

## GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER

### JANUARY 2014

#### PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Just a few words to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. By the time you read this we will be more than half way through January and already members will have been quizzing, reading, eating, crocheting and at the theatre. I hope you will all find something of interest in our 2014 programme and will perhaps try something new this year. We already have some interesting suggestions for our bursary scheme but welcome any other good ideas, both for the bursary and for activities you may wish to do. If your resolution was to get fitter then join in one of the walks, if you wanted to keep your mind active then join in with the quiz or book group, or perhaps sign up for bridge so we can get that going. If you just wanted to get out more then sign up for whatever suits you. We will be entering the Cheshire Show again this year and welcome any talent you may have either as an individual entry or for the group entry. We expect to meet our 70 member cap in January and welcome the final few members to what I hope will be a healthy, enjoyable year for all.

Alia

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

##### • **Christmas Party**

For our final meeting of the year, Members enjoyed a relaxed social evening. Everyone brought a plate of food to share, which provided a delicious spread. We played a very competitive game of Beetle, won hands down by Marjorie B.



The evening was rounded off by a rousing Christmas sing-song, which included a very funny reindeer impression by Sue Johnson, complete with flashing red nose!

##### • **Coffee afternoons for January and February**

The next coffee afternoons at the Funky Monkey in Davenport is Wed 19<sup>th</sup> February from 2.00pm. (Always the third Wed in the month)



At Coffee Culture in Hazel Grove, (opposite Asda Carpark), our next two afternoons are Fri 31<sup>st</sup> January and Fri 28<sup>th</sup> February from 2.30 pm. (Always the last Fri in the month).

Do join us for a coffee/tea, chat, and maybe a bite to eat, at either or both of our popular coffee afternoons.

##### • **Meals out**

Twelve members enjoyed the first 'round the world' meal of the year at Mario & Gianni's on the 10th January. A week later than we normally meet to allow time for our appetites to come back after all the holiday eating! We picked a range of dishes from sea food - to pizza, risotto, pasta, veal and fish. It was an enjoyable evening so sign up for next month when we hope to be celebrating the Chinese New Year at The Jasmine House.

Our next meal round the world will be on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Jasmine House. Please sign the list if interested.

##### • **Lunch Club**

The Lunch Club celebrated Christmas on Friday, December 13th when 13 members went for a Christmas Carvery at The Three Bears in Bramhall. It wasn't "unlucky 13" as we had a very enjoyable meal in pleasant surroundings. With good service and good company, we kicked off the festive season in style.



January's lunch will be held on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> January at 1pm at the Jolly Sailor Davenport. Please contact Judith William's if you wish to go and haven't already indicated so.

The lunch club will be visiting Woodford Park garden centre again on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb as the two for one offer with Sage card is on. Please sign the list if interested.

##### • **Christmas Meal 19<sup>th</sup> December Alma Lodge**

Nearly forty members went to the Alma Lodge for our Christmas Dinner on December 19th. After a good meal,



we took over the dance floor and our moves so impressed the DJ that he decided he wanted to join our WI! In his words, we "certainly know how to have a good time!" I couldn't have put it better myself!

- **Meals at the Davenport Tennis Club**

We have booked our fundraising meals at DLTC for Saturdays 12th April and 4th October. We serve delicious meals made by members and have a highly entertaining evening, so make sure you have the dates in your diaries!!!!

- **Book Club**

Our book for February is Mavis Cheek's 'The Round House'. We will meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6.45pm, venue to be confirmed.

- **Craft Group**

We are pleased to report that the Xmas tree decorations were recycled and went with Imelda to the food bank!

The craft sub-committee group have met and planned a programme of dates and craft activities for the coming year. We kicked off the year with Crochet on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> at Nicole's.

A list of all the craft activities planned, has been compiled, and we will be asking members to express an interest in the different activities so we can plan venues, if needed.

- **Future Craft dates for your diary**

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fabric Manipulation

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Mar - Easter Chicks

- **Venues**

We are finding that a number of our activities require a bigger room than anyone can offer. If any members know of any venues that can provide rooms free of charge, with good lighting and available car parking spaces, please let us know. Obviously if it is in a pub we will buy drinks from the bar.

- **Knit and Natter**

Our Knit and Natter sessions are proving very popular, as much for the nattering as for anything actually being produced! We meet every second Wednesday of the month at The Shady Oak, Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG from 7:30pm onwards. Next two dates are Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb and Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Mar. We'd love to see you all there. Either turn up on the night or contact Trish H or Sue M for further details, help with getting there etc.



- **Weekend Walks**

To start 2014 our weekend walk will be on Sat Jan 25<sup>th</sup> where we will undertake a walk of 3-4 miles in the Peak District. We start and finish near The Derbyshire Craft Centre at Calver which has a lovely shop where you can browse or buy. After a short climb, we head along Curbar edge, taking in fantastic views then head down through woodland to Froggat Bridge. A delightful river walk next to the River Derwent takes us back to Calver.

Refreshments – The Chequers Inn is about half way along the walk and of course there is also a great café at The Derbyshire Craft Centre.

Travel arrangements – by car from Great Moor area, approx. 9.30a.m.

Ring Marjorie B if you are interested.

- **Future weekend walk dates for your diary**

Sun Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Bollington and White Nancy  
Sun Mar 30<sup>th</sup> "Ramblings round the runways" (Manchester Airport)

- **Weekday Walks**

On a lovely sunny afternoon in November, three of us set off from Twinnies Bridge for a walk along the river Bollin, past Quarry Bank Mill and into Styal Woods. The colours on the trees were beautiful, even though the leaves were dropping fast. The sun shone brightly - we couldn't believe our luck!! On our way back the intention had been to for a cup of tea/coffee at the Mill. There our luck changed. The cafe was closed and the Pantry had literally just closed as they were preparing for an event the following day. Unperturbed, we got back to the cars and went to Wilmslow Garden Centre for a nice warm drink in Christmassy surroundings. Everyone agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon - and healthy too!

Our first weekday walk of 2014 is on Friday Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a local walk of 2-3 miles starting in Bramhall Park. For a change we are walking along the Ladybrook valley but in the direction of Cheadle Hulme. Reaching the end of the valley we can return to the park via Cheadle Hulme village. Refreshments – The March Hare, Cheadle Hulme Cafes in Cheadle Hulme precinct and village. Meet in Bramhall Park car park at 1.30p.m. Please sign the list or ring Marjorie B if you are interested.

- **Future weekday walks dates for your diary**

Fri Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Marple Canal

Tue Mar 11<sup>th</sup> Styal Mill from Wilmslow

- **Pub Quiz Team**

The Pub Quiz team are now regular attendees of the quiz at the 'Puss In Boots' on a Thursday evening starting around 9.30 pm. Speak to Trish H if you are interested in joining them.

- **Subscription/Membership Forms**

Renewal subscription/membership forms were handed out and by the end of the December meeting 61 members had renewed their membership. Anyone who has not yet paid the 2014 subs of £34.70 can do so at the January meeting. In order for **current** members to secure their place they need to have paid up by the **end of the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 meeting** otherwise their place will be allocated to a person on the waiting list. (Special circumstances would be treated on their merits).

- **Bursaries**

We are intending to offer two educational trips with a bursary of £15.00 given to each participating member, to go towards the costs of the event. We were given some ideas at the meeting but would still like to hear from members on where you think a good venue would be. Please either email or bring your suggestion to the next meeting.

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

### **'War Horse'**

Nineteen members, friends and two husbands found their way to the Lowry theatre on the 15th to see War Horse. The theatre was packed but we had seats close to the action. The set, the music and the handling of 'puppets' gave it real atmosphere and the pyrotechnics had us jumping out of our seats. The 'horses' well deserved their place in the curtain call. Reviews for this have been excellent and everyone seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Its 9 week run in Manchester is now over but it is being screened live at cinemas in February and is returning for another 9 weeks in the summer. Highly recommended if you have the chance to go.

### **'And then there were none'**

We have not been to Altrincham Garrick Theatre before, but on 17th January five members went to see a 'whodunnit' adapted from an Agatha Christie book. Although it was originally published in 1939, it translated well into an enjoyable and fast paced play. We all agreed that the production was stylish, the acting good and the theatre itself very smart.

### **Already booked**

'Coriolanus' 30<sup>th</sup> January  
'West End Theatre Series – Noel Coward, Private Lives' 6<sup>th</sup> February  
'Lend me a Tenor' 12<sup>th</sup> February  
'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' 19<sup>th</sup> February  
'NTL Screening of Warhorse' 27<sup>th</sup> February  
'The Mouse Trap', 20<sup>th</sup> March  
'Dirty Dusting' 23<sup>rd</sup> March

### **Future Options**

'Love on the Dole' - Garrick Theatre Altrincham 31<sup>st</sup> January  
'The 39 Steps' - Garrick Theatre Altrincham 28<sup>th</sup> February  
'Winter's Tale' - The Garrick 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
'Henry IV part 1' – Didsbury 14<sup>th</sup> May  
'Pack of Lies' – Carver Marple 15<sup>th</sup> May  
'On Golden Pond' – The Garrick 21<sup>st</sup> May  
'It could be anyone of us' – Poynton 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
'Henry IV part 2' - Didsbury 18<sup>th</sup> June  
'My Boy Jack' – The Garrick 25<sup>th</sup> June  
'Two Men of Verona' – Didsbury 3<sup>rd</sup> September

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.

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)**

### **MOODLE ACCESS**

If members would like access to the WI moodle site, you need to contact Anne S and she'll add you to the site together with your email address. You should then receive your username and password within 24hrs. There is no NFWI newsletter in January.

### **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.

- **Centenary Baton 6<sup>th</sup> February at Woodford**

The baton will arrive at Chester House on the 5<sup>th</sup> February as it tours the regions. For a chance to see it closer to home it will be at Woodford Community centre on 6<sup>th</sup> February from 10am – 12:30pm.

- **County winter walk 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

This is a 4 miles approx. around Lindow common. Wilmslow area. Flat walking with some some mud! Followed by an optional pub meal. To reserve a place contact Berni Fletcher on 0161 980 0300 or 07880 762815 on or after the 2nd January.

- **Fair Trade Coffee Morning 26<sup>th</sup> February**

A Fair Trade Coffee Morning is being held at WI House, Wednesday 26th February 10.30am-12.30pm. Come and visit historic WI House and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and Fair Trade Goodies. All welcome. Profits to the ACWW project "My Name is Woman" If you would like a Fair Trade talk please contact Zeta Emmett, email peter@peter450.orangehome.co.uk

- **Annual Council Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March**

This meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Lifestyle centre, Winsford. The guest speaker is Rachel Smith, Atlantic Ocean Rower, Gold Medalist & World Record holder GB Dragon Boat Racing. Tickets are £3. Sign the sheet / contact Lorna if interested.

- **Literary Lunch 27<sup>th</sup> March**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Cheshire View, Christleton 12 noon - 3pm. The speaker is David Sekers, author of 'Hannah Greg a Lady of Cotton', and former museum director of Quarry Bank Mill, Stal and Gladstone Pottery Museum. Tickets £22. Sign up if interested.

- **Fun Day at 'Think Fit' event 5<sup>th</sup> April**

At the 'Think fit' event you will be able to play 'Kurling' and try Zumba, Yoga and Pilates plus lots more whether you are a participant or spectator!!! This event takes place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 from 10.30am - 4.00 pm at Thornton Village Hall, Manor Road, Wirral. CH3 1JD. The cost is £6.00 which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Please take your own packed lunch, mat and towel. Closing date for this is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Rag Rugging 12<sup>th</sup> April**

This will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Tickets £10. More details from Lorna.

- **Cheshire Show 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June**

The brochure for 2014 Cheshire show has arrived. The show will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The brochure will be passed to the craft committee and has been uploaded to the relevant website page.

- **County Quiz 2014**

After our success of last year when our team came an excellent joint fourth out of twenty-one teams in the final, (over 100 teams entered the competition) we are delighted to be able to enter a team into this year's CFWI County Quiz 2014. Many thanks to Nicole, Alice, Judith and Gill who are our quiz team members and we wish them the very best of luck.

### **NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)**

- **NECG Cheshire Winter Walk Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

The NECG winter walk is in the Lyme Park area, starting off at Nelson Pitt carpark, Shrigley North Road, Poynton SK12 1TH, on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. There will be coffee in Lyme Park, followed by lunch at a local pub. Please sign the list if interested or contact Judith Mottram. AM start, time tbc

- **NECG Spring Meeting**

The Spring meeting takes place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Woodford Community Hall, starting at 7.00pm The guest speaker is Clare O'Neill, whose talk is "Not over until the Fat Lady Sings". Clare has a wealth of amusing, touching and odd moments to share about her life treading the boards.

### **HOSTESS ROTA**

January's hostesses are Chris T, Janice H and Liz F. Please can the hostesses liaise to 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 2014, 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.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is on Tues January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hazel Grove Civic Hall. We are having a talk from Dorothy Croston on 'Hearing Dogs' and we hope as many members as possible will be able to attend the meeting and join in the fun. 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 FOR 2014**

Can we politely remind members not to chat to others while the speakers are talking? Many thanks.

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Medau Movement  
Mar 25<sup>th</sup> The Guitar Man  
Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> That Certain Age

### **TRADE TABLE**

We are not having a Trading table this month but will continue to have a book sale and we ask members to bring along books to sell on the night, but also to take home any that are unsold by the end of the meeting. Prices for books will be 50p for paperbacks and £1.00 for hardbacks. The loose change collection box will always be available for donations.

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

A very Happy Birthday to Judith W on 4<sup>th</sup> February, Tracie S on 6<sup>th</sup> February and Helen B on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Ladies, have a wonderful and enjoyable 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.

### **STOCKPORT FOODBANK**

We continue to collect much needed donations for Stockport Foodbank. 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 P will be delighted to receive them. Many thanks.

### **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.