

GREAT MOOR & DISTRICT WI NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2013

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

- **August meeting - Ploughman's Supper - Member's Evening - Exhibition of Crafts**

At our August Members' Meeting, we were able to view and appreciate the handicrafts that our WI had entered into the Cheshire Show. Others members also brought along examples of their work to display. A big thanks goes to Carol Muter for her extremely generous donation to our charity fund. We finished off the evening with a Ploughman's meal and a cryptic flower quiz.

- **Coffee afternoons for August and September**

The next two coffee afternoons at the Funky Monkey in Davenport are Wed 18th Sept and Wed 16th October, 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 27th and Sept Fri 25th Oct and 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 6th September, eleven of us went to Mama Flo's Caribbean restaurant in Gorton. Mama Flo herself welcomed us most warmly and talked us through her menu. She even gave us a full plate of Jerk Chicken and another of Steak and Peppers to try before we

ordered. With free soup and delicious main courses we were staggered to be charged £7 a head! Tremendous value! We all



agreed that this had been the most authentic of all the "Round the World" meals that we have experienced.

The next meal round the world will be on Friday 4th Oct at 'Cock-a-doodle Moo' in Hazel Grove. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Lunch Club**

In September we are going to go on a canal boat trip, the Judith Mary from Whaley Bridge. We have booked Thursday 26 Sept

at 2.00pm. The trip lasts two and a half hours and costs £13.50 which includes a cream tea.

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

This will be our forth fundraising meal at the Davenport Tennis Club. The previous three have been very successful, and popular events. Tickets are now for sale for this, a 3-course meal + tea/coffee on Saturday 5th October from 7.30 for 8pm. The cost will again be £10 a head. We will be running a raffle so any donation will be gratefully received!!!

You are welcome to invite partners / friends but we have to limit the numbers to 40 so priority will be given to members + 1 before we open it up to additional friends.

Please sign up and pay at the next members' meeting.

- **Christmas Meal**

We have now booked the Alma Lodge, where we have held very successful Christmas meals before. We have chosen 19th Dec. Please bring the deposit of £10.00 to the next meeting. The total cost is £23.50. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Book Club**

Most members agreed that 'The Girl on the Landing' by- Paul Torday, was a 'A clever, gripping novel' and that 'it did what it said on the cover'. It scored 7.33 out of 10.

Our next book is 'Ferney' by James Long which we will be reviewing on 7th October at Great Moor Library.

- **Craft Group**

The next craft group is on Tuesday 17th September, at Sue's house, 19 Flowery Field, Woodsmoor, SK2 7ED, where you will be doing Crazy Patchwork.



You will need :

- a backing fabric in cotton/calico/polycotton the size of what you want to cover preferably no bigger than 15X15cm.
- scraps of fabric (they don't need to be bigger than 5cm) in a variety of

textures/colours/patterns.
- embroidery threads : stranded, perlé, rayon, thin, thick, fancy, plain.

- a basic sewing kit

- you will be able to buy material at a modest cost if needed

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



Our new 'Knit and Natter' group will be holding its first meeting on Wednesday 2nd October at 7:30pm. We have arranged to meet in the Shady Oak pub on Redford Drive, Bramhall, SK7

3PG, which we hope will be easy for everyone to get to. 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. It is definitely not an organised activity but hopefully we can all help each other, if needed. 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 18th August three ladies set off from the carpark on the Middlewood way and walked a short way along the canal, up into Lyme Park, around the park via Bowstones, and back. The views were great and the rain kept off!!!



The next weekend walks will be on Sunday 22nd September. We are going to do something slightly different and combine a walk and an afternoon tea. We have booked to go to the Davenport tea room in Northwich at 3.00 pm. The cost of the afternoon tea is £15.99. We will be walking from about 10.30 am in the area. It will be flat walk of about 7 miles. If you haven't already signed up, please let Trisha Woodsmith know if you want to go.

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

- **Weekday daytime walks**



at the Marina at the end!!

Despite the rain three ladies set off on Fri 6th September from Nelson Pit carpark and thoroughly enjoyed the circular 4 mile flat walk taking in Macclesfield Canal, Poynton Coppice, and Higher Poynton. A nice warm cuppa was very welcome

The next weekday walk will be a flat 3 - 4 mile on Tues 15th October at 1:30pm. Details to be confirmed. Please sign the list if interested.

- **Charity Event Afternoon Tea**

On Sunday 8th September we held a wonderful 'Afternoon Tea' at Davenport Tennis Club to raise money for our charity 'The North West Air Ambulance'.



Over the course of the afternoon around 80 people turned up to be tempted with a fantastic spread of sandwiches, cakes and scones, of all shapes and sizes. Congratulations and huge thanks must go to Sue Johnson, Lynda Smith and Maddy Fletcher (and their partners) for the amazing amount of work, organisation and not forgetting the baking that went into making this such a success. Thanks must also go to all the many generous members who also baked cakes, and donated bottles and chocolates which made for a very successful raffle. We raised a fantastic £640.00!!!!!!

- **Pub Quiz Team**

The Pub Quiz team have now attended a number of quiz's at the 'Puss In Boots', on a Thursday, and are intending to go weekly when possible. They have come 4th, so hope to build on their success!!!! Do join them if you are interested.

- **Media City Tours**



As part of the Bursary funding, the first group of members went to the Media City Tour in Salford on 14th Sept. We had a fabulous time, being shown round by two personable young men.

Their humour and enthusiasm made it a very enjoyable visit. We saw the Blue Peter Studio, the Radio 6 Music

studio and the radio drama studio, amongst others. In the drama studio, we were shown how a lot of the sound effects are made, as well as experiencing the inside of a soundproofed room with no echo (anechoic chamber) at all, which was a little strange! The tour ended with an opportunity for two members to read the news in a mock-up



of the Breakfast TV Studio and one member to deliver the weather forecast in front of a grey screen.

- **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.

- **'A Murder has been arranged'**

On Thursday, 29th August, five members went to Buxton Opera House to see "A Murder has been Arranged", a revival of a 1930 good, old-fashioned thriller scripted by Emlyn Williams. Although you could drive a double-decker bus through the holes in the plot, it was an entertaining evening with some ghostly twists and turns. We enjoyed seeing singer Anita Harris in an acting role.

- **'Improbable Fiction'**

On Monday 2nd September, seven members saw Alan Ayckbourn's "Improbable Fiction" at the Buxton Opera House. The rather slow moving first act showed a meeting of would-be authors, all writing in different styles, sneering at each others' efforts. The second act was much more entertaining as one character was caught in the middle of three separate plays – a Victorian melodrama, a 1930's thriller and a sci-fi. All the parts were played by the writers from the first act who worked extremely hard, changed costumes dozens of times and kept us amused, if a little confused!

- **'Blood Brothers'**

We were on our feet on the night of Wednesday 4th September, mopping our eyes and giving a standing ovation to a magnificent performance of Willie Russell's "Blood Brothers" at the Lowry Theatre. After an emotional roller-coaste, from the highly amusing first half to the poignant second half, we all agreed that this had been a wonderful evening's entertainment. Maureen Nolan was excellent in the lead role of Mrs Johnson and the young actor, who understudied for the male lead of Mickey Johnson, was quite superb.

- **About Time**

Three members went to Cineworld in Didsbury to see Richard Curtis's latest film, "About Time". It did not stay totally true to his usual style of romantic comedy scripts, with time travel as the main theme, allowing the central character to go back and

correct his blunders. In general it was a lot more serious in its reflections on love, family and marriage. However, there were enough laugh-out-loud moments to save it from being too sentimental.

Already booked

'Othello' - NTL, 26th September 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

Summer End - Poynton 9th October
'Deathtrap', The Garrack, 23rd October, £9.00 (2-4-1) available

Please let Alia know if you are interested in going to either of these 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 W I (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.

- **Plastic Bag Reduction**

This is the current campaign and members are asked to write to their local MPs about the issue.

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 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.

There is no NFWI Newsletter this month.

CHESHIRE FEDERATION OF W I'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.

- **Christmas Craft Taster Day**

A Christmas Craft Taster Day is being held on 9th November 2013 at Thornton Hough Village Hall, Wirral, 10.00 - 3.00. You can learn to make simple gifts, cards and decorations for a cost of £5.00, plus £1.50 - £2.00 for materials for each activity. Take a packed lunch. Closing date Fri 25th October. Please sign the list if interested where you can see the choice of crafts available.

- **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!)

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE GROUP (NECG)

- **Autumn walk on Thursday 10th October**

This is the suggested date for the autumn walk in the Siddington area to coincide with the 'Corn Dolly Festival' open to all friends, families etc. Please sign the list if interested

- **Autumn meeting on 16th October**

The September meeting will be the last chance to buy tickets for the NECG afternoon meeting, with a talk "Reminiscences of a Bluebell Girl". The speaker is Rowena Harker-Leder – a former Bluebell Girl and air hostess with BOAC. She evidently has many amusing tales, with blatant name-dropping. She once refused a date with Cary Grant. Now 70, she has long legs and still can do leg kicks. Drinks at 1.30pm for a start at 2pm. Cost of tickets £5 including refreshments. Please see Judith at the meeting for tickets, or if unable to go to the meeting, let Judith (judithmottam@mypostoffice.co.uk) know.

- **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. See Judith for tickets.

HOSTESS ROTA

Please could Septembers' hostesses Helen Bishop, Jane Lepp, Janice Edwards and Teresa Neeson 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 months later on in the year, and for 2014, so if you can, please sign up on the hostesses list.

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 24th September at the Hazel Grove Civic Hall, where David Booth will be demonstrating 'Circus Skills'.

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.

September 24th: 'Circus Skills' David Booth

October 22nd: Gift Wrapping Ideas - Katie Lomas

November 27th: Annual General Meeting and 4th Birthday Party

December 17th: Christmas Party

TRADE TABLE

We are running short of items for our trading Table, so please bring along any items you may have that we can sell for our charity.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A very happy birthday to Chris Taylor on 23rd September, Tricia Whithead on 24th September, Diane Bennett on 1st October, Anne Whithead on 8th October and Linda Key on 11th October. We wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable 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

Again a very HUGE thank you for last month's donations which were very much appreciated. We continue to help collect food for Stockport Foodbank, and there will be collection bin to collect donations at each meeting. We are particularly short of toiletries for men and women, toilet rolls washing up and washing powder, nappies etc. 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

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.

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