

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2013

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

- **September meeting – Circus Skills – David Booth**

Juggler and former children's entertainer, David Booth, came to our September Members' meeting to teach us Circus



Skills. We used chiffon scarves to learn to juggle and then we all had a go at spinning plates. Most members mastered the skills but even those that found them more of a challenge still enjoyed both.

- **Coffee afternoons for October and November**

The next two coffee afternoons at the Funky Monkey in Davenport are Wed 16th October and Wed 20th November, from 2.00pm. (Always the third Wed in the month)



At Coffee Culture in Hazel Grove, (opposite Asda Carpark), our next two afternoons will be Fri 25th Oct and Fri 29th Nov from 2.30 pm. (Always the last Fri in the month)

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

- **Meals out**

On Friday October 4th, seven members went for a meal at Cock-a-doodle-moo, a new American diner in Hazel Grove.



The decor was quite sparse, with wooden tables and benches, and the food was very basic. Then a very large group of young men came to the table next to ours, making conversation impossible. In true WI fashion, we improvised our plans for

dessert and coffee and keeping in mind our 'American theme' we headed off down the road to a place with a large yellow M outside where we could enjoy McFlurrys, coffee and uninterrupted conversation for the remainder of the evening!

The next meal round the world will be on Friday 1st Nov at 'The Plaice' in Bollington. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Lunch Club**

On 26th Sept 9 members went for afternoon tea on a canal boat, the Judith Mary from Whaley Bridge.



After a hilarious health and safety announcement we settled down to a trip down the canal at a very peaceful 4 knots!!! A very generous plate of sandwiches was served followed by scone, jam, cream and tea. A very relaxing and enjoyable way to pass an afternoon.

- **Tennis Club Fundraising Meal Sat 5th October.**

Forty one members and friends attended our Autumn WI Dinner at Davenport Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday October 5th. The food, which had a Moroccan theme, was very well received. We started with spicy meatballs, crudites and dips which were followed by Moroccan chicken, flatbread and carrot salad. For dessert, we had oranges in caramel and finished with teas and coffees. Members generously donated some lovely raffle prizes and the evening finished with a quiz. Thanks go to everyone who helped make the evening such a great success.

- **Christmas Meal**

We have now booked the Alma Lodge, where we have held very successful Christmas meals before. We have chosen 19th Dec. Most people have paid their deposit of £10.00, so could all those going please bring the balance of £13.50 to the next meeting.

- **Book Club**

There were mixed views on the book 'Ferney' by James Long and it scored 6.5 out of 10.

The next book is 'The girl in the mirror' by Sarah Gristwood which we will be reviewing on 4th November at Great Moor Library.



- **Craft Group**

The craft group have decided to use their meetings to make Christmas tree decorations for the St George's Tree Festival which is from 27th Nov to 1st Dec. This year they have decided to have a white and gold theme and will be making bows and doves.

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

We held our first Knit and Natter session at the Shady Oak, in Bramhall, on Wednesday 2nd October. Nine members attended and enjoyed a relaxed evening in pleasant and comfortable surroundings, with the Natter taking precedence over the Knit! Our next session is planned for Wednesday



November 13th at 7.30pm and we hope to see even more members attending. We are not planning to meet in December but intend to make it a regular session on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, which we hope will suit most

people.

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**

On Sunday 22nd Sept, four of us set off on a lovely sunny day to drive to Northwich. We parked at the Devonshire Tea Rooms with the intention to return there for afternoon tea at the end of our walk, which started nearby on the Trent and Mersey canal.



It was a busy day on the canal for both barges and walkers. At one point we watched helplessly at a large barge misjudged a bend and became jammed on the metal protecting the canal side.

Fortunately another barge came to

the rescue and we continued our walk to the Anderton Boat Lift. This seems like a good place to return to, as there was a lot to see and do.

We walked back along the River Weaver to the tea rooms where we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.



However, we all agreed that the service did not get quite full marks. A lovely way to spend a sunny Sunday in late September.

The October Weekend walk is on Sunday 27th, details to be confirmed, please sign the list if interested.

- **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 B or Trish H 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 28th 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**

The bursaries enjoyed by members this year were most successful, and we are looking to see if we repeat this in some form in 2014. We are also looking at the possibility of buying a PA system to enable members to hear the speakers, as there have been a number of occasions this year when it was difficult to hear the presentations. We will be discussing this and asking your views at the next meeting so please give this some thought as we really value your opinions.

- **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 to add your name to the cinema/theatre group list.

'Othello'

On 26th September, a group of members went to Cineworld, Didsbury, to see the National Theatre's screening of Othello. The setting had been changed to the modern Army which fitted well with the theme of the original play. We all thought it was an excellent production and that Adrian Lester in the title role of Othello, and Rory Kinear as Iago were both outstanding in their very demanding roles. Only Kinear's rather strange accent detracted from an otherwise perfect performance.

'Summer End'

Ten members went to the Poynton Players' first production of the season, "Summer End", written by Rising Damp playwright, Eric Chappell. The play is set in an old peoples' home and combines murder mystery with a funny, well-observed and sometimes poignant study of two elderly lady residents. The cast had strong leading actresses who brought out the humour of the play very well. Other parts were less well performed and there were quite a lot of forgotten lines. However, the play was entertaining and we all enjoyed it.

Already booked

'Deathtrap', 23rd October 2013
'Frankenstein', 31st October 2103
'Paul Merton', 1st November 2013
'The Habit of Art', 7th November 2013
Alistair McGowan 17th November 2013
'War Horse' 15th January 2014
'The Mouse Trap', 20th March 2014

Future options

To be advised.

Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to either 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)

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

An exciting opportunity to enter the Centenary crafts competition 'Tomorrow's Heirlooms'. In 2007, the 'Textile Treasures' exhibition toured the country displaying a wealth of artefacts inspired by the rich heritage of the WI. Inspired by the upcoming centenary of the WI, you are invited to create artefacts inspired by its rich heritage and to create something beautiful to pass down to future members of the WI.

Classes have been chosen to inspire you to celebrate your individual WI and its members. Any craft medium can be used providing the finished article reflects the class title and is fit for purpose.

There are five classes:

- Class 1. President's Badge.
- Class 2. Portable Identity
- Class 3. Tablecloth.
- Class 4. Purse for the Treasurer
- Class 5. Folio for the Secretary

See Lorna for more information.

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 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 7th and 8th 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 October NFWI Newsletter is 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. Please sign the **CFWI EVENTS** sheet with your name and CFWI event that you are interested in.

- **Traditional Carol Service**

This is being held on Wednesday 4th Dec, 11am at Chester Cathedral. Tickets are £2.00 each, closing date is 1st November. Please see Lorna for further details

- **Arley Hall Christmas Shopping Spectacular**

Champagne and Shopping Evening is on Monday 11th November, from 6-9.30pm. £10 pre-paid or £12 on the door – ticket includes champagne!! Daytime Shopping is on Tuesday 12th November from 10am – 2.30pm. Tickets £5 (no champagne!)

- **Public Affairs/PAL's meeting**

On Tuesday 12th November there is a talk on the 'Health and Social Care Act 2012'. The doors open at 1.30pm. The talk is from 2.00 – 4.00 pm, at Byley Village Hall, CW9 7SN.

- **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.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

- **Winter Outing to Liverpool**

Wednesday 13th November is the date for the NECG winter outing to Liverpool. Coaches will leave Woodford Community Centre at 9.30am returning approx 5.30 pm, cost £9.50. There will be an opportunity to do Christmas shopping, visit the Albert Docks, Art Galleries, Museums, Cathedrals, the Waterfront and Mersey Ferry. Members can still sign up for this at the October meeting. See Judith for tickets.

- **NECG Carol Service**

The NECG Carol service is on Tuesday 10th Dec at 2pm at All Saints Church, Cheadle Hulme. Open to all.

HOSTESS ROTA

Please could Octobers' hostesses Jo L, Lynda T, Kath S and Jean P liaise and bring 4 pints of milk, tea towels and cake. (All costs will be reimbursed by Sue on production of a receipt). We desperately need hostesses for November and for 2014, so if you can, please sign up on the hostesses rota list at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE

The Committee is re-elected every November at the AGM, and some current committee members will be standing down, meaning we will have some vacancies. If you think you might like to join, and would like to observe a committee meeting, then please talk to a committee member at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Tues 22nd October at the Hazel Grove Civic Hall, where Katie Lomax will be demonstrating Gift Wrapping Ideas for Christmas. 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.

**October 22nd : Gift Wrapping Ideas - Katie Lomas
Bursaries**

**November 27th: Annual General Meeting and 4th Birthday
Party – Hotpot supper**

Members can still sign up for the Hotpot at the October meeting. The price is £5 which includes tea/coffee and cakes. If you don't want the Hotpot you pay for tea/coffee and cake in the usual way.

December 17th: Christmas Party

TRADE TABLE

It has been decided to only have the full trading table when there is not a speaker at the meeting. We will try and have a theme each time and will let you know what that is via the newsletter. 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 large number of ladies celebrate their birthdays over the next month, so a very birthday to Celia C on 17th Oct, Alia on 21st Oct, Jane W on 21st Oct, Valerie L on 29th Oct, Trisha W on 2nd Nov, Maddy F on 6th Nov, Susan T on 9th Nov and Sue B on 10th Nov. We wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable day.

If you would 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 received a letter from Stockport Family Church Foodbank, thanking us for our very generous donations which to date have amounted to 90 kg!!! We will 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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Lynda S would like to say a big thank you to all the ladies from the WI who came to her Macmillan coffee morning fundraising event. She is delighted to report that thanks to your help she raised £323 for Macmillan care.

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

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.