

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER JULY 2013

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

- June meeting - 'Singing for Health' - Susan Bisset**
 At our members' meeting on 25th June, Susan Bisset came to lead us in a session of "Singing for Health". She is a classically trained singer who has both performed and taught singing. After some warm-up exercises, we sang several songs, sometimes singing in two parts. Everyone's favourite seems to have been singing 'Pack Up Your Troubles' and 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' simultaneously and finding that the two songs work perfectly together! We all agreed that this was one of the best evenings we have had at a members' meeting.

- Cheshire Show**

Well done to all our ladies who exhibited at the Cheshire show this year, and huge congratulations must go to Jane Douglas who won a first for her wonderful painting in the landscape category. Jane not only won, but got full marks (20 out of 20) and a 'special' rosette. Very well done Jane. We look forward to hopefully seeing the painting at the August meeting.



A number of ladies from our WI (a few seen opposite) helped out for a few hours at the WI fast food outlet and then had the rest of the day to wander round and view all the very many interesting stalls and shows. Would

recommend doing this as it is great fun, and provides an opportunity to see the show.



On Wednesday the Princess Royal attended the show and came into the WI tent. She seemed very interested in all the exhibits and took time to speak to all those involved. She didn't however have a cup of tea from our stall!!!

- Coffee afternoons for June and July**

The next two coffee afternoons at the Funky Monkey in Davenport are Wed 17th July and Wed 21st Aug, from 2.00pm.



At Coffee Culture in Hazel Grove, (opposite Asda Carpark), our next two afternoons will be Fri 26th July and Fri 30th August from 2.30 pm.

Do join us for a coffee/tea and chat at either or both of our popular coffee afternoons.

- Meals out**

On Friday, July 5th, nine members went for a meal out at Greens in West Didsbury. This is a vegetarian restaurant owned by TV's Simon Rimmer. It was lovely to be in an air-conditioned room on such a hot evening. Everyone enjoyed their vegetarian main courses but the highlight, for most people, were the imaginative and varied desserts!

The next meal out will be Friday 2nd August, venue to be decided. If you would like to go please sign the list.

- Lunch Club**

Six ladies went to lunch at the Bee Hive at Combs on the 10 July. We all had two courses for £8.50, excellent value for money.

We are going to try Woodford Park garden centre for lunch on Thursday August 22nd at 12.30 pm. If anyone has a Sage card it's 2 for 1 in August.

In September we are going to go on a canal boat trip, the Judith Mary from Whaley Bridge. We have booked Thursday 26 Sept at 2.00pm. The trip lasts two and a half hours and costs £13.50 which includes a cream tea.

Please sign the list if interested in either of these.

- Christmas Meal**

We are returning to the Alma Lodge, where we have held very successful Christmas meals before. We have chosen 19th Dec. The deposit is £10.00 and can be paid at the meeting. Please sign the list if interested.

- Book Club**

The Tenderness of Wolves by Stef Penney. This book was generally well received scoring 6.71 out of 10. Members enjoyed the book with some taking a while to get into it, but once they had they couldn't put it down

The next book we are reading in 'Cold Comfort Farm' by Stella Gibbons, which we will be reviewing on Monday 5th August.

- Craft Group**

The next craft group is on Wednesday 21st August. More information to follow.

- Walks**

Three ladies set off on June 23rd with the intention to walk over Lantern Pike in a circular walk from Hayfield. The weather unfortunately had other ideas and we decided to go a little closer to home. Parking in a lay-by just through Whaley Bridge, we then walked along the bottom section of the Goyt valley to Fernilee reservoir. The weather was improving by then, so we walked around the reservoir and back down the other side of the valley which takes in Taxal village. At around 5 miles it was a shorter walk than intended but very relaxing, giving us plenty of time for a good chat.

Marjorie Brown can pass on a photocopy of the walk if anyone would like to try it out.

The next two weekend walks will be on Sunday 28th July and Sunday 18th August. On 28th July we will be starting off at Whaley Bridge at about 10.30 am, walking over towards Eccles Pike and coming back via Whitehough, the tramway and the canal. A walk of about 6 miles. Please sign the list or contact Trisha Woodsmith if interested in the July 28th walk. The venue for 6th Aug walk is yet to be decided but please sign the list if interested

- **Weekday daytime walks**

On a very hot Friday afternoon on July 12th two ladies set off from Rose Hill Station and walked along the Middlewood way, and back via the canal and Marple Golf course. We delighted in the wildlife we saw and were particularly amused by a very busy and hardworking Coot building a next. The next weekday walk will be on Tues 6th Aug. Venue to be decided, but it will be a flat walk. Please sign the sheet if interested.

- **Pub Quiz Team**

The Pub Quiz team have now attended a number quiz's at the 'Puss In Boots', on a Thursday, and are intending to go weekly when possible. Last week the team won another £10.00 voucher in the random draw so that now makes £20.00. We will raffle these at a later date. Please see Anna Burke if you would like to join the team.

- **NGS Gardens open for charity**

We have received information from the National Garden Scheme about gardens opening to the public for charity. We will display the list on the noticeboard at the next meeting.

- **Bowling**

A number of ladies, from different WI clubs join together to go bowling at Torkington Park on a Friday morning from 10.00 - 12.00. Cost is £1.00. See Anne Smith for more information.

- **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, abea@hotmail.co.uk to add your name to the cinema/theatre group list.

'Twelfth Night'

On 1st July seven of us saw Twelfth Night, the 2nd of three offerings by National Theatre Live from London's Globe where we were whisked back into the entertainment, sound and colours of the early 1600s (even the stage hands and musicians are in costume!). Twelfth Night had an all-male cast – 'Viola' (played by a man) disguises her(him)self as a man - called Cesario ... who Olivia falls for, resulting in some hilarious attempts to woo and be wooed. Lots more laughs watching Olivia and her lady in waiting glide around the stage as if they had mini-segways hidden under their large hooped skirts! And if ever a role was 'made for' Stephen Fry – Malvolio was it! Excellent performances all round and another very enjoyable and entertaining evening.

Tarantara! Tarantara!

On Wednesday, June 26th, eight of us went to the Stockport Garrick to see "Tarantara! Tarantara!" The play tells the story of the tempestuous partnership of Gilbert and Sullivan and the comic operas that they wrote together. The performance included many extracts from their operatic works, which proved quite a challenge for an amateur

dramatic society who are probably not used to the demands of so much singing. The cast worked extremely hard on this very challenging piece of theatre, which included some excellent comic turns.

Already booked

'Macbeth - NTL', 20th July 2013
'The Taming of the Shrew', 29th July 2013
'A Murder has been arranged', 29th August 2013
'Blood Brothers', 4th September 2013
'Othello' - NTL, 26th September 2013
'Paul Merton', 1st November 2013
'War Horse' 15th January 2014

Future options

'Improbable Fiction', Buxton Opera House, 2nd September, £13.00
'If I were You', The Garrack, 18th September £9.00 (2-4-1 available)
'People', The Lowry, 15th October, £27.00
'Deathtrap', The Garrack, 23rd October, £9.00 (2-4-1 available)
'Ardal O'Hanlon', The Lowry, 3rd November, £21.00
'The Mouse Trap', 20th March 2014, £24.50.

Alia, has circulated theatre options for June - December 2013 to those in the cinema/theatre group.

Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to any of these either by email, abea@hotmail.co.uk, 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)

- **NFWI Open Days**

This is WI members' opportunity to visit the NFWI Headquarters in London where you will have the opportunity to find out about the work of the NFWI, have a tour of the building and meet the staff.
The open days will be on Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 October 2013 and there will be 2 sessions available on each day, a morning session from 11am – 1.15pm and an afternoon session from 2pm – 4.15pm.
The deadline for booking forms to arrive at the NFWI is Wednesday 31 July 2013, and places are strictly limited to 25 per session. Please see Lorna for further details.

MOODLE ACCESS

If members would like access to the WI moodle site, you need to contact Anne Smith and she'll add you to the drop down menu on the site together with your email address. You should then receive your username and password within 24hrs.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND REAL JAM FESTIVAL

The Christmas Fair and Real Jam Festival 2013 will be held on the 7th and 8th December 2013 at Denman college, There are classes for everyone so the whole family can take part and enjoy turning delicious produce into prize-winning entries. For further information on the different classes and how to enter, please see the notice board or our website. You will find the information on our website on the 'Links' page, and on our noticeboard.

Please see the e-mail for the July NFWI Newsletter

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 Walk**

On Wednesday 11th September there is a walk from Gordale Garden Centre, over the fields to Willaston. To reserve a place contact Lyn Worrall 0151 336 8744 or lyn.worrall@btinternet.com after 28th August.

• **Chicago Teddybears Jazz Band**

Join the WI Advisers for a Great Jazz & Entertainment evening at Frodsham Community Centre - 7.30pm, Fri 13th Sept. Admission is £9.00. Bar open at 7.00pm and in the interval. Family & Friends welcome. Please see Lorna Hough for an application form. Cheques payable to CFWI. Closing date 31st August.

• **Bakery and Patisserie day**

Bakery and Patisserie days at Reaseheath College, Reaseheath. Learn how to make a range of breads and stunning patisseries in their new food centre - Cost £30 - Tea and light lunch included. TWO dates available 16th & 23rd September. When applying please state which day you would prefer. To reserve a place apply enclosing a SAE and cheque for £30.00 payable to CFWI to WI House White Friars Chester, CH1 1NZ by Friday 30th August and stating which day you would prefer.

• **Autumn Council Meeting**

Held at Lifestyle Centre, Winsford 11.30am-3.00pm, Tues 8th Oct. The Guest speaker is Michael Portillo (former MP, writer, broadcaster and Presenter of BBC2 Great Railway Journey's). Tickets £12. Please see Lorna Hough for details.

• **Hobby Craft show 12th - 14th September at Eventcity Manchester**

Calling all craft enthusiasts! The Creative Stitches & Hobbycrafts show is on this September 12th - 14th where you can discover all the latest craft inspiration, supplies and innovations from more than 80 exhibitors. There are so many features to see and enjoy plus a selection of stunning costumes, a FREE programme of Quick & Easy Workshops, Talks and Demonstrations each day of the show and much more.

Ticket Prices:

Adult £9.00 (£7.00 Advance Price*)

Senior £8.00 (£6.00 Advance Price*)

*All advanced tickets need to be ordered by 5pm Monday 9th September.

For more information please visit www.ichf.co.uk.

• **Scrabble and dominoes tournaments 23rd and 26th September**

Two scrabble and two dominoes tournaments will be held this year, the first scrabble and dominoes tournament takes place on the 23rd September in Tarvin Community Centre, the second on the 26th September in Lower Withington Parish Hall, both starting at 7.00 pm. Closing date for entries is 10th September.

• **County Darts Competition**

CFWI are holding a Darts competition for teams of 4 players and a scorer. Knock out rounds start in Oct/Nov 2013 with the final twelve teams going forward to the final on Tuesday 11th March 2014. Entries needed by 18th September. Please sign list if interested in taking part.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

• **Summer walk on Thursday 25th July**

Meet at Bollington Recreation /Visitor Centre car park, Adlington Road SK10 5JT at 7pm. Aim is to have a short walk and then a meal at The Plaiice around 8.15pm. As last year's summer walk, we will be given a menu beforehand. Our orders will then be taken before we start the walk and forwarded to The Plaiice ready for our return. Please sign the list if interested

• **Autumn meeting on 16th October**

This is our afternoon meeting. Drinks at 1.30pm for a start at 2pm. Speaker is Rowena Harker-Leder – a former Bluebell Girl and air hostess with BOAC. She evidently has many amusing tales, with blatant name-dropping. She once refused a date with Cary Grant. Now 70, she has long legs and still can do leg kicks. Title of talk "Reminiscences of a Bluebell Girl". Cost of ticket £5 including refreshments. It is not our turn for providing a raffle gift, but it is our turn to run the Raffle

HOSTESS ROTA

Please could Julys' hostesses Judith Williams, Alice Hutchinson and Gill Hadfield and liaise and bring 4 pints of milk, tea towels and cake. (All costs will be reimbursed by Sue on production of a receipt). We are one member short so if anyone would like to help at the meeting it would be much appreciated. We still need hostesses for months later on in the year, so if you can, please sign up on the hostesses list.

NEXT THREE MONTH'S PROGRAMME EVENT FOR 2013

July 23rd: 'Cake decorating Demonstration'

Can we politely remind members not to talk while the speakers are talking. Many thanks.

August 27th: Ploughman's Supper - Member's Evening - Exhibition of Crafts

September 24th: 'Circus Skills' David Booth

TRADE TABLE

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

THE NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE is our charity.

At last we have had some good weather and the gardens are sprouting. Please bring along any spare seedlings, cuttings or other plants you no longer want – everything

went last month! This is in addition to any items you have ready for sale.

Wherever possible I will endeavour to price the items.

We also have our RECIPE FOLDER for you to purchase recipes and bring your own.

*****The KNITTING PATTERN FOLDER is bulging at the seams, so don't forget to have a look.*****

Please see if there is anything you can bring along to help us raise more money for our charity.

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

NEXT CHARITY

We are having an 'Afternoon Tea' at Davenport Tennis Club to raise money for our charity 'The North West Air Ambulance'. It will be held on Sunday, 8th September 3.00 pm till 5.30pm.

The price will be £5 and we hope to have some tickets to sell at the next meeting.

Hopefully there will be a stall for the Air Ambulance, and there will be a Wine and Chocolate Raffle. If you have any donations for this, please pass them to Sue Johnson, Maddy Fletcher or Lynda Smith. Also if anybody would like to make a cake for us that would be great!

CHARITY

For budgeting purposes, we are proposing to change the charity 'year' from Jan - Dec, to Oct - Sep, bringing it in line with the end of our financial 'year'.

There are two possible ways to achieve this and we would like members to consider these options.

1. Finish supporting Air Ambulance in Sept 2013. This would mean that the Air Ambulance would only have 9 months of fundraising as opposed to the 12 months that previous charities had. However, we are holding the fundraising afternoon tea in order to raise further funds and we anticipate that the money we will have raised in the nine months will at least equal, if not exceed, what we raised in a year for our other charities.

2. Extend the Air Ambulance fundraising until Sept 2014. This would give the Air Ambulance 1 year and 9 months of fundraising, substantially longer than we have supported our previous charities. However, we have always invited a speaker from our chosen charity to speak at our Members' Meeting in January to 'kick-start' our fundraising and it would not be possible to arrange this for September 2013 as all our speakers are arranged until next year.

We need to make a decision on this at the next meeting, and if it is decided to finish our support of the Air Ambulance in Sept 2013, we need ideas for our next charity. So please bring along with you any charity nominations and give a short speech to members who will then vote on our next charity.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

All the very best to Joanne Lockett who celebrates her birthday on 5th Aug. Have a wonderful and enjoyable day Joanne.

If you would like to be included in our birthday wishes please put your birth date and month on the birthday list at the next meeting.

STOCKPORT FOODBANK

Again a very HUGE thank you for last month's donations which were very much appreciated. We continue to help collect food for Stockport Foodbank, and there will be collection bin to collect donations at each meeting. Due to high demand, all non-perishable foods, such as tins, jars of pasta sauce, pasta, rice, powdered mash potato, cornbeef, will be gratefully received, particularly bottles of squash, coffee, teabags, UHT milk and sugar (500grams).....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 will be delighted to receive them. Many thanks.

WEBSITE

You can find our Great Moor and District WI at :- www.greatmooranddistrictwi.org.uk . Please let us know if you would like to add or change anything.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Tues 23rd 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.

If you would like to place an advertisement in our newsletter, or on our notice board please either e-mail your advert to trishawoodsmith@yahoo.co.uk or take to the meeting and give to a committee member. The cost is £1.00 a month for each advert, for each use, whether on newsletter or notice board.

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