

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER MAY 2012

REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Coffee afternoons for May and June**

These are very enjoyable coffee afternoons and we welcome any members to come along for a chat and a drink. Our next 2 coffee afternoons will be Wed 16th May and Wed 20th June from 2.00pm at the Funky Monkey in Davenport.



- **Meals out**

Fourteen of us had a thoroughly enjoyable meal and evening at the Khandoker restaurant, and our next destination is for British meal at 'The Midway' on 1st June.



We have decided that our monthly evening meals will always be on the first Friday of each month, so that members know in advance when these are going to take place, so please join us if you can. Please sign the sheet if you would like to go.

- **Book Club**

Fifteen of us met to discuss Jon & Luke by Robert Williams and the book was generally liked and scored 7.57 out of 10.

Due to the bank holiday in early June we will meet on 28th May at Great Moor Library to discuss 'The hare with the amber eyes' by Edmund de Waal, and then the following month on the 2nd July to discuss 'The Quickening Maze' by Adam Foulds.

Happy reading to our reading group.

- **Craft Group**

We were all delighted with our Iris Folding cards made at the last craft group in April, they all looked most professional.

The next craft group meeting is on Wed 16th May, 7.30 pm, at Nicole's house.

The group will do some layering papier maché.

You will need to bring

Newspaper torn in 1x4 inches (2.5x10cm) approximately

Stubby paint brush

Watertight container with a good seal

Vaseline

Apron

Saucer

Kitchen paper

A roundish/curved shape with no sharp edges 4 to 10 inches (10 to 25 cm) - a bowl or similar. Could you make sure that you bring a shape that you can take home and not need immediately, as the papier maché will not be dry enough to move from the shape straight away.

If your shape is smaller your paper will have to be smaller as well.

Don't worry if you don't have everything Nicole will try to provide it.

- **Walks**

Thirteen members have registered interest in evening walks during the summer months. The first evening walk is planned for Tues 19th June at Vernon Park, meeting at the Woodbank carpark at 7.30pm.

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

UPDATE ON EVENTS DURING LAST MONTH

- **Cake Competition and Hula Hooping - 24th April**

The Cake Competition was again a very popular event with lots of delicious cakes for us to taste and enjoy. We raised £26.80 for our funds, and congratulations to Alia for baking the winning entry.

The Hula Hooping was great fun with lots of us 'having a go', as you can see from the following pictures.



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

The Cheshire Show craft group are working hard to complete their entries for this years' show. Tickets are now on sale for those of you who plan to visit with a slight discount for advance purchase. Please see Lorna H if you wish to order any tickets.

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

We are planning an outing to Harlow Carr Gardens on 21st June 2012. Nine members have signed up so far. 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**

Unfortunately the visit planned for 28th July cannot take place as the house is now going to be closed on that day. On other suggested dates it is not possible to view the house, so we have now decided to look for an alternative venue. If any members have a suggestion please let us know.

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

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF W I (NFWI)

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

We will be starting a journal to record all the mileage covered for the 'Big Walk, Little Splash' event which runs from 1st April to 16th September. 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.

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.

- **CFWI County Walks – Friday 8th June**

Country Walk along the western banks of the Mersey from Hale Village. To book a place phone Ann Clement on 0151 327 2121 after 21 May.

- **Jubilee Afternoon Tea - 11th July**

Jubilee afternoon Tea at Antrobus Village Hall, on Wednesday 11th July, 2 – 5 pm. Tickets cost £6.00. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Fundraising 3 course meal at Davenport Tennis Club Saturday 28th April**

Again this event was extremely well attended with 40 members and guest attending an excellent evening. The food was delicious, and the quizzes got the brain cells going!!! Many thanks to Trish, Alia, Sue, Lorna and Anne for the lovely meal, and to all others who helped to make the evening run smoothly and donated raffle prizes. We will let you know how much was raised when we have the final figures.

- **Cinema/Theatre group**

We have been to several events this months, all most enjoyable. Seven members went to see 'The Artist' at The Plasa, a most appropriate venue, as the Plasa would have shown 'silent films' in the 'old days'. Twelve in total went to 'Salmon fishing in the Yemen' at Parrs Wood and Marple. Three of us watched 'Red' on DVD. Nine members went to The Garrick to see 'The Odd Couple', and two to see 'Brassed Off' at the Carver. Fifteen of us are going to see The Poynton Players perform 'Kiss me like you mean it' on 16th May.

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

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. 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.

THINKING AHEAD – June, July and August

- **VIP visit to the Lakeland Store Thursday 24th May 5.30 – 8.00pm**

We have received an invite to attend this event at the Lakeland store in Handforth to celebrate the Jubilee. Please sign the sheet if interested.

- **Celebrating Archive Year 2012**

Two workshops have been arranged on 12th July at WI House 10.30am-12.30 pm or 7.30pm-9.30pm. Cost is £3 per person and drinks will be provided. If interested please see Lorna H or sign sheet at next meeting.

An exhibition of WI archives will be held in October 2012.

- **Calendars and Diaries for 2013**

The diary has a pink cover with silver ribbon and matching embossed crest and is priced at £3.55

The calendar theme for 2013 is 'Cheshire Town and Country' and is priced at £3.20.

Orders have to reach WI House no later than 26th July, so please sign the sheet if you would like to place an order for either or both.

- **Stained glass fabric bowls workshop**

Due to popular demand a second workshop will be held on Saturday 7th July at Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham WA6 7QN from 10.00am - 3.00pm. The cost is £12, plus a small amount for materials. Priority will be given to members who were unsuccessful in their previous application. (NB members will need to provide a sewing machine). To reserve a place apply enclosing a SAE and cheque for £12.00 payable to CFWI to WI House White Friars Chester, CH1 1NZ by 8th June.

- **Golf taster day 17th July**

This will take place at High Legh Park Golf Club, 17th July, from 10.30 am - 12.30 at a cost of £5.00. To reserve a place apply enclosing a SAE and cheque for £5.00 payable to CFWI to WI House White Friars Chester, CH1 1NZ by 18th June.

- **Resolutions Submission** – Any member who wishes to submit a resolution to be considered for inclusion on the Agenda for the Cheshire Annual Council Meeting in March 2013 should complete a form detailing reasons for submitting the resolution and any research done. Forms need to be in by 2 July 2012. Please speak to Lorna H if interested.

- **Chester Music Society Choir – Advance information for Christmas concerts.**

The Society Choir will perform two "Aspects of Christmas" concerts on 17th and 18th December in Chester cathedral at 7.30 pm, with guest presenter Terry Waite CBE. Tickets priced at £8 and £15 with 10% discount for block booking of 10 or more. Contact Lorna for further details

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP

Four of us attended the Spring meeting on Wed April 18th. The speaker was Peter Stack, who gave a highly amusing talk on "I'm not lost; I'm just not sure where I am. This was the first meeting of the reformed North East Cheshire Group with the new President and Secretary.

- **Future events**

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

The Annual trip out is on 12th July. The cost is £10.50 under the heading 'Brief Encounters'. Please see April Newsletter for details or our notice board and speak to Judith M if you are interested.

HOSTESS ROTA

May's hostesses are Sue M and Christine G. Could hostesses bring 4 pints of milk (the cost will be reimbursed on production of a receipt), tea towels and cake. We have volunteers until September, but need volunteers for the rest of the year, so please can you sign the 'hostess sheet' which will be available at the next meeting.

Next 3 MONTHS' PROGRAMME FOR 2012

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

There is only one resolution to vote on so we will be putting information on the tables at the meeting on the 22nd May. You can also find information on this in April's 'WI Life'.

Lomax will be doing a presentation on small garden spaces and selling plants.

June 26th : Sheila Rydz from the RSPB

July 24th : Chocolatier, Simon Dunn

TRADE TABLE

Spring has sprung, or so it would seem on this lovely Saturday morning. If you are like me you are eagerly awaiting the sprouting of seeds in the greenhouse when the weather gets warmer. However, I also have Brussel Sprouts and Cabbages re-potted and waiting to go into the ground – with some to SPARE!

SPRING SEEDLINGS

IS OUR THEME FOR THIS MONTH. Please bring along any small plants (vegetable or flower) that you can spare so that we can mix and match. Please put on a small label so we know the courgettes we may buy don't turn into pumpkins!

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

Items left from previous months will still be available for sale. Don't forget that all the proceeds from the Trading

Table and spare change collected in the same payment box, are for our charity BEECHWOOD.

Many Thanks

Christine

BEECHWOOD - OUR CHARITY FOR 2012

Fundraising event for May, June and July

- 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.
- **Friday 18th May.** A Curry and Quiz night will be held on Friday May 18th. If members are interested in putting a team of 4 together contact Beechwood on 0161 476 0384 for details
- **Sunday 20th May.** A team from Beechwood are taking part in the 2012 Greater Manchester Run. If you would like to sponsor the team contact Anne S who has the sponsorship form.
- **Saturday 16th June.** Butterfly Ball at 'The Point', Lancashire County Cricket Club, tickets costs £40.00.
- **Tuesday 3rd July.** Beechwood Annual golf Day, Bramhall Golf Club. Teams of four, to book call Beechwood on 476 0384.
- **Saturday 7th July.** Summer Fair at Beechwood Cancer Care Centre.

Fundraising event for THE SANDALWOOD SUITE in memory of TOBY JAMES

- I just wanted to thank everyone for their magnificent support at the above event on Friday 11th May. We raised an unbelievable **£800** thanks to the generosity of so many friends. Thanks to all who came and gave so generously; those who couldn't come but still donated; and those whose help before and on the day made the whole thing possible.
Trish H

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.

The next meeting is on Tues 22nd May 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.