

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

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

- **April meeting - 'Gaye Rhodes'**

Gaye Rhodes had been a speaker at one of our meetings a few years ago, when she had us all roaring with laughter and on her return visit she certainly didn't disappoint. Members were entertained by stories of her previous presentations and anecdotes about 'that certain age' whenever it hits us! Stories about where 'never to have lunch', and what to say about 'those aches and pains' had us all nearly falling off our chairs. She really does have a fresh approach to guest speaking.

- **Coffee afternoons for May and June**

Do come along for a coffee/tea, chat, and maybe a bite to eat, at either or both of our coffee afternoons.

The next coffee afternoon at the Funky Monkey in Davenport is Wed 18th June from 2.00pm. (Always the third Wed in the month).



At Coffee Culture in Hazel Grove, (opposite Asda Carpark), our next two afternoons are Fri 30th May and Fri 27th June from 2.30 pm. (Always the last Fri in the month).

- **Meals out**

On Friday 2nd May, eight members met at 'Olivers' in Woodford. The welcoming staff were attentive to all our needs, without being intrusive. The menu was varied and some of us chose from the fixed price menu of £15.75 for 2 courses while others chose from the concise A La Carte. The food was freshly cooked, very good and the presentation excellent.



A few of us chose a sweet which for some was disappointing, but overall a very good meal, though a few of us got a shock when the bill arrived!!!

The next meal round the world is at a French pop-up restaurant in Bramhall on 6th June.

- **Lunch Club**

Six of us went to Amenique in Gatley and in spite of having phoned twice about our booking, they hadn't reserved a table for us but it wasn't a problem as due to the lovely weather most people were sitting outside. There was a good choice on the menu and they all had different things to eat. Everyone enjoyed their meals and the service was good, quick and friendly. There was a little problem with a glass of

wine which definitely tasted odd but it was changed without any quibble.

Future Lunch Club dates for your diary

Date and venue tbc at the next meeting on May 27th.

- **Book Club**

'Mornings in Jenin' by Susan Abulhawa was a poignant and moving story about the plight of the Palestinian people who became refugees after Yom Kippur in 1967. Some book club members found it to be a sad and complex description of the emotional and cultural turmoil that was created and the effects on the people caught up in the war.

Our next book is 'Three Men in a Boat' by Jerome K Jerome', which we will be reviewing on 2nd June at 6.45pm, at the Shady Oak pub, Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG.

- **Craft Group**

There is no craft group next month as it is the Cheshire Show in June.

Future Craft dates for your diary

Wed 16th July - Caligraphy

Date tba Aug - Bead Jewellery

Tue 16th Sept - 3D decoupage

Please sign the list if interested.

- **Knit and Natter**

Our next two Knit and Natter sessions are on 11th June and 9th July. These are proving very popular evenings, as much for the nattering as for anything actually being produced! We meet every second Wed of the month at The Shady Oak, Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7 3PG from 7:30pm onwards.



Either turn up on the night or contact Trish H or Sue M for further details, help with getting there etc.

- **Breast drain carry bags**

A while ago Vera asked if anyone could make some bags for the Breast Clinic, as patients use them to help carry the drain bag when walking around. She has asked if anyone could make some more as they are badly needed. Christina will bring a pattern to the next meeting, they are very easy to make out of any material, and are very much appreciated. So please see Christina for a pattern if you can help out.

- **Games Night**

We held our first Games Night on Monday 19th May at the Shady Oak, with seven members attending. We started by discussing the sort of games we wanted to play. Some of the suggestions for cards were whist, canasta, gin rummy, hearts

and sevens. We also want to try draughts, Boggle, Yahtzee and Rummicub, to mention but a few from our long list of ideas. We then spent a fun evening learning how to play Canasta under the tutelage of Trisha W (who also won hands down!!). Future Games evenings are planned for the 3rd Monday of the month and we hope more members will join us at this really enjoyable activity.

Future dates
16th June, 21st July, 18th August

- **Weekend Walks**

Sat April 26th saw seven ladies enjoy a short walk through the lovely Pavilion Gardens which led us along the Broad Walk and then to Pooles Cavern, one of the Peak District's show caves. As we started to climb through Buxton Country Park we could see Go Ape's adventurous high ropes and a



few of the group were already making plans to have a go on another visit !! The views from the top of the temple, which was built in 1890 were well worth the climb. A short walk back into Buxton eventually led the walkers to Charlottes café in the Pump Rooms, finishing a pleasant Spring visit to the capital of the Peak.

Future weekend walk dates for your diary

Sun May 25th, Delamere Forset Visitor Centre and walk
Sat June 28th, Chester to walk round walls or shop
Sun July 27th Cycle Ride in Monsal Dale – lunch at Hassop station

If you are interested in these walks please sign the lists at the meetings or contact Marjorie B or Lorna H.

- **Weekday Walks**

It was raining on Tues 13th May when we walked through Vernon Park and Woodbank Park but brightened up as eight of us headed out towards Offerton along the banks of the River Goyt. There were lots of information points along the route, which was full of bluebells and wild garlic. After crossing the river at Jim Fernley's bridge, we turned back towards the Pear Mill, passing



Goyt Hall built in 1570. Unfortunately the mill café had just closed but we had all enjoyed the walk in lovely countryside very close to Stockport town centre.

Please do have a look at the next walk, it's a great way to spend the afternoon.

Future weekday local walks dates for your diary

Fri June 13th Etherow Park
Tues July 8th Higher Poynton
Fri Aug 8th Ladybrook valley to Poynton Garden Centre

Again if you are interested in these walks please sign the lists at the meetings or contact Marjorie Brown or Lorna H.

- **NECG Spring Walk 14th May**

A few of us took part in the NECG 'Spring walk' on Wed 14th May. 16 NECG's members met at Prestbury carpark and set off on a walk along the Bollin Valley, crossing the river at Foreign Hey Bridge. Walking further up the valley we eventually walked over the golf course, stopping for a coffee by the club house. Heading back via Mottram



Hall, Woodside Farm, and Legh Hall, we arrived back at the car par and lunch at the Legh Arms followed. These are always most enjoyable events and if you enjoy walking (and eating) then do join us at the next one on July 24th.

- **Pub Quiz Team**

The Pub Quiz team are enjoying competing at 'Puss In Boots' each Thursday, but are chasing that illusive^{1st} place although they have once come 2nd. Speak to Trish H if you are interested in joining them on Thursday evenings starting around 8.30 pm.

- **Cinema/Theatre group**

As you can see from our events that are booked and future options we have a very busy Cinema/Theatre group. We 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, to add your name to the cinema/theatre group list.

'King Lear'

14 members, partners and friends went to the National Theatre Live's production of King Lear. A two hour first half left some overwhelmed and needing to search for a quick resume to clarify a few points. However, all agreed the staging and production were excellent as was Simon Russell Beale as Lear. Sam Troughton as Edmund and Stanley Townsend as Kent also provoked complimentary comments.

'Run for your wife'

Three of us went to the Saturday night performance of Run for your Wife at Altrincham Garrick. An ingenious plot, about a London taxi driver with 2 wives, 2 lives and a very precise schedule for juggling them both, was brilliantly acted by a largely amateur cast (although the professional director did have a walk-on role). This character-abundant carnage escalated out of control with every phone call or ring of the doorbell, rather like an episode of Fawlty Towers, yet the audience was never in doubt about which flat they were in on the split set which cleverly existed as two separate London abodes.

Some people are a bit snobbish about farce – it's the one theatrical art-form that is judged solely on it's failures - but when it's done as well as this they miss a treat. We laughed a lot!

'Henry IV part 1'

Not for everyone as 2 of the 7 who saw this production of Henry IV part 1 have decided to give part 2 a miss. However, everyone commented favourably on the performance of Antony Sher as Sir John Falstaff. Shakespeare's prowess with the language was admired with all of the cast delivering their lines apparently effortlessly. Slight disappointment that the sound link from Stratford was lost intermittently but for all that a great facility to be able to share in the live performance so close to home.

'A Pack of Lies'

Four of us went along to the Carver Theatre to see 'A Pack of Lies'. The theatre was too hot and stuffy and as hot air rises, seated as we were towards the back rows, we all nearly wilted. The cast did a good job with what really was a very, very, tedious play. The evening just dragged and we were all pleased to escape to a lovely cool summer's evening at the end of the performance.

Already booked

'A Small Family Business', 12th June
'An evening with Gervase Phinn', 13th June
'Billy Liar', 19th June
'Ghosts', 26th June
'Happy Days', 26th June
'Showboat' - The Lowry, 12th July
'Jersey Boys', 29th September
'Alan Davis', 31st October

Future Options

'Henry IV part 2' - Didsbury, 18th June
'My Boy Jack' - The Garrick, 25th June
'The Tempest' - Didsbury, 30th June
'Macbeth' - Didsbury, 14th July
'Skylight NTL' - Didsbury, 17th July
'Monty Python Live (Mostly)' 20th July
'Midsummer Night's Dream' - Didsbury, 28th July
'Two Men of Verona' - Didsbury 3rd September
'Medea NTL' - Didsbury, 4th September
'Beauty and the Beast Ballet' - The Lowry Theatre, 24th September
'Ross Noble Tangentleman' - The Lowry Theatre, 19th February 2015

Further details available on the website

Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to any of these by email, 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)

MOODLE ACCESS

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

Please see the NFWI May newsletter attached to the e-mail.

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.

• County Walk 26th June

Saughall WI are doing a 6 miles circular walk from Delamere Forest on Thursday 26th June. To reserve a place please contact either Carol Cranny on 01244 881274 or Margaret Reade on 01244 880619 after the 12th June.

• WI Websites and Social Media

There are two workshops on Wed 4th June at WI House, 11 White Friars, Chester. The 1st from 10.00 - 12.30 and 2nd from 1.30 - 4.00, they are designed to help you explore the use of the Internet for your WI. If you are interested in going please contact Lorna for details.

• Eaton Hall Gardens Charity Open Day 25th April

As well as 88 acres of gardens and a 400 ft Camellia walk, this charity open day has many other attractions and displays. The gates are open from 10.30am - 5.00 pm, and the entry cost is £6.00 for Adults, £1.50 for children.

• NFWI Annual General Meeting 7th June

The NFWI Annual General meeting is being held on 7th June in Leeds.

• Cheshire Show 17th and 18th June

If you would like to buy tickets in advance you can get a special offer on the price. Advance prices are:-
Adult £15.00 (£17.00 at the gate) Senior citizen £12.00 (£14.00 at the gate) Child £7.00 (£8.00) under 5's free.
Please see Lorna to book your tickets.

• Cheshire resolutions

If we wish to submit a CFWI resolution to be considered for inclusion on the Agenda for the Cheshire Annual Council Meeting in March 2015, suggestions are needed by 7th July 2014. Please see Lorna for further details.

• Keep Singing Day 20th Sept

There is a Keep Singing Day at Byley Village Hall on Saturday 20th Sept from 10.00am - 3.00pm. The tuition is by Joyce Kirkpatrick, and the cost is £6.00 which includes music hire and tea/coffee, but please bring your own packed lunch. Closing date is 31st July. See Lorna for details.

• Canal Art and Knotting 27th Sept

Join the Craft and Art Committee for a Canal Art and Knotting day, on Sat 27th Sept at Lower Withington Parish Hall, Lower Withington, SK11 9DY. The session is from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm and will be divided into two sessions - half day for each craft. The price is £12.00 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits, but please bring your own packed lunch. Speak to Lorna if interested. Closing date Thur 31st July.

• WI Calendar's and Diary's 2015

The theme for the 2015 Calendar is 'Cheshire At Its Best' and celebrates both the 95th birthday of the Federation and the NFWI's 100th birthday. The calendar is still engagement style with a tear off postcard featuring some superb photographs by Cheshire members. Priced at £3.20.

The 2015 Diary has an attractive gold cover with a matching ribbon and embossed crest to celebrate NFWI's centenary. The diary has the usual features with all the important information for the year ahead. Priced at £3.70.

If you would like either or both of these please let Lorna know and she will order them for you.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

• NECG Summer Fashion Show 9th June

This takes place on Monday 9th June at Woodford Community Centre, SK7 1PS with a drinks reception at 7.30

pm. The fashion show is presented by 'FIZZ' of Wilmslow, Hyde, Ashton and Shaw. This is a 'ticket only' event so if you wish to attend please get your tickets - cost £5.00 - from Toni E.

- **NECG Summer Outing Wed 16th July**

This year the trip is to Skipton, please contact Toni for further information.

Future NECG dates/event for your diary

Summer walk – 24th July

Trip out – Nov 12th – destination TBA

Carol Service – 9th December

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting on Tues May 27th is our Resolutions, Charity Vote and Cake Competition meeting at the Hazel Grove Civic Hall.

- **Cake Competition**

Please can you bring along a cake you have baked to enter into our cake competition. This was a popular event the last time we held it. For those of you new to the group or who need a reminder – bring along a home-baked cake and enter it into our fun competition. Each entry will be anonymous and have a labelled cup in front of it. Members then get to sample all the cakes and vote for their top three. 1st choice gets 50p in its cup, 2nd choice gets 30p and 3rd choice gets 20p. The winning cake is the one with the most money. Most of the proceeds will go to our charity, so please don't forget to bring some change with you.

Many thanks ladies, as it was noticed that talking during the presentations from our guest speakers, and when other members are giving out information was greatly reduced. However, can we again, politely remind members not to chat to others while speakers are talking and keep their social chatting until the tea and cake social at the end of the meeting. Many thanks.

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.

NEXT THREE MONTH'S PROGRAMME FOR 2014

June 24th An evening of gardening

If you have any questions regarding gardening that you would like to ask, please can you let us have them in advance. Plants will be on sale.

July 22nd Bees and Beekeeping

Aug 26th Ploughman's Supper - Members' Craft Evening

HOSTESS ROTA

The hostesses do not need to bring cake this month as we are having a cake competition. May's hostesses are Bev P, Imelda J, Kim B and Kath S. Please can the hostesses liaise to bring 4 pints of milk, tea towels. (All costs will be reimbursed by Sue on production of a receipt). We still need hostesses for a few months in 2014, and would like everyone to have a go, – there is no obligation to bake - so if you can, please sign up on the hostesses' rota list at the next meeting.

TRADE TABLE

We are having a trade table this month and have decided on a Spring Theme on the following lines - If you have had a spring clean and have items which others might make use of

bring them along; also if you have been setting seed and have surplus plants they would be welcome as well.

We will continue to have a book sale and we ask you to bring along books to sell on the night, but also to take home any that are unsold by the end of the meeting. Prices for books will be 50p for paperbacks and £1.00 for hardbacks. The loose change collection box will always be available for donations.

NEW CHARITY

We will be voting at the May meeting for the next charity we will be supporting. As in previous years we are asking members to bring information to the meeting and be prepared to give a short speech in favour to us. Members will then be asked to vote for their chosen charity on a voting slip.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Five members celebrate their birthdays over the next month, so a very Happy Birthday to Gill H on 20 May, Linda S on 22 May, Jane L on 25th May, Karen O on 27 May and Christine G on 15th June. We hope you all have a great day.

If you would 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 continue to collect much needed donations for Stockport Foodbank. Why not ask your family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, community groups etc to help donate!..... Thank you.

RAFFLE

Ladies, if you have anything that we could use in our monthly raffle, then please bring the items along to the meeting and Mary P will be delighted to receive them. Many thanks.