

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

New Year, New room, New week!

A Happy New year to all our members and the New Year brings a new room in the Civic Hall in Hazel Grove, on a different Tuesday of the month. You may remember receiving, back in December, an e-mail/mail about voting to change our room to the larger one upstairs. The vote was taken at the final meeting of the year, and taking into account any e-mail or postal votes it was unanimously agreed to move to the upstairs room on the **4th Tuesday** of the month. So our next meeting is on the **24th of January** in the upstairs room, which has lift access. We look forward to seeing you all then.

REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Coffee mornings and afternoons for January and February**

We try to keep our coffee afternoons to the 3rd Wed of the month and hence our next two Wed coffee afternoons will be on 18th Jan 2012 and 15th February, from 2.00pm at the Funky Monkey in Davenport.

Sat coffee morning are aimed at the last Sat in the month and our next Sat coffee mornings will be on 28th Jan 2012 and 25th February at 11.00 am at Huffys in Hazel Grove.



We welcome any members to come and join us at either/both for a chat and drink.

- **Meals out**

Our first meal out in 2012 will be a Chinese meal at the Jasmine House on Fri 3rd February at 7.00 pm. The cost will be approximately £12.50. The Jasmine House is on the A6 opposite the National Tyre Auto Care centre in Higher Heaviley on the way down to Stockport. Please sign the sheet if you would like to join us.

These are most enjoyable evenings so please join us if you can.

- **Craft Group**

The next craft will be on Tues 31st January at 7.00 pm, at Sue's house.

We will be looking at crocheting, and all you need to bring is some wool and a crochet hook.

- **Cinema**

3 members went to see 'The Girl with a Dragon Tattoo' and would recommend it especially if you are familiar with the book. If you would like to be included in the Cinemas group please e-mail Alia to add your name to the list.

Anyone in the group can instigate a cinema visit by emailing the group with a suggested film, date and time. If members 'reply to all' then those that are interested but are not free to go at the proposed time could liaise with others in a similar position.

Ideas for other films are 'The War Horse', 'Mission Impossible', 'Hotel Marigold' and 'Sherlock Holmes'. If you're interested in going to the cinema, then do join this group.

- **Walks**

Our next walk is a 4 miles flat walk starting at the Miners Arms in Higher Poynton at 11.30 am on Sunday 5th February. We will walk to Bollington and have lunch in 'The Vale', then walk back along the Middlewood Way. If you just want to join us for lunch, we will be at 'The Vale' at 12.30 pm. Please sign the sheet if interested, and then phone Helen on the day if circumstances change.

If interested in any of these events, please sign the relevant forms.

UPDATE ON PREVIOUS EVENTS IN DECEMBER

• **Christmas meeting on 20th December**

At our final meeting of the year we held a most enjoyable Christmas social, with plenty of Christmas food to eat, and a fun quiz on a Christmas theme. Many thanks to Anna for devising the quiz for us. Well done to Trish, Christina, Sue and Trisha who were the winners of the quiz.



We took the vote to move upstairs and those of us that hadn't seen it, had an opportunity to have a look. We were all very impressed with the room and the much improved kitchen facilities.

THINKING AHEAD

• **Cheshire Show 19th and 20th June**

It may seem a long way off but we need to start thinking and planning now about our entry to the Cheshire Show. The theme this year is the 'Best of British' and there are 11 categories in which we might consider an entry. The first 6 classes are for WI's i.e. they are co-operative classes with any number of contributors but only 2 members are allowed to stage the displays on the day. Classes 7 - 11, are for individual members to enter. If you feel you would like to produce an individual entry, 7 is art; 8 is floral art; 9 is 'produce' (5 categories); 10 is crafts (4 categories); 11 is photography. Titles and details of these classes are in the schedule. (Laura has a copy).

It is vital that people look at the "On with the Show" booklet beforehand (all the do's & don'ts!).

It is felt the best way forward is to form a Cheshire Show Committee. We will need input from not only the makers (craft, cookery, preserves, floral), but ideas and display people as well. So if you would like to come forward to join a group working on the Cheshire Show please sign the sheet.

• **Visit to 'The Heath House'**

We are thinking of arranging a trip to 'The Heath House' which was featured in the 2010 series of Country House Rescue, presented by Ruth Watson, which followed the Philips family as they re-launch the house as a wedding venue.

Public open days present a unique opportunity to visit a Staffordshire mansion that has been lived in continuously since it was built, and which has much of its interior virtually untouched. Visitors are welcome to explore the grounds, including the Italian garden and Orangery, following the tour.

The house is open to the public for guided tours between 2.30pm and 5pm throughout May, Sunday - Thursday inclusive, 30th June - 2nd July. Ticket price: £6 per person. Light refreshments (tea & cake) are available at £3 per person by prior arrangement.

Open Day visitors are welcome to go up the tower and enjoy the spectacular views from the top, at an additional £2 per person.

For more information visit <http://www.theheathhouse.co.uk/>

If you are interested in going please sign the relevant sheet.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

• **Fundraising**

We are going to re-convene our fundraising group to look at ways in which we can raise funds for ourselves and our charity this year. We welcome anyone who is interested in being a member of this group, so if you are, please sign the interest sheet

CHESHIRE FEDERATION OF W I'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.

• **CFWI County Walks**

The winter walk is on Wed 18th January, around the Edge at Alderley - approx 4 miles. Lunch will be taken at the 'The Wizard Tea Rooms'. For details and to book a place contact Gwen Sproston on 01625 860038 or

e-mail Anne Wilson at mailbox14.wilson@ntlworld.com between 3 – 10 January

- **Leap Day Literary Lunch**

The lunch will take place on Wednesday 29th February at Cheshire View, Christleton 12 – 3 pm at a cost of £22.00.

The speaker is suspense romance author Victoria Howard.

Please sign the sheet if interested in this.

- **Annual Council meeting**

This is being held on 13th March with two guest speakers, Michael Trevor-Barnston and Julie Summers. Tickets are £3.00 each, which we are willing to cover. If you are interested in going please speak to Lorna. The deadline for returning forms is 20th Feb 2012.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WI (NFWI)

- **Resolutions**

We would like to remind members that the date for returning their vote on the Resolutions, direct to CFWI, 11 Friars, Chester, CH1 1NZ is **Thur 19th Jan 2012**. Please mark envelope 'One member, One Vote'.

Pages 26 – 29 of the November/December WI Life magazine, gives full details of the 6 proposed resolutions for 2012. They are:

- Field Study centres and outdoor education.
- Airborne litter.
- Reducing fuel poverty.
- Employment of more midwives.
- Achieving legal status for British Sign Language.
- Helmets for cyclists.

You will find the voting slip on page 29.

- **NFWI AGM**

The 2012 NFWI AGM is to be held at The Albert Hall on 30th May 2012. If anyone wants to go the cost will be £17.00 + 40p postage per ticket. It has been agreed that if anyone would like to go as an observer we will pay the cost of the ticket, but not transport or accommodation. Please see Lorna for further details. Those wishing to go need to notify Cheshire by 26/01/12.

There is no NFWI newsletter in January.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We would like to remind all those that have yet to return their subscription forms and cheque that your membership expired at the end of Dec 2011. Please

can you bring the forms with your cheque for £31.50 to the meeting on 24th January. Many thanks.

BOOK CLUB

10 of us met on Monday evening at Woodsmoor library to discuss 'Zoology' by Ben Dolnick..

The book proved to be a unanimous disappointment and scored 2.0 out of 10, with scores ranging from 1-3. This is the lowest score yet!!

Let's hope that this month's book which is a collection of short stories by Sue Gee will be better received!

See Sue B for details and date of next meeting.

HOSTESS ROTA

This month's hostesses are Valerie L and Karen O. Please could the hostesses liaise with each other to bring 4 pints of milk (the cost will be reimbursed on production of a receipt), a cake and tea towels. We have a number of volunteers for the next few months but we still need volunteers for the latter half of 2012, so please can you sign the 'hostess sheet' which will be available at the next meeting.

1ST 3 MONTHS' PROGRAMME FOR 2012

January 24th: 'Family history – how to research it'.

February 28th: 'A handicraft judge'.

March 27th: 'My Life as a Cabbage'.

WELLSPRING

We are very pleased to announce that we raised in 2011 a total of £306.51 for Wellspring. Wellspring is having an open afternoon for all those who have supported them, on Sunday 29th January from 2.00 pm, and Eileen and Alia will be going to present our cheque to them then. They would welcome anyone who wishes to join them. Many thanks to Anne who went to Wellspring before Christmas to give them food and books that we had collected for them.

TRADE TABLE

We are hoping to make the Trading Table more enticing, exciting and extraordinary this year.

The bulk of last year's stock was sold at the recent table top sale, remains as craft items for future sale, or went into a Charity Bag just before Christmas. Many thanks for your support in helping to produce an amazing contribution to **Wellspring**.

There are plans to leave our book stock at our base for the general public to purchase with the Caretaker holding a payment/honesty box.

For our meetings we would still welcome any items you want to include on the Trading Table and also announce a **'Themed Collection'** for the monthly meetings. For instance, the collection for January will be **'Christmas Gifts that didn't find a home'** – maybe a CD you didn't give out because you knew someone else had bought it for your recipient, a scarf you just know will not suit your colouring, a book you have already read.

Hope you like the idea and get involved. Any other suggestions always welcome.

Spare change will continue to be collected in the same payment box for the charity we choose at the January meeting.

OUR CHARITY FOR 2012

We will be voting at the meeting on January 24th for the charity we wish to support in 2012. We have 4 charities to choose from and there will be a short presentation on each charity before the vote.

The 4 charities are:-

Frances House, Local Children's hospice

<http://www.franchishouse.org.uk/>

Home-Start, supports vulnerable children by supporting families who are reaching breaking point.

<http://www.home-start.org.uk/findus/north?id=37780>

Beechwood, - local cancer care

<http://www.beechwoodcancercare.org.uk/index.asp>

Independent Options –local charity for supporting young adults with learning difficulties and or disabilities

<http://www.independentoptions.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are>

Voting slips will be handed out at the meeting in order for you to register your vote, and the decision will be announced during the meeting.

RECIPE FOLDER Don't forget to have a look at this which is available on the Trade Table. Could members please bring along a few copies of your favourite recipes for others to share.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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.

The next meeting is on Tues 24th January at the Hazel Grove Civic Hall. All members and visitors can sign in from 7.45 pm, for a prompt 8.00 pm start. If possible could the greeters try and arrive early (i.e. before 7.45 pm) to welcome all new visitors/members.