

# GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2013

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

- **Gift Wrapping Ideas - Katie Perry**

On 22nd October, Katy Perry came to help us get in the mood for Christmas. She started by planting up a hanging basket, a patio tub and some novelty containers before showing us some tricks and tips for gift wrapping. These included covering a shoe box, wrapping an awkwardly shaped item and (most people's favourite), covering a wine bottle with lametta.

- **Coffee afternoons for November and December**

The next coffee afternoon at the Funky Monkey in Davenport is Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November, from 2.00pm, and then the 18<sup>th</sup> December. (Always the third Wed in the month)



At Coffee Culture in Hazel Grove, (opposite Asda Carpark), our next afternoon is Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov from 2.30 pm.

(Always the last Fri in the month). We will not be meeting in December.

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

- **Meals out**

On Friday, 1st November, nine members went out for a meal at The Plaice in Bollington. The restaurant area was clean and bright, and the wide table at which we were seated enabled



us to have some general conversation, which made the evening very enjoyable. The menu included lots of home-made options (not all fish based) as well as the traditional fish and chips, which a number of us had. We all enjoyed what we ate but we were too full for the rather stodgy desserts that were on offer! The waitress was very pleasant and helpful and the cost was very reasonable.

We will not be having a 'round the world' meal in December.

- **Lunch Club**

The Christmas lunch is being held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 'The Three Bears'. These are most enjoyable events, so please sign the list if interested in going.

- **Christmas Meal 19<sup>th</sup> December Alma Lodge**

We now need the balance of £13.50, or full amount of £23.50 if you haven't paid the deposit, at the meeting in November. Please can you give your money to Lynda Towers.

- **Book Club**

'The girl in the Mirror' by Sarah Gristwood scored a respectable 6/10 at the November meeting

We will be reviewing the next book 'Me and Mine' by Anna May Mangan on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Great Moor Library.

- **Craft Group**

Eleven members attended the last craft group meeting and thoroughly enjoyed making the Christmas tree decorations of white and gold bows and doves for the St George's Tree



Festival. Don't forget to go along to St Georges from 27<sup>th</sup> Nov to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec to see our Christmas tree and all those others on show.

We are hoping to have a craft sub-committee group to plan a programme of dates and craft activities for the coming year. If you have a skill that you would like to share, or a craft that you are interested in learning, please sign the list giving details of what you can offer or are interested in. If you are not able to make the next meeting please e-mail one of the committee members with your ideas.

- **Knit and natter, Crochet and chatter**

11 members met Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm for the knit & natter at the Shady Oak some having spent the day in Liverpool. We hadn't thought to meet in December but we've had a request to do so therefore this will now be a



regular session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, which we hope will suit most people. Come and join us on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

By "Knit and Natter" we want to make it clear that this includes any knitting, crochet, sewing or other craft projects that anyone has on the go. If anyone fancies coming along just for a drink and a natter, they would be very welcome. Either turn up on the night or contact Trish Hall or Sue Mann for further details, help with getting there etc.

- **Weekend Walks**

Two members enjoyed a walk round Lyme Park on 27<sup>th</sup> October. They were very lucky with the weather as it only rained while they were enjoying a well deserved cuppa in the cafe.

There will be no weekend walk in December.

- **Weekday Walks**

November's weekday was a walk round Style on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be no weekday walk in December.

We are finalising a programme of weekend and weekday walks for 2014, which we will publish shortly and which will perhaps encourage more members to take part.

- **Pub Quiz Team**

The Pub Quiz team are now regular attendees of the quiz at the 'Puss In Boots' on a Thursday. Speak to Anna Burke or Trish Hall if you are interested in joining them.

- **Subscription/Membership Forms**

Renewal subscription/membership forms will be handed out at the October meeting. The 2014 subs of £34.70 can be paid from the November meeting. In order for **current** members to secure their place they need to have paid up by the end of the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 meeting otherwise their place will be allocated to a person on the waiting list. (Special circumstances would be treated on their merits). Any **new** member joining and paying in October has membership till a year the following January.

- **Bursaries**

We are considering having bursaries again in 2014. The idea at the moment is to offer two educational trips with a bursary of £15.00 given to each participating member, to go towards the costs of the event. We would like to hear your ideas on where you think a good venue would be. We will be discussing this at the next meeting, however if you are unable to go to the meeting please e-mail one of the members of the committee with your ideas.

- **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](mailto:abea@hotmail.co.uk) to add your name to the cinema/theatre group list.

### 'Deathtrap'

On 23rd October, seven members attended Stockport Garrick's production of Ira Levin's comedy-thriller "Deathtrap". This play has so many twists and turns in the plot, that it is impossible to even begin to describe it in a short review! Despite some rather dubious American accents, and the need to suspend belief for most of the play, the action moved along swiftly as the dead bodies piled up and the audience were kept guessing right up until the last scene.

### 'Frankenstein'

The NTL production of Frankenstein was first broadcast in 2011. Both Benedict Cumberbatch and Jonny Lee Miller won best actor awards in the 2012 Olivier awards, and we could certainly see why. We saw Cumberbatch play the creature and Miller as Frankenstein; a truly magnificent performance from the two leading men. (They swapped roles each night). Seven of us spent Halloween watching the encore performance and from the 'regeneration' of the creature were hooked. The energy required to perform as they did was remarkable, the themes of the story still relevant today and even more remarkable to think the novel was written by a 19 year old.

### 'Paul Merton'

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November four of us braved a damp, dark autumn evening to travel over the hills to Buxton. The reason, "Paul Merton's Impro Chums". And it was well worth it. It was an excellent evening of really funny improvising, in very good taste. The evening flew by. Paul and his "Chums", Mike McShane, Lee Simpson, Richard Vranch and Suki Webster using ideas from the audience kept the pace going the whole evening. For those of you who remember Clive Anderson's "Who's Line is it Anyway" will recall Mike and Richard. Lee Simpson was new to me and he was outstandingly - LOL good! Needless to say Paul Merton was his relaxed, expressive, quick, and witty self. If you just want to relax and have a good laugh I highly recommend you go to see this quartet if you get the chance.

11 members and one male guest enjoyed '**The Habit of Art**' on the 7<sup>th</sup> November. This was Richard Griffith's last role before his death. Alan Bennett's play was well interpreted by Griffith's, Alex Jennings and Frances de la Tour.

5 Members enjoyed '**Philomena**' at the cinema on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. Definitely worth seeing

4 members along with 2 unattached husbands watched the live screening of David Tennant as **Richard II** on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. At one point we thought they had lost the connection and we were all left in a darkened theatre at the end. Not put off we will be booking soon for the next 2 of Shakespeare's history plays soon.

**Alistair McGowan's** one man show on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013 brought so many character's both male and female to the stage through his impersonations that it was fascinating to see and hear. Also interesting to note was how he could move through various characters and always end up with 'Dave' from the Royal Family.

### Already booked

'Life & Beth' 4<sup>th</sup> December  
'War Horse' 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
'Coriolanus' 30<sup>th</sup> January  
'The Mouse Trap', 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

### Future options

West End Theatre Series – Noel Coward, Private Lives 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels 19<sup>th</sup> February  
NTL Screening of Warhorse 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to any of these by email, [abea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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.**

- **Update on Charity Event Afternoon Tea on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept**

We have received a letter from the Northwest Air Ambulance thanking us for £50.71 they received from the two donation tins that were at the event on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. That makes a truly fantastic £659.71 that we raised for the Northwest Air Ambulance on that day. Again huge thanks to all those who made this such a successful event.

- **RADIO STAR**

4 members attended a recording of Radio 4's 'The Kitchen Cabinet' on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. Our very own Judith Mottram was chosen from the audience to ask her question which was broadcast on the 19<sup>th</sup> November. It was an interesting experience and informative programme; for those of you who missed it listen again on i-player.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WI (NFWI)**

- **The new Centenary crafts competition 'Tomorrow's Heirlooms'**

Information on this is in October newsletter which you can find on the website.

See Lorna for more information.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

The November NFWI Newsletter is attached to the e-mail.

**CHESTER 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.

- **CFWI Newsletter – Cheshire News**

If you would like your own monthly copy of the Cheshire News starting February 2014, please let Lorna know. The cost is 40p a copy. You will receive one free copy a year, so pay a total of £4.00 for 11 copies, as there is no January edition.

- **Fun Day at 'Think Fit' event**

At the 'Think fit' event you will be able to play 'Kurling' and try Zumba, Yoga and Pilates plus lots more whether you are a participant or spectator!!! This event takes place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 from 10.30am - 4.00 pm at Thornton Village Hall, Manor Road, Wirral. CH3 1JD. The cost is £6.00 which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Please take your own packed lunch, mat and towel. Closing date for this is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Please sign the list if interested.

- **County Quiz 2013**

After our success of last year when our team came an excellent joint fourth out of twenty-one teams in the final, (over 100 teams who entered the competition) we are hoping to enter a team into the CFWI County Quiz 2014. The quiz will be 'Table top' - i.e. able to confer in answering questions. The preliminary round will probably be at either Byley Village on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February or Mottram St Andrews on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February with the final being held at Comberbach on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, all starting at 7.30pm. We know we have some great brains in our WI, so please sign the sheet if you are interested in being one of our team members.

**NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)**

- **NECG Carol Service**

The NECG Carol service is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm at All Saints Church, Cheadle Hulme. Friends and families are welcome. The service is followed by tea or coffee and mince pies!

**HOSTESS ROTA**

Please could Novembers' hostesses Trish Hall, Sue Johnson, Lynda Smith and Maddy Fletcher 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 2014, so if you can, please sign up on the hostesses rota list at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November at the Hazel Grove Civic Hall, where we will be having our AGM, election of the committee and hotpot supper. 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.

## REMAINING PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2013

Can we politely remind members not to chat to others while the speakers are talking? Many thanks.

### **November 26<sup>th</sup>: Annual General Meeting and 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party – Hotpot supper**

If you aren't having the Hotpot you pay for tea/coffee and cake in the usual way.

### **December 17<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party**



**PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING IS A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL.**

### TRADE TABLE

The next trading table will be at the November meeting when the theme will be unwanted gifts. However each month we will continue to have a book sale and ask members 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.

In addition it has been decided to place all the tables i.e. notice board, raffle, lists and trading table together in one place at the back of the room.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

A very Happy Birthday to Lynda Smith on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, Kath Smith on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, Pam Sykes 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec and Sarah Bowden on the 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. We wish you all a wonderful and 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 continue to collect donations and this month they are particularly short of baked beans and tinned soups. 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 Penny will be delighted to receive them. Many thanks.

### WEBSITE

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