

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER JULY 2012

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO
TOOK PART IN THE CHESHIRE SHOW AND
OBTAINED WONDERFUL RESULTS**

This was our very first year entering a team event, and the Cheshire Show Craft Group worked very hard on all the exhibits. We are absolutely delighted to announce the amazing results.

We entered two team events with the following results:-

Class 5 Team Spirit

We choose as our team spirit the WI and focussed on

'The Calendar Girls'



Craft, Knitted 'boobs' made by Susan T - 17
Cookery, Belgian buns made by Lynda S - 19 ½
Additional item, Jar of jam made by Alia E - 18 ½
Those marks are out of 20

Staging 7, Interpretation 9 ½ . Those marks are out of 10.
Total 71 ½ out of 80.

Winning us 2nd prize in that class.

Class 4 - Made in Britain

We choose as our 'Made in Britain' Hat making in Stockport.



Hat bag, made by Alice H - 20
Papier mache bowler hat , made by Nicole D - 18
Felt & crochet cloche hat, made by Sue M - 19
Those marks are out of 20

Staging 6, Interpretation 8. Those marks are out of 10.
Total 71 out of 80.

Winning us 2nd prize in that class.

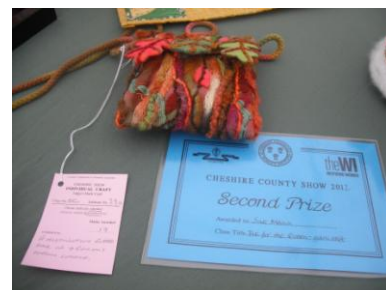
Individual entries



Gloria's lovely intricate cross stitch picture scored 18 out of 20 winning her **3rd prize**



Nicole's wonderfully serene and delicate Swan scored 19 out of 20 winning her **3rd prize**



Sue's amazing bag scored 19 out of 20 winning her **2nd prize**

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

• **RSPB talk at June meeting**

Sheila Rydz gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work of the RSPB, together with some wonderful pictures, we all thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

• **Outing to Harlow Carr – 21st June**

Nine members went to Harlow Carr on a very wet day on 21st June. Betty's tea room was very popular in between the downpours!!! However despite the weather all enjoyed the visit and thought the gardens were lovely, and most impressed with the veg and allotment plots.

• **NECG WI trip 'Brief Encounters' on 12th July**

Three members Linda K, Karen O and Kath S went on the NECG WI trip on 12th July. They had a good time, the weather was kind as you can see they were all wearing sunglasses in the photo taken in Morecambe, with the Midland Hotel in the background.



They visited Cartmel, where they would have liked longer to get a good look around, then off to the Priory and lunch. Cartmel is also the home of sticky toffee pudding (yummy) and has a really lovely racecourse.

They then went to Carnforth to look at the Brief Encounters Exhibition, the Station and the small town. It was then off to Morecambe for a cream tea at the newly refurbished Midland Hotel with fantastic views over the sea.

They all agreed they had a really good day out and the good weather made it all the better.

• **Coffee afternoons for August and September**

Our monthly coffee afternoons are popular events so do come along for a chat and a drink and maybe a bite to eat at the Funky Monkey in Davenport. We meet on the third Wednesday afternoon each month and our next two afternoons will be Wed 15th August and Wed 19th September from 2.00pm.



• **Meals out**

Ten members had a most enjoyable 'Spanish Tapas' meal and evening at the Los Amigos in Hazel Grove in

June. We all enjoyed the varied tapas dishes and were certainly full at the end of the evening!!



Our next monthly evening meal 'around the world' is on Friday 3rd August at the Greek Rozafa restaurant in Stockport. Although this is a return trip to the Greek restaurant, only three people were able to go last time, so for many of us this will be our first visit.

Please sign the sheet if you would like to go.

• **Book Club**

Thirteen of us met in to discuss the 'Quickening Maze' by Adam Foulds. Most of us had read it through to the end and were able to answer the probing questions from a readers forum!!!!

Opinions were varied about this book and we voted it 4.35 out of 10.

Our next meeting is 6th August to discuss 'The Lost Wife' by Alyson Richman.

• **Craft Group**

Six of us met at Nicole's to master cross stitch, and all had a thoroughly absorbing few hours. There were times when you could have heard a pin drop, not a mean feat when you have six women together!!!

The next craft group meeting is on Thursday 23rd August. We will let you know what we will be doing in due course.

Future craft group dates are:-

Thursday 20th September, Tuesday 16th October

Tuesday 20th November, Thursday 13th December

Please do not buy 'materials' unless you really want to as we can supply them for a nominal price.

Nicole and Sue would like to know if any members would be interested in full day workshops on either Saturdays or Sundays. They will put a list out at the next meeting for those interested to sign. Our thoughts are that there are some skills which cannot be covered in a 2 hour evening session.

• **Walks**

Four of us ventured out on Monday 16th July to Etherow Park. Luckily the weather was very kind and didn't rain while we followed a 3 ½ mile walk round the park taking in Keg's Pool. We saw very interesting birdlife, and a 14 ½ lb pike caught by some young fishermen!!

The next walk is scheduled for Mon 20th August, to Lyme Park. Please sign the sheet if interested

- **Cinema/Theatre group**

Another quiet month this month for the cinema/theatre group, but nineteen have signed up for Dandy Dick on 30th August and eighteen for Entertaining Angels. Look out for an e-mail from Alia detailing forthcoming events.

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 you are interested in joining this group then please e-mail Alia to add your name to the list.

- **Xmas meal – 20th December**

The Xmas meal is on 20th December at the Alma Lodge. The cost is £20.50, so please sign the sheet, and bring along £10.00 deposit to the next meeting.

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

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WI (NFWI)

- **Olympic sports event for WI – 'Big Walk, Little Splash'**

Don't forget to let Marjorie Brown know of any walking or swimming you have done so that she can include it in our journal. Any distance, anywhere can be recorded, walks along the beach, swimming on holiday, walk to the shops etc. We really would like to include **all members** in this venture so please get in touch with Marjorie by either filing in the slip, or e-mailing her, including a picture of yourself if possible.

Please see NFWI Newsletter attached to the email for the latest NFWI news.

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 Darts Competition**

Teams of four and a scorer are invited to enter a darts team with the first rounds starting in Oct/Nov. Closing date for entries 18th September

- **CFWI County Walks – Wednesday 1st August**

Approx 6 miles in Lymm, easy walking, bring packed lunch. To book a place contact Gill Fuller 01925 754119 after 19th July.

- **Felting day – 1st September**

Felting Day at Lower Withington Village Hall. Detail in last months' newsletter. Closing date 9th August

- **Golf day competition – 21st September**

The Golf Day Competition takes place at Hartford details in last months' newsletter, closing date Wednesday 22nd August.

- **Scrabble and Dominoes Tournament 24th and 27th September**

Scrabble and dominoes tournaments on the 24th September in Tarvin Community Centre, and on the 27th September in Lower Withington. Details in last months' newsletter. Closing date for entries is 7th September.

- **Autumn meeting with Gordon Burns – 2nd Oct**

This years Autumn Meeting will be held at Winsford Lifestyle Centre, The Drumber, Winsford CW7 1AD. 11.00am - 3.00pm. The Guest Speaker will be Gordon Burns, the recently retired news presenter with BBC North West Tonight. Tickets £12.00. Closing date 9th Aug.

- **Jubilee Jamboree Concert – 17th Oct**

Jubilee Jamboree Concert with the Weaver Valley WI Choir on behalf of and in conjunction with CFWI, at Northwich Memorial Hall at 7.30pm Tickets £10.00.

- **With Christmas in Mind**

Make a garland for your door, decorate a topiary tree, make flowers for a table decoration. Basic materials will be included in the cost. For full details and to book a place, apply to WI house. Closing date 19th October.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

- **Future events**

Autumn meeting – is on Wed Oct 17th, 1.30 pm (with drinks) for a 2.00 pm start. The speaker is Judith Hibbert "An afternoon of comic reverie". Judith is extremely amusing and has appeared on TV, stage, cabaret and pantomime. She does impersonations, e.g. Joyce Grenfell, Victoria wood etc. According to those who have seen her, this is not to be missed. The completion this time is to make up a limerick, based on the theme "WI". Tickets are £4.00.

Trentham Gardens trip is on Wednesday 14th November for Christmas shopping etc. More detail later.

Sign list if interested in either of the above

BURSARIES FOR ATTENDING DENMAN COLLEGE 2012/2013

There are a number of bursaries available for the 2012/2013 year and can be used on courses between 1st October 2012 and 30th September 2013. I have attached to the e-mail all the information regarding these bursaries, and although the closing date is very soon and it may be too tight for members to apply this year, we hope to raise awareness so people could plan ahead to apply for next year.

HOSTESS ROTA

July's hostesses are Jo L and Linder T. Could hostesses bring 4 pints of milk, tea towels and cake. (Any costs will be reimbursed on production of a receipt).

Next 3 MONTHS' PROGRAMME FOR 2012

July 24th: Chocolatier, Simon Dunn

In addition to the temptation of buying lots of chocolate goodies from our speaker some of you will need to bring payment for the Ploughman's (£4.00), the deposit for the Christmas night out to Alma Lodge (£10.00), Payment for theatre tickets and sponsor money for the The Great Manchester Run for Beechwood.

August 28th: Craft and Ploughmans

Don't forget to bring along any craft work that you have done/are doing.

Sept 25th Secrets of a Mystery Shopper, Keith Vigurs

TRADE TABLE

We are half way through the year and it is time for a new collection of items in general for our Trading Table. Check all cellars, lofts, garden sheds etc.

If we all aim to bring along at least one item our Trading Table will be replenished.

It would be really helpful if you could price items that you bring along, as many members are telling us that they are unsure what to give for each item.

THE SUMMER SWAP HAS ARRIVED

The Trading Table is now at the side of the hall, next to our kitchen area.

Spare change will continue to be collected in the same payment box for our charity BEECHWOOD.

Items left from previous months will still be available for sale and spare change will continue to be collected in the same payment box for our charity BEECHWOOD.

Many Thanks - Christine

RECIPE FOLDER could do with some new recipes, so do bring along copies of your favourite recipe(s) to be included in the folder.

BEECHWOOD - OUR CHARITY FOR 2012

Fundraising event for July, August and September

The complete calendar of events organised by Beechwood will be on our notice board and any WI members are welcome to take part. Beechwood not only helps cancer patients and families but also people with Parkinson's and dementia.

- **Saturday 11th August.** BBQ and Garden Party, 2.00 – 6.00 pm Beechwood Cancer Care Centre.
- **Friday 21st September** Night of entertainment 7.30 pm at Beechwood Cancer Care Centre.
- **Saturday 6th October** Pamper Day. All day event with limited places so book now £55.00.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Tues 24th July at the Hazel Grove Civic Hall. 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.