

Last Meeting

Monday 9th February



The talk by Alex Murray of Wigan from The Archives Services, about the history of Wigan proved to be both informative and thought provoking; ranging from the mundane to the poignant. The former being general run of the mill stuff such as payments of rents etc. to tribunals of men desperately trying to justify why they should not be called up to fight in the 1914 - 18 war due to family circumstances i.e. being the only son or sole breadwinner, in most cases call up was deferred for just 2 to 3 weeks.

Some of the items were of so much interest with everyone wanting to read them that some of us did not get the chance to even look at them, as was the case of the letter sent to his parents by a RAF pilot who was later killed in action. It was received after his death.

Alex said it was a most precious document. The oldest written manuscript is dated c1250 relating to the sale of land in Parbold. Fascinating stuff. If all the records kept in the archives were laid out end to end they would stretch from here to the coast of Florida. Marlene.

Don't Forget

You can now read or download a copy of the monthly newsletters on our website www.aspullandhaighwi.org.uk

A copy of each newsletter is available starting from January this year, so in time you will be able to look back at any issue you wish.

Competition Results

1st Gill Brown, - Identity ring from London Blitz

2nd Sheila Hind – Pass for recruit

3rd Mary Hart – Mine Managers certificate 1941



Next Meeting

Next Meeting Monday 13th April 2015,

Fashion Talk with Marks and Spencer Staff Competition; 'Hand made by You'.

NWFI Ballot

Could I bring to your attention the ballot for members to serve on the National Federation of Women's Institute Board of Trustees 2015-2017. The list of candidates with brief information about them and photos is on page 44+45 of the February edition of W.I. Life. There are 23 candidates prepared to stand and only twelve required. Our Secretary Helen has received the voting form of which there is only one from each W.I. to be sent back, with no more than twelve of the candidates to be chosen. Our committee has discussed this at length and whilst we are willing to make the choices on your behalf we would like you all as members to make known your preferences, so please let either Helen or myself have your choices as soon as possible please.

The observant members among us will have already noticed that we now have a permanent banner on the wall outside the hall announcing where and when we meet. We have also got our sound system set up so everyone should be able to hear all the notices.

Beacon Meeting

Wednesday 29th April

Rehearsals are ongoing for our entertainment for the Beacon Meeting. Could I remind you to buy your tickets for this event. We would also ask if anyone could loan us tea pots for the evening. Please sign the list with the number of pots and don't forget to label them. Please don't offer your best Spode china or anything of value. We will take care but sometimes accidents are unavoidable.

LBD visit to Cottonopolis

11th February 2015

Yet again the journey rather than the event seemed to take priority. We left in plenty of time to get to Central Manchester not realising that the combined traffic from Manchester United home football match and Peter Kay Concert was ahead of us. We arrived as Cottonopolis were finishing their drinks having completed their business, to say they were panicking was an understatement! We had no time to prepare so basically laughed and joked our way through the demonstration. They are such a young and new group it was a pleasure for us to be part of their first proper meeting.

Gill

Walking & Luncheon Group

Wednesday 25th February

We met on Kirkless St, New Springs for our monthly WI walk and lunch. The walking group included Avril, Pat, Hilda, Marilyn, Gill, myself and not forgetting Rosie, Gill's dog, not so much a walk but an enjoyable stroll I think our tongues had the most exercise !! The weather turned out to be very pleasant, we strolled past the settling ponds down as what we 'Springers' call the New Road navigating



quite a few slushy puddles at which point Avril looked to be auditioning for The Cirque De Solei she did really well doing a balancing act on the fence !!!! once we stopped laughing we carried on to the old line past Canon Sharples School, heading towards the main road making our way towards our lunch stop The Mount Café calling on route for Betty (Miller) it was lovely to see her, we were made very welcome at the cafe and they said they didn't mind the muddy boots !! Our lunch was delicious, we all had different meals and we can thoroughly recommend it, I will definitely be going back. We all



had a really enjoyable few hours together. Come and join us for our next walk I'm sure you will enjoy it too. Glenys

Oh What A Lovely War

OPERA HOUSE, MANCHESTER

On 26 February, eight members travelled on the train

from Wigan to the

Opera House,

Manchester to

watch a matinee

performance of

'Oh What A

Lovely War'. The

production was

first created by

Joan Littlewood's

Theatre

Workshop in

1963, from songs

and stories from

the First World

War. The show

was originally

compiled from

various reports



and accounts of events in the War both from the politicians and war leaders and from the men in the trenches, punctuated by songs from the period and performed as a pierrot-style cabaret show. The cast of twelve sang and danced their way through familiar songs from the period including 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary', 'Pack Up Your Troubles' and 'Keep the Home Fires Burning'. The songs were performed against a backdrop of an electronic relay of shocking statistics and images of the casualties of the War. However, there was also some humour and audience participation, particularly when Wendi Peters (Cilla from Coronation Street) expertly performed 'Sister Susie Sewing Shirts'. The final image of soldiers in

the trenches was particularly moving and provoked much discussion on the walk back to the catch the train.

The Wizard of OZ

St Pauls' Players Adlington

Most of the cast from our own Beacon panto decided to watch this amateur production to give us some tips! Well they are way out of our league, it was a spectacular performance, with glamour, spectacle, charisma, near professional talent, and superb scenery and stage effects. Sheila put it quite succinctly 'the best value for £8'. We all enjoyed the evening – and I hope that everyone got a better understanding how to play their character. We still have 6 weeks to perfect our parts!
Gill

Haigh Hall WW1 Centenary Commemoration

20th – 26th April

Friends of Haigh Hall are holding a week-long event to commemorate the use of Haigh Hall as an auxiliary hospital during WW1. The event is free to everyone Monday – Saturday. On Sunday there is a plaque unveiling ceremony so the hall will be closed to the public but there will be entertainment from the Greater Manchester Police Band.
For further details please speak to Sheila Hinds.

Trips and Outings

MARCH 2015.

Wed. 11th March 2.00pm Octagon 'Hindle Wakes'
Wed. 11th March 7.30 WLT 'Side Effects'
Wed 18th March 2.00pm Lowry 'Oklahoma'

APRIL 2015.

Wed 8th April 2.00pm Octagon 'Private Lives'
Thursday 16th April 2.00pm Lowry 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'
Wed. 22nd April 7.30 WLT 'Oliver Twist'

MAY 2015.

Wed 20th May Lowry 2.00pm 'To Kill a Mocking Bird'
Wed. 27th May 7.30 WLT 'Quartet'

JUNE 2015 nothing planned as yet

JULY 2015 Wed. 1st July 7.30pm WLT 'Sweet Charity'

NWFI News

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY @ BUCKINGHAM PALACE – 2nd June '15
DETAILS ON TABLE. Only 1 member can attend from each WI.
If interested put your name forward @ April meeting.

Dates for your diary from LFWI

MARCH

LFWI COUNCIL MEETING
Southport Theatre Thur. 12 March
10.45 – 3.30. Doors open 9.30. Lunch: 12.30-2.00.
Return to hall 1.45

FABRIC, HABERDASHERY AND BOOK SALE on 27/03/15
@ LFWI Offices – Leyland. 11.00am – 1.00pm
Funds raised will go towards a Denman Bursary
This will be drawn 14th July '15.

APRIL

Tickets available from Mon. 23/02
LADIES IN HARMONY WI CHOIR + ST. HELENS CHOIR
Ormskirk School, Wigan Rd. Ormskirk. Saturday 11th April @ 7.30pm. Tickets £7.00

C/Date Thur. 02/04
LFWI – Arts and Craft Sub-Committee
AN INTRODUCTION TO BEAD NETTING
Fri 24th April + Sat. 25th April. 10.00 – 3.30pm @ Croston Hs. Cost £18

C/Date Fri 17/04
AGENDA CONFERENCES
Leyland Meth. Hall, Turpin Green Lane. Tue 28th April - 10.00am for 10.30 – 12.00noon

C/Date 10/04
WALK FROM CALDER VALE
Sat. 25th April – Start 10.30am from Village Hall?
Cost: £2 Bring packed lunch

C/Date: 30 April '15
PORT SUNLIGHT MUSEUM AND GARDEN VILLAGE
Date Tuesday 9th June '15: Cost £18.

C/Date: 30th April '15
WALKING TREASURE HUNT – CHORLEY
Tuesday 19th May '15 10.00 – 10.30 Staggered starts. Cost: £4.00 per person

MAY

C/Date 1/05
NEEDLE FELTING:
Venue: Croston House. 10am – 3.30pm. Tea @ coffee provided. Cost £18

C/Date: 1st May '15
MOODLE WORKSHOP FOR WITREASURERS
Venue: Croston House, Leyland
Saturday 9th May 10.00 – 12.00noon or Thursday 14th May 7.00pm – 9.00pm

C/Date: 21st May '15
NEEDLE FELTING
Venue: Croston House, 10am – 3.30pm, Drinks provided.
Fee £18

C/Date: 26th May '15
SILK PAINTING. Friday 12th June or Saturday 13th June '15
Venue: Croston Hs. 10.00 - 3.30, Tea + biscuits provided
Cost: £18 (See flyer for any extra costs incurred)

JUNE

C/Date 11 June '15
DIAMONDS AND PEARLS: Day trip to hear Susan Rumfitt at her Studio in Harrogate with time for lunch and shopping.
Date 16th June '15 Cost £25 Coach and lecture - £13 Coach only.

JULY

LOVE FOOD, HATE WASTE
Date Monday 6th July '15. Time 2.00 – 4.00pm
Venue: Scarisbrick Village Hall, Cost £6 incl. tea and coffee

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Aspull & Haigh

NEWS

Next Month
at The Beacon Meeting

Aspull & Haigh WI

With a guest appearance from members of
The Clayton le Woods WI Choir (Celebrating 30 years of singing)



The WI Czar of Usz

With hit songs such as
"Somewhere over near Aspull, next to Haigh"
"Follow the WI", "I could bake and sew for Hours"
and lots more(sorry)

★ Nominated for a 2015 Grannie Award

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