. If you have forgotten one, between us we

can remember. Please come and join in. If you need a lift let us know and we can get a car pool off the ground!  
Many thanks, Chris and Jane

Next 3 dates for your diary:

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Mar, Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May, Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June

- **Walks**

Marjorie and Lorna have now organised the walks programme for 2015. Local walks will normally be 3-4 miles and weekend walks will be 5-7 miles. Hopefully all walks will include a café, pub or picnic stop.

- **Weekend Walks**

Unfortunately the walk on 25<sup>th</sup> January had to be cancelled, but the February walk on the 22<sup>nd</sup> is going ahead. Please contact Marjorie or Lorna if you wish to join them.

Future weekend walks for your diary

Feb Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dunham Massey

Mar Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Combs Reservoir

Apr Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Werneth Low

- **Weekday Walks**

On Friday Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, five of us enjoyed a 4 mile walk along a snow covered Goyt valley, near Taxal. Setting off from the lay-by just through Whaley Bridge, a riverside path took us to the dam wall of the Fernilee Reservoir. We then walked back on the other side of the valley to Taxal village and church. This is one of Marjorie's favourite walks, not too far from home and picturesque in all seasons.



Future weekday walks for your diary

Mar Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nelson Pit to Lyme Park

Apr Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Ladybrook valley to Poynton

May Tues 5<sup>th</sup> A Manchester Town Trail

If you are interested in these, the weekend and/or the weekday walks please sign the lists at the meetings or contact Marjorie B or Lorna H. It is a great way to spend an afternoon or day at the weekend.

- **Pub Quiz Group**

The pub quiz group are enjoying the weekly quiz at the 'Puss in Boots', it is good fun and a good night out so if anyone wants to join then please speak to Trish H. It doesn't matter if you can't manage every week, everyone is welcome.

- **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.

- **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.

### 'East is East'

A WI group hiked through the snow to be entertained by this disturbing comedy.

Jane Horrocks sensitively portrayed a white English chip shop owner married to a tyrannical wife beating Pakistani (George) who rules his family through fear. Horrocks merged into her cigarette and as all mothers is balancing what she feels is best for her children. George played by the author conveyed a menacing presence when onstage of a man struggling with the rebelliousness of his offspring. The mixed heritage children panic when he approaches, trying to appear to confirm to his wishes. eg spraying air freshener following eating bacon. The children, though of mixed heritage, strongly identified with being English, with the parka wearing youngest bringing the house down with "Mam, quick, the Pakis are here" on the arrival of a traditional couple whose daughters George was secretly planning to marry his sons . Throughout the play there were some timeless elements. The kids stuck together and were fiercely loyal to their mother but as many children they failed to grasp their parents actually love each other. Very similar to the film but very entertaining.

### 'Witness for the Prosecution'

Five members went to The Stockport Garrick to see Agatha Christie's play 'Witness for the Prosecution'. It is set around a murder trial, the majority of the action taking place inside a courtroom. Despite this, the production was pretty fast paced and held our interest well. An especially good performance came from the actor playing the defence barrister. Elsewhere there were some forgotten lines and a slightly bewildering doubling up of parts when the clerk of the chambers reappeared as the trial judge! At one point, we feared the audience was going to be asked to act as the jury and give the final verdict, but it was not so and the twist at the end was a fitting end to an enjoyable evening.

### 'Love Labours Lost'

A group of us went to Cineworld at Parrswood to see Loves Labours Lost streamed live from Stratford. We thought that the staging was really cleverly done, based on Charlecote Park, and the actors gave excellent performances. It's a sad end ( hence the title) but we have a rematch in March for Loves Labours Won so that sounds like it all works out right in the end.

### Already booked

'Ross Noble Tangenteman', 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015

'Blood Brothers' 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### Future Options

Love's Labour Won, Didsbury, 4/03/15

NTL Live: Behind the Beautiful Forevers, Didsbury, 12/03/15

A View from the Bridge, Garrick Stockport, 18/03/15

Twelve Angry Men, Lowry, 26 /03/15

When we are Married, Garrick Stockport, 27/04/15

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. Our two sub-committees are having regular meetings to plan the event and further information will follow shortly.

The NFWI February newsletter is attached to the email.

## 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.

### • **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.

### • **County Walk Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Mar**

The next county walk is through the villages of Storeton, Brimstage and Thornton Hough. 7 miles of flat walking, 7 stiles, could be muddy in places. Bring a packed lunch but refreshments will also be available at the lunch stop. Contact Margaret Goodier on 0151 334 5291 or email: margjohn@talktalk.net if you wish to join them

### • **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/contact Trish H if interested.

### • **Cheshire Show 2015 - Stewards**

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. We have now received forms for those that would like to be refreshments area stewards or exhibition stewards. Refreshment area stewards would work for 3 hours and receive a free entry ticket. Exhibitions stewards would work two sessions of 2¼ hours, and then receive a free entry ticket. Please see Trish H if interested. Some members in the past have worked on the Fast Food area, and if you wish to do so again please see Trish H.

### • **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.

### • **PAL Meeting**

The Spring meeting will be held on Wednesday March 18th 1.45 - 4.00 pm at Woodford Community Centre, Chester Road, Woodford, SK7 1PS.

"Shade Gas and Fracking: Information not Emotion"  
Professor Kevin Taylor, Petroleum Geoscience and Basin Studies, School of Earth, Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences at Manchester University will be the speaker. He heads a research group at Manchester University working with both the Government and Industry and has a

wide experience of both UK and USA examples which will be presented in the talk.

Cost is £3 and we need to let them know by 4th March. Please contact Christine G at the next meeting if you are interested.

### • **Cycling Day Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May**

This is being held at Barony Park from 10.30 - 3.00. Cycling Champions from 'Breeze' will be on hand to answer questions on cycling safety and how to maintain your bicycle. Bring your own picnic to have in the park and enjoy an afternoon cycle along the 5 mile Connect2Cycleway to Queens Park, Crewe. Why not dust off your bicycle and join them. Please sign the list if interested. Cost £1.00.

## NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

### • **Spring Evening Meeting**

This takes place on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April, with Lydia Slack. Drinks and nibbles at 7.00 pm, with the meeting starting 7.30 pm. The tickets are £5.00. Please see Toni for a ticket if you wish to go.

### • **NECG Summer Outing Wed 30<sup>th</sup> June**

The summer outing will be on wed 30<sup>th</sup> June and is to Keswick. Further information to follow.

### • **Autumn Evening Meeting**

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

### • **Pennine Group of WI**

Pennine Group of WIs has issued an open invitation on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm for 7.30pm at Woodyly Civic Hall – Speaker E M Powell who is a popular historical author. Tickets £4. Please see Trish Hall if interested.

### • **Broadcast of the NFWI Centenary AGM**

As mentioned at the January meeting Adlington WI has the option of hiring Cinemac at the Heritage Centre in Macclesfield to screen the live broadcast of the NFWI Centenary AGM from the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday 4th June. Before they commit they need to establish what support there is from other WIs. The venue can seat up to 300 but at least 100 are needed to make it viable. Tickets will cost a maximum of £5, less if there is a good response.

Please will you let Alia know if you are interested as soon as you can so that she can let Adlington know.

### • **Bunting and Banner**

Nicole has about a dozen triangles left for members to decorate for our banner. Please see Nicole at the next meeting if you would like to take part in making our banner. If you have taken a triangle then find out you can't decorate it please inform Nicole immediately, as the banner needs to be completed by March 2015.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Tues February 24<sup>th</sup> at Hazel Grove Civic Hall, where Joanna Dowey we be giving us a 'Belly dancing' lesson. So don't forget to put on comfortable clothes and shoes!!!

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.

### **NEXT THREE MONTH'S PROGRAMME FOR 2015**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Solicitor family law.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Internet dating.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Resolutions - Charity Vote - Cake Competition

### **HOSTESS ROTA**

Bev P, Imelda J, Jean P and Mary C are our hostesses for February. Please can the hostesses liaise to bring 4 pints of milk, tea towels and cake. (All costs will be reimbursed by Trisha on production of a receipt). Hostesses for this year are still needed, so if you haven't already done so please sign up on the hostesses' rota list at the next meeting, there is no obligation to bake !!!!

### **TRADE TABLE/BOOK STALL**

We continue to have our book sale and we badly need some more books, so please bring them along 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**

#### **• Easter Knitted Chicks**

Can we remind members that the Easter knitted chicks for Francis Houses are needed by the end of **February** 2015, ie the next meeting!! You can donate them with or without eggs. Francis House will fill them with donated eggs if required. Please bring any you have made along to the meeting and give them to Lorna H. If you can't get to the next meeting please contact us and we will arrange to collect before the end of February.

#### **• Recipe Book**

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.

#### **• Fundraising afternoon tea**

We are having an 'Afternoon Tea' at Davenport Tennis Club to raise money for our charity 'Francis House'. It will be held on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 3.00 pm till 5.30pm. This has been an extremely successful event for our charity in the past and there will be more information to follow, but in the meantime please put the date in your diary.

#### **• Open Day**

Francis House will be having an open day on Mon 27<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome.

#### **• Charity events**

Two Charity events planned are the Manchester to Liverpool Bike Ride on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May and Three Peaks Challenge – a 6m or 13m walk on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please see Lorna 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.

### **STEPPING HILL HOSPITAL**

Stepping Hill Hospital now have a stall outside the maternity unit where they sell knitted items to raise funds for the maternity unit. They need small knitted toys or dolls, small cardigans (baby ones), baby hats, (though bigger than the ones we have knitted for the S.C.B.U), etc. Please see Vera for further information.

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

A very happy birthday to five members who celebrate their birthdays over the next month. Janice H on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, Gloria M on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, Alice H and Beverly P on 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, and Anne S on 11<sup>th</sup> Mar. Have a great time ladies on your 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](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.

### **RAFFLE**

Ladies, if you have anything that we could use in our monthly raffle, then please bring the items along to the meeting and Mary P will be delighted to receive them. Many thanks.