

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER MARCH 2012

REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Coffee afternoons for March and April**

We try to keep our coffee afternoons to the 3rd Wed of the month and hence our next Wed coffee afternoons will be on Wed 21st March and Wed 18th April, from 2.00pm at the Funky Monkey in Davenport.

As there has not been much interest in Saturday's coffee morning, it was decided to just continue with Wednesday's coffee afternoon and perhaps suggest other activities on Saturdays.



We welcome any members to come and join us for a chat and drink on Wed 21st March.

- **Meals out**

Although only 3 members were able to attend the meal at Rozafas' the Greek restaurant on St Petersgate, they all had a thoroughly enjoyable meal and evening on 10th March.

The next planned meal out is the Siam Village on the A6 (Nearly opposite 'St Christophers House) on Friday 13th April.

These are most enjoyable evenings so please join us if you can. Please sign the sheet if you would like to go.

- **Book Club**

13 of us met to discuss 'The Road' by Cormack McCarthy. Opinion was very varied about this book and it received 5.25 out of 10 with scores ranging from 1 - 8.

Next month's book is 'Other People's Money', by Justin Cartwright.

- **Craft Group**

The last craft group meeting in Feb was on blackwork embroidery which was very interesting.

We have set dates for the next 3 meetings which are Wed 21st March, Tues 17th April and Wed 16th May. The next session is on the 21st March at Sue's house. This time we are asking people to bring along something they wish to finish, perhaps an article they started at a previous meeting, something they need help with or something they are proud of.

- **Walks**

We have now set a date for the four mile flat walk from Poynton to Bollington, and it is Sunday 15th April. The walk starts at 11.30 pm at the Miner's Arms, Higher Poynton walking to Bollington for lunch at 'The Vale' and back along Middlewood Way. If anyone wants to join us just for lunch, then please meet us at 12:30 pm at 'the Vale'.

Please sign the sheet if interested.

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

UPDATE ON EVENTS DURING LAST MONTH

- **Cinema/Theatre group**

Again the cinema/theatre group has been very busy during the last month.

Four went to see 'The Descendants' at Parris Wood, and enjoyed the film. Seven went to see The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel at Parris Wood, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. A further four went to see this film early in March at Marple. Theatre visits have been added and nine went to see 'We'll always have Paris' put on by Poynton Players at the end of February. A most enjoyable evening was had by all. Four went to see 'Voyage Round my Father' at Brookdale mid March with mixed reviews.

Unfortunately 'Hair' was cancelled. We are delighted that twenty-five members have signed up to be on the mailing list for Cinema /Theatre visits.

If you would like to be included in the Cinemas/Theatres group please e-mail Alia to add your name to the list.

Anyone in the group can instigate a cinema/theatre visit by emailing the group with a suggested film/play, 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: 'Gone', 'Extremely Loud & Dangerous', 'The Artist', If you're interested in going to the Cinema/Theatre, then do join this group.

- **Supper Group**

The supper group has been meeting since January 2012, once a month, at a member's house to enjoy a meal and evening with other members. We take it in turns to host and cook a meal and so far had three delicious meals by Trish, Nicole and Sue.

If you are interested in this group, please sign the sheet.

THINKING AHEAD – May, June and July

- **Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea – 14th May**

We have had an invite from Moor End WI to a Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea at 2.00 pm on Monday 14th May at Mellor Parish Church. The cost is £6.

Please sign the sheet if interested

- **Cheshire Show 19th & 20th June - Show Committee**

A Cheshire Show committee met for a 2nd time to discuss options, and it was decided we play on our strengths and the decision to put two entries in was taken.

Our 1st entry will be in the Cooperative craft - Class 4: "Made in Britain" where 3 items of different crafts are used to interpret the class title. We have chosen hats to link Stockport with 'Made in Britain', and 3 hats will make up the exhibit

Our 2nd entry will be Combine cooperative - Class 5: "Team spirit" where 3 items to include 1 cookery, 1 craft and one other item are used to interpret the class title. We have chosen as our 'Team spirit' to use 'Women's Team Spirit - WI'. Our display will consist of knitted breasts, 2 cup cakes, and a jar of jam.

To open up the competition to all members we are asking anyone who would like to bring in flesh coloured knitted breasts and/or homemade jam to the March/April meeting & cupcakes to the cake competition in April, we can then choose entries for our display.

The next meeting for the Cheshire Show Craft group is on Weds. April 25th, 7.30pm at Sue's house.

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

We are planning an outing to Harlow Carr Gardens on 21st June 2012.

Harlow Carr is a garden dominated by water, stone and woodland and is very much part of the surrounding Yorkshire landscape. They seek to push the boundaries of design and planting styles, creating displays that are beautiful. Careful gardening techniques, reflecting their respect for the environment, ensures that wildlife will flourish in the garden. The cost of the trip is £20, inclusive of transport for non RHS, or £13 for RHS members.

Please sign the sheet if interested

- **Visit to 'The Heath House' – 28th July**

We propose to go to Heath House on Sat 28th July. Please see the February Newsletter for information on this or visit

<http://www.theheathhouse.co.uk/>

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

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- **Fundraising**

The fundraising committee met to discuss ideas for fundraising, and came up with a large and very varied list of ideas. We balloted members at the last meeting about the ideas and the replies were interesting with the most popular ideas being a games evening and a sweep. The fundraising committee is going to meet again to analyse the responses and take forward the most popular suggestions.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WI (NFWI)

- **Olympic sports event for WI**

As reported in the last newsletter the NFWI is holding an event called 'Big Walk, Little Splash'. The target this year is to complete 209 miles in a combination of walking and swimming with as great a percentage of membership participating as possible.

With this in mind can we ask members to log details of their walks or swimming, so that we can get as many members as possible included in this venture. We also plan to organise a short walk at a meeting to engage as many members as possible. Date for participation is 1st April to 16th September.

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

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.

- **Annual council meeting Tuesday 13th March**

As we did not have a delegate at this meeting we will wait for the minutes and let members know.

- **Resolutions Meetings**

Each WI is invited to send at least two representatives to a resolution meeting, where there will be expert speakers, so that members can gather information and to ask questions about the proposed resolution(s). Two meetings are to be held at two different venues, to accommodate WIs from all over Cheshire. An afternoon meeting will be held, on Thursday 19th April 2012 from 2pm - 4pm at WI House, Chester, CH1 1NZ.

An evening meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th April 2012 from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at New Life Church, West Road, Congleton, CW12 4EY. Please note that this meeting clashes with our monthly meeting.

There will be an update on recent progress made with recent NFWI and CFWI campaigns and advice can be given as to how WIs can take further action.

Please see Lorna H if interested.

- **New Members' Meetings - 3rd May or 17th May**

For any new members who would like to find out more about the organisation, there are two meetings at WI House. There is either the 3rd May at 10:00am or the 17th May at 7:00pm. A tour of WI House is also included. See Lorna H for further details.

- **Fun day Alternative Olympics - 9th May**

On Wed 9th May, 10.30 am – 4.00 pm, there is a chance to enjoy lots of activities by either taking part or just as a spectator!! There will be Boules, Skittles "Kurling" Putting, even Tai Chi, Zumba & Pilates plus lots more. £5.00 per ticket which includes tea coffee and a piece of cake. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Afternoon Tea - 11th July**

Take the opportunity to celebrate the Jubilee with Afternoon Tea at Antrobus Village Hall, on Wednesday 11th July, 2 – 5 pm. Tickets cost £6.00. Why not go dressed for the occasion in party frocks & fancy hats! Please sign the list if interested.

- **CFWI County Walks - Tuesday 27th March**

This walk is approximately six miles long with a few styles in the Guilden Sutton area. If interested

please contact Jill Beavan on 01244 301015 or e-mail jillb107@btinternet.com after 18th March.

- **CFWI County Walks - Monday 2nd April**

This walk is in the Prestbury area. To book a place please phone Jenny Moore on 01625 829823 after 19th March.

- **PAL Meeting – sleep and memory**

Just a reminder to all those going, the Public Link group is meeting on Friday 23 March, 2012 at Woodford Community Centre (1.30 – 4.00 pm) with a speaker on 'Sleep and Memory'.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP

- **Future events**

Spring meeting – Wed April 18th, 7.00 pm. The speaker is Peter Stack, an amusing Derbyshire Hill Farmer "I'm not lost; I'm just not sure where I am.

The competition is a hand-made woollen sheep so can all those crafters amongst us bring their woollen sheep to the next meeting on 27th March, so we can decide which one will be our entry.

Autumn meeting – No details as yet but is on wed Oct 17th at 2.00 pm.

Annual trip out in July, venue and date to be decided.

- **Darts**

A number of other local WI have a darts team and hope that other WI will form a team so that they could play each other.

Please sign the sheet if interested.

HOSTESS ROTA

This month's hostesses are Trish H & Maddie F. 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

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

April 24th : 'Hula Hooping & Cake Competition'. Julie Brown
(Don't forget to wear something appropriate for the Hula Hooping!!!)

May 22nd : 'Resolutions Meeting & Small Garden Demo' Lomax Nursery

TRADE TABLE

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

We still welcome any items you want to include on the Trading Table but we also have a monthly '**Themed Collection**' for each meeting.

Many of you may have already done your spring cleaning but I am still doing mine! This month's theme will be **SPRING CLEAN** – Is there anything which you no longer need but will get a fresh start with someone else?

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

BEECHWOOD - OUR CHARITY FOR 2012

- A meeting at Beechwood was held to discuss fund raising for them and to find out more about the charity. A calendar of events organised by Beechwood will be on our notice board to see if any WI members would wish to take part i.e. their ball on 16th June. We are sending them our newsletter every month, and some of the ladies have expressed an interest in coming to our meetings. Beechwood not only helps cancer patients and families but also people with Parkinson's and dementia.

WELLSPRING - OUR CHARITY FOR 2011

- We have received a letter of thanks from Well Spring for our donation of £361.51. They are offering us a day of our choice where we can display our name and logo for the day as a 'sponsor' on their calendar. It was decided to ask for 20th October (our birthday). Please see the notice board for the letter from Wellspring.
- One of our members, Jane L is in a choir called Carillion that are doing a charity concert in aid of Wellspring on 21st April at Bramhall Methodist Church. It celebrates the Queen's Birthday and her Jubilee. Starting at 7.30 the tickets will be about £5.00. Please see Jane for further information.

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

We would like to wish Nicole D on 28th Mar, Rona Q on the 3rd April, Lorna H on the 5th April and Eileen L on the 11th April, a very happy birthday, have a lovely day ladies.

If you would 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to send Alia our hearty congratulations on winning a GOLD Star for her home made marmalade which she entered into the 'National Marmalade Awards and Festival' held at Dalemian Mansion in Cumbria in February. All amateur entry fees are donated to charity which this year is 'Hospice at Home' and 'Action Medical' Research. This was the first time that Alia had made Marmalade and her entry in the novices group was awarded 20 out of 20 and a GOLD star – an excellent result. We understand that Alia has made some more pots of marmalade to sell on the Trade table, so if you would like some delicious Marmalade by our award winning member - now is your chance!!!!

The next meeting is on Tues 27th March 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.