

Last Meeting

10th August



Sally Robinson entertained us with tales from her travels around the world. In 2011 Sally sold most of her possessions on eBay and at car boot sales and rented her home out. Her ambition was to see the world. 24 countries visited using, amongst other modes of transport, 44 aeroplanes so this was no ordinary holiday trip.

Her style of presentation was to display souvenirs and photos and look for questions from amongst her audience which does guarantee a different talk at every venue and a lot of thinking on her feet!!

Asked whether she got sick she said she'd been bitten by a dog and mosquito bites on Great Wall of China were bad. Well that's something we can all empathise with. She'd met Prince Charles and Camilla in Hobart and she said he was very professional with a one line answer for everyone. Being asked did he still like to travel his reply was "the older you get the harder it gets" Ain't that the truth!!

She has a travel blog and if you wish to know more go online at www.robinsonrambleson.co.uk

We all seemed to enjoy her talk and she is now working in schools to advise and encourage youth to be adventurous.

Competition Results



- 1st
Karen Buckles
- 2nd
Joyce Dagleish
- 3rd
Glenda Fletcher

Next Meeting

Monday 12th October 2015, 'Our 60th Birthday Celebration' Competition; none this month

Hambleton Walk

Wednesday 12th August



Using Brian's Taxis again, I joined the LFWI walk round Hambleton. I love to walk and it's lovely to meet up with people I've met on previous

walks. This was a mainly flat walk on roads, lanes and footpaths returning to the Village Hall where some ladies stayed while others of us had a further walk around the Village with lots of interesting features being pointed out. Lunch was available at the Hall with the usual stalls and raffles which no one minded spending at as the proceeds were helping to fund Hambleton in Bloom. The flowers already done were superb, hope they did well.

Enjoyable day BUT it was HOT. I'm not sure which is worse a walk up hill and down dale on a route that would challenge the SAS or a walk in heat along tarmac roads with occasional traffic, with cries of "Car coming" No surprise to you all that they all heard me! Great day out amongst friends and I look forward to the next one.



Haigh Show

Once again a very big thank you for the help and support I have received from our WI members. The Stewards rose to the occasion and their help in setting up, Stewarding and clearing up was marvellous. Thanks to them too, for some very positive feedback afterwards. I have discovered that we all have a hidden talent for selling raffle tickets -

perhaps it was the lure of the 40" television! Special thanks to Mary Hart for her work on the children's entries, and for attending the Committee Meetings with me, which made it all much more fun. We had a number of entries from WI members as well - and it was great to see your handiwork displayed at the Show. As yet, I don't know the financial outcome, but £33000 was banked straight after the Show. So hopefully, the Show will be financially viable to take forwards for another year. I know that I couldn't have done it without your help - thank you. Anne Couchman

Denman Trip

August 26th 2015.



Picture two ladies of a certain age waiting for a train very anxious and nervous about visiting Denman and missing connection at Wolverhampton. As a solution we decided to find a helpful station employee who reassured us that we were on right platform and that we wouldn't miss the train. Unfortunately, we did miss the connection but you'll all be pleased to learn that it was due to an engine fault at Lancaster and not memory loss. After that, the journey was fairly uneventful and we arrived at Oxford Street Station about 3pm to be met by the Denman shuttle bus.

Arriving at Denman we were booked in and invited to partake of the ubiquitous cup of tea / coffee and cake. We were then provided with menus and course schedule. After evening meal 7 of us adjourned to the music room to be introduced to our tutor, Jo Sercombe. Jo encouraged us to get to know each other using the rope ice breaker technique. Other ice breakers included bean bag exercises - tongue twisters ie;

9 naughty nun's nibbled nuts sung to musical scales, breathing exercises according to yearly seasons and movement to music. This may all sound extremely complicated but it was very funny and not that difficult. By the end of the first evening we had learnt one another's names, had fun and were able to sing one or two songs in unison. Over the next 2 days we learnt and sang five songs, 2 of which were in different languages. On the last morning with encouragement from Jo, we then gave a brief performance to college staff and students, which proved to be very successful. The journey home was uneventful. Would we go again the answer is a definite YES! Mary & Joyce

WI Centennial Fair - Harrogate

At Aspall & Haigh we have made sure that we joined in with all the planned events in the WI's Centenary year. With 12 ladies from Standish WI we visited the WI Centennial Fair held at Harrogate International Centre. This was meant to be Celebrating 100 years of the WI's Achievements. I'm afraid most of us, though, were glad we'd made the effort to go but felt there were far too many marketing opportunities for companies with no connection to us and far too little WI content. Catering facilities were woefully inadequate with little seating even if you tried to purchase food. Many left the venue to seek refreshment in Harrogate. I only found the WI stand and the beautiful embroidered panels which were brought from Wales by making a determined effort to view them. Many didn't manage to which is a huge pity. I did speak to a lady from National to say I felt the WI stand should have been more prominent and in the first hall as you entered and she said they'd all had the same thought. I also was fortunate to speak to Janice Langley and she explained they'd had to build their stand themselves. Where are all our paid marketing employees? And where were the huge range of WI jams, chutneys, biscuits etc. Maybe I missed them!!

On a more positive note the Standish ladies whose WI is a more recently formed group have been in touch to say they really enjoyed the day so maybe my expectations were at fault. Pat
I have to agree with most of what Pat says but must point out that the whole theatre had been opened up for seating with extra tables and chairs in place of the stalls with 2 additional catering points. Perhaps better signage would have helped. Gill

WLT

The new season at Wigan Little Theatre has commenced and after lengthy sessions of emailing with their business manager we got more seats in the stalls and nearly all of the rest of us in the front row of the circle. My efforts were vindicated by the brilliant first play Bette and Joan. Based on Joan Crawford and Bette Davis rehearsing for their performances in Whatever Happened to Baby Jane. Only two actresses on stage the whole time and they were so convincing in these parts and handled the one liners and put downs for which the two were famous as if they were the real actresses themselves. Everyone agreed this was a quality performance. Can't wait for the rest of the season. Next play is Pygmalion. Pat



Ladybridge

We are always happy to join our friends at Ladybridge WI particularly when tea and cakes are available. Helen, Pat, Mary, Maureen and



Sheila Smith went along to a fundraiser in aid of Bolton Society for the Blind. The usual stalls and raffles were there along with a new game entitled the Human Fruit Machine, great fun! £800 was raised at the event, which was a fantastic total. Oh and I, as usual, bought books, no surprise there then, still it was for charity, and we arrived on time as we didn't get lost!
Helen

Picnic in the Park Centenary Celebration

Picnic in the Park – Centenary Celebration
Heaton Park, Manchester on Sunday 27th September from 1 – 4pm. don't forget to join the celebrations! This is a very casual al fresco event where you are asked to bring your own picnic, blanket or chairs and enjoy an afternoon relaxing and enjoying the sun and good company. All family and friends are welcome. Hopefully there will be fun, games, exercise (in the form of Zumba demonstration) craft exchange and singing. There will be additional fun especially for the children!

Trips and Outings

Booked / Planned.
Wigan Little Theatre 21st October 7.30pm 'Pygmalion' seats available

Octagon 8-31 October 'An Enemy of the People' by Henrik Ibsen adapted by Arthur Miller
Date and time to be agreed by those interested in attending and I will then purchase tickets.

Lowry 'The Girls' Wednesday 20th January 2016 some seats available

As usual I will have various leaflets and theatre programmes available for your perusal.
Any interest and I'll try to purchase tickets.

Standish WI have asked would any of our ladies like to attend their Afternoon Tea 19 September 12-3pm at the Community centre, Moody Street, Standish.
I like to support these events and will be going. Let me know if you'd like to come with me.

I have a book of poetry entitled "I was just thinking" written and illustrated by Brenda Clare. All profits are to go to Cancer Research UK.

Anyone interested please see Sheila Smith who will obtain copies for us.
I'm looking for suggestions for "something seasonal" during December.
Having thoroughly enjoyed the Youth Band and their leader's store of amusing anecdotes I wondered if this would be an inexpensive and easy to get to outing for us.
The full band have a Christmas Programme in Hindley afternoon of 6th December.

Pat Henderson

NFWI News

Urgent Campaign Action – CARE NOT CUSTODY
Informative leaflet – table at September meeting
Special report in October Edition WI Life.

Future Dates for your diary:
Nutcracker – Royal Opera House – London
Saturday 9th December. Details on table

Annual Meeting, Brighton – Saturday 11th June 2016
Details will be on table from February meeting

LFWI News

Nominations for LFWI Board of Trustees 2016/18
See Pat/Helen for details.

Dates for your diary from LFWI

LFWI CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW
Thursday 24th September 2015

WATERCOLOURS FOR BEGINNERS:
Dates: Wed. 30th Sept or Sat. 3 October '15
Time: 10.00am to 3.30pm Fee: £18.
Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland.
Closing date: Thursday 17th September '15.

CELEBRATE WITH A HAT!
Date: Tuesday 6th October '15
Time: 12 noon for 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Venue: Shaw Hill Golf + Country Club
Cost £23 per person.
Closing date: 14th September '15.

CATHEDRAL WINDOW CUSHION COVER
Dates: Friday 9th October or Sat. 10th October
Time: 10.00-3.00
Venue: Croston House, Leyland.
Cost: Cost £18.
Closing date: Thursday 17th September '15.

'HAVE A GO' AT CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING
Date: Saturday 17th October '15.
Time: 1.30 – 3.30.
Venue: Manchester Clay Shooting Club
Cost: £40 pp for 25 shots.
C/Date: Mon. 21st September '15. See info table.

LANCASHIRE SINGS FOR JOY
Date: Saturday 24th October '15.
Time: 7.30-9.30pm.
Venue: The Great Hall, Lancaster University

Cost: £10 incl. light refreshments
C/Date: 1st October '15.

CHRISTMAS WILLOW WEAVING
Dates: Friday 6th or Saturday 7th November '15
Time 10.00 – 3.30pm
Venue: LFWI Office, Leyland.
Cost: £18 + (Cost of willow £10 to be paid on day)
C/Date Monday 26th October '15.

INDOOR BOWLS TASTER SESSION
Date: Sunday 8th November '15
Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm
Venue: Newton Hall Bowling Centre, Blackpool
Cost £6 per member
C/Date: Thursday 24th September '15.
See table for more details

DECORATED POTS: (Pinder Pots)
Dates: Fri. 27th Nov. or Sat. 28th Nov.
Time: 10.00 – 3.30pm
Venue: LFWI Offices – Croston House Leyland.
Cost £18 + cost materials £5 to be paid on day.
C/Date: Monday 16th October '15.

INTERNATIONAL DAY – CHINA
Venue: St. John's Minster, Preston
Date: Wednesday 18th November '15.
Time: 10.00 for 10.30 until 3.30pm.
Cost £15 incl. light buffet lunch.
C/Date: 26th October '15.

CELEBRATE LANCASHIRE DAY
Venue: Brindle Comm. Hall, Water St. Brindle
Date: Friday 27th November '15
Time: 2.00 – 4.30pm (doors open 1.30pm)
Cost £7.50 incl. light refreshments
C/Date: Thursday 5 November '15.

SWING WITH THE WI
Venue: Lancastrian Suite, Chorley Town Hall
Date: Thursday 3 December '15
Time: 7.00 – 9.30pm (Doors open 6.30)
Cost: £10 incl. soft drink and mince pie.
C/Date: Monday 9th November '15.

Future Dates for your diary from LFWI

Federation Fun Quiz Monday 25th January 2016. See flyer
Venue has to be decided by members before
Closing day which is Monday 26th October '15.
Wanted: Three teams of 4 members.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Aspull & Haigh

NEWS



September 2015

Newsletter content by WI Members,
diary and dates by Helen Sloan
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