

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER MAY 2013

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

- **April meeting - 'A Trip down Memory Lane' - Chris Belton**

At our members' meeting on 23rd April, we were treated to "A Trip Down Memory Lane" by speaker Chris Belton. She was very entertaining and it was clear from the audience reaction that most of us remembered a lot of the things she showed us and talked about - from the liberty bodice to the fox fur scarf! It was quite bizarre to realise that a lot of the antiquated things we were laughing at were things that had seem perfectly normal when we were growing up. How quickly life moves on!



- **Coffee afternoons for May and June**

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

The next afternoon at the Funky Monkey in Davenport is Wed 19th June, from 2.00pm.



At Coffee Culture in Hazel Grove, opposite Asda Carpark, our next two afternoons will be Fri 31st May and Fri 28th June from 2.30 pm.

- **Meals out**

On Friday, May 3rd, ten members went for a meal at Caviar Persian Kitchen in Cheadle. Most people enjoyed their starters but there were mixed reactions to the main courses. Some people felt that the meats had been cooked separately and then put into the sauce, which meant the meat was not as tender as it should have been. There was not a great deal of atmosphere in the Restaurant and we were made to feel that they were waiting for us to leave at the end of the evening, even though it was not late. As always, the company was very enjoyable.

The next meal out will be Friday 7th June. The Samsi, Japanese restaurant in Wilmslow has been suggested, possibly going early doors for an inclusive £12.95 menu. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Lunch Club**

The next Lunch club will be announced shortly.

- **Fundraising meal at Davenport Tennis Club**

On Saturday, April 27th, members plus family and friends attended the spring WI dinner at Davenport Lawn Tennis Club. We started the meal with carrot and apple soup with homemade pitta bread. The main course was Boeuf a l'orange followed by summer cheesecake for dessert. Diners took part in a picture and a connections quiz between courses and contributed generously to the raffle which helped to pay for the room hire, washer-up etc. Everyone had a good night and we managed to raise just over £215 for club funds. The next dinner is on Saturday 5th October, so get that date in your diaries!

- **Book Club**

Fourteen members reviewed 'Somewhere towards the end' by Diana Athill. It had very mixed reviews, one thought it "A reflective, matter of fact perspective on growing older. Some words of wisdom and inspiration. A thought provoking read from an 89 year old free thinker". Another thought it was "Self indulgent and full of truisms, depressing". It scored 4.7 out of 10.

Our next book is 'The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie' by Alan Bradley.

- **Craft Group**

Our next craft group is Tuesday 21st May at 7.30 pm at Nicole's house, 11 Crossfield Grove, Woodsmoor, SK2 7EQ, where we will be doing Paper stitching

You must bring the following items as Nicole won't have enough for everyone :

- a tray or a hard surface
- a mat to prick your card on (cork, rubber, mouse mat, etc)



You will need as well:

- a light coloured card
- thin nice thread: rayon, silk etc
- a sharp needle
- a pin with around head

These material will be supplied at a modest cost if you don't have any

- **Bursaries**

A number of bursary events have now taken place and have proved to be very popular. The cupcake decorating took place on 24 April with seven ladies taking part. Under Janet's excellent tutorage they all managed to decorate six cupcakes with their own designs. All were very impressed with their results.

On Friday, 10th May, eighteen members enjoyed a walking tour of some of the historical areas of Stockport that are still surviving. Despite arriving at Staircase House in heavy rain, the weather cleared before we set out. Our tour was lead by Jim Clare, from the Heritage Centre, who was a most knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. The tour included St Mary's Church, the Market, the Stockport Dungeon and Court, to name but a few of the areas we visited. We heard tales of shootings, loose women and cave dwellers, all told in a very humorous way. There was a lot of information to take in, but most of us have a copy of Jim's book which we can now read at our leisure.

May 11th saw twenty-two members attend the hanging basket workshops. There was a choice between doing a wicker basket and a moss-lined basket. Katie Lomas demonstrated how to line the basket with moss and build up the layers of flowers hanging from the side, before planting out the top. Everyone was delighted with their efforts and look forward to watching them flourish over the summer.

There are still places available on the Media City tour taking place on Saturday 14th September at 10:30 or Monday 23rd September at 15:00. If you haven't yet taken up your bursary, or would like to self fund on this event please contact Trisha Hall.

- **Walks**

The next weekend walk will be a Sunday in June, date to be confirmed.

- **Weekday daytime walks**

Our next planned weekday walk will be on Tuesday 28th May. Meeting at Nelson's Pit car at 1.45 pm we will walk into Lyme Park, stop off after just under 2 miles at the coffee shop (and loos), then walk back via Hase bank wood, and the canal - just over 4 miles. Please contact Trisha Woodsmith if you would like to go .

- **Pub Quiz Team**

Lorna, Alia, Judith, Nicole and Anna went to the Jolly Sailor for their first quiz night. They thought it was a very slow paced quiz and a bit disjointed so are going to try Puss In Boots next time as it is a good quiz and also starts at 9 o'clock and includes food for a pound.

- **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.

The Full Monty

What a treat twenty members had when they went to see 'The Full Monty' at the Lowry. An excellent set and cast, set the scene for a hilarious fast paced adaptation of the 1997 film, and had us roaring with laughter throughout. It was very true to the film, with excellent scene changes which were very smoothly done. We were all tapping our feet to the popular tunes, and of course the 'The Full Monty' at the end was excellently done. Many of us would go and see it again - very highly recommended.

The Miser

Eight ladies went to see 'The Miser' at The Garrack. This classical farce was set in Louis XIV's Paris. The story tells of the avaricious Harpagon, whose obsessive greed threatens the happiness of his children, the wellbeing of his servants and the lives of his neighbours. It was well cast and acted.

Already booked

Sixteen booked to go to 'An untimely Frost' on Wed 15th May
Eight booked for NTL 'Their House' on 16th May
Twelve booked to see NTL 'The Audience' on 13th June
'War Horse' 15th January 2014

Future options

'Unoriginal Sin', Carver Theatre, Fri 17th May 2013, £8.
'Who's afraid of Virginia Wolf', The Garrick, Wed 22nd May 2013, £9 (2 for 1 available).
'Blood Brothers' The Lowry 4th September £29.50

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.

Please see the e-mail for the May 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.

- **WI Diaries and Calendars**

2014 diaries and calendars can now be ordered. Please see Lorna Hough for details.

- **County Walk**

On Wednesday 12th June there is the Moel Famau 10k circular walk. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park at 10am. Some stiles and inclines, wet and muddy parts, strong footwear needed. Bring a packed lunch. To reserve a place contact Eileen Greatbanks 01244 570530 or email eileen.greatbanks@virgin.net

- **Bursaries to visit Denman College**

Denman offers a wide variety of day and residential courses in cookery, craft and lifestyle. Various bursaries are available to go on some of these course. Please see Lorna Hough for details.

- **Lady Denham Cup Competition**

WI members are invited to write a piece starting with the line 'If I were.. for a day, I would...' Members are required to 'fill in the blanks' with a fictional account of who they would like to be for the day and what they would get up to! Entries must be no more than 500 words and the

competition line must be included in the final word count. Entries have to be submitted by 4th July.

- **CFWI - Resolution submission**

If anyone wishes to submit a resolution to be considered for inclusion on the Agenda for the Cheshire Annual Council Meeting in March 2014, they should complete a form detailing reasons for submitting the resolution and any research done. Forms need to be in by 1 July 2013. Please speak to Lorna Hough if interested.

- **Lunch and Cruise**

Lunch and cruise on the Shropshire Union Canal-Chester. Venue: Mill House Hotel, Milton Street, Chester CH1 3NF. Arrival: 12pm Return approx 3pm. Tickets £20. Tickets are limited so book early (if oversubscribed a second date may be arranged). To reserve a place apply enclosing a SAE and cheque for £20.00 payable to CFWI to WI House White Friars Chester, CH1 1NZ Closing date Friday 28th June.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

- **Summer outing**

A date for your diary is Wednesday 17th July for the NECG summer outing. It has been decided to go Ludlow on Wednesday 17th July departing at 9am, returning 6.15pm. Please see the poster on the notice board for further details.

HOSTESS ROTA

Please could Mays' hostesses Christine Gilligan, Sue Mann, Nicole and Joan Cooper liaise and 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 June, and 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

May 28th : **St John's Ambulance - 'Resolutions'**
We will be having a talk from a member of 'St John's Ambulance' after which Lorna will present the 2013 NFWI Resolution - Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres.
We will vote on this resolution after our tea/coffee and cake.

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

June 25th : **'Singing for Health'**
July 23rd : **'Cake decorating Demonstration'**

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. 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 – some really lovely patterns were brought in last month 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.

Many Thanks Christine

BIRTHDAY WISHES

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Linda Shelmerdine on 22th May, Jane Lepp on 25th May and Karen O'Brien on 27th May. We hope you all have a most enjoyable day.

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

We have decided to help collect food for Stockport Foodbank, and there will be collection bin near the Information Board to collect donations. 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

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF EAST CHESHIRE HOSPICE

Sue Johnson is holding a coffee morning at her home, 1 Sandringham Rd, Hazel Grove, SK7 4RN, in aid of East Cheshire Hospice on Saturday the 18th May, 10:30-1pm. There will be a card and jewellery stall and a quiz.

If you plan to go would you let Sue know - email: sue_547@hotmail.com

SPONSORED WALK FOR WATERAID

Kim Bridges, Lorna Hough and Trisha Woodsmith are taking part in the WA200 2013 Mountain Challenge to raise money for WaterAid. We are going to be climbing Margery Hill which is the highest point in South Yorkshire!! If you would like to sponsor us please see us at the next meeting.

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 28th 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.

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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