

Last Meeting



Monday 12th October saw us celebrating 60 years since our WI was formed. We were joined by Liz Williams the vice chair of

LFWI who was also a guest at our 50th anniversary celebrations, and our adviser Pam Simpson. Our committee invited former



members who had all contributed to our group being the success it is today and to whom we felt we owed our gratitude. Several ladies who'd expressed an interest in joining WI also were made welcome which along with our newer members ensured a lovely atmosphere on the night.

A splendid array of food was provided by our members with canapes and wine being offered on arrival giving a really lovely start to the evening. We had a fabulous display of memorabilia to browse with costumes from productions and of course the



Little Black Dress for which we are known. We'd a beautifully decorated celebratory cake made by a WI member from another group and entertainment was by a young lady, Jenny, who is a

performing arts student accompanied by her grandfather. Table centrepieces were made by our sewing group and beautiful



flowers as always by Jo. Gifts of scarves, bags and bookmarks were given to everyone. Those former members invited but who



were not able to attend afterwards and given their gifts. Our committee worked hard both at the planning stage and on the night and judging by the cards, phone calls, emails received afterwards this was a huge success.



Next Meeting

There is no formal meeting in December but we look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Dinner at Hindley Hall Golf Club Monday 14th December 7pm for 7.30pm. If you think that you need assistance with travel arrangements please speak to a committee member.

Next Meeting Monday 11th January 2016, Resolution Meeting Competition; A New Year's Resolution you have not broken yet!

Celebrate with a Hat

.....and yes the clue was in the title which went right over our heads (pardon the pun). Maureen, Marie, Jean and myself all 'hatless' along with others who had misread the title, attended Shaw Hill Golf Club on Tuesday 6th October. This really was a great event – the club was beautifully decorated, lunch was delicious and the speaker, a young lady milliner spoke on hats! She gave a brief history of her business which is based in Bolton and shared her expertise with her audience on how to wear them i.e. correct angle – colour, shape. She personified this advice by choosing various women present to model the headwear using the criteria she had described. The result was stunning as she turned lovely outfits into very special ones simply by complimenting them with the correct hat. Helen

Cinema Trip

A large group of us met Tuesday 20th October in the morning at Robin Park to see the film SUFFRAGETTE. I went with a feeling of trepidation fearing that the story of a group of women fighting for the right to vote might be over dramatised and sensationalised. My fears turned out to be unfounded. The events of those momentous times were very well told. The hardships privations and the sacrifices women endured in the pursuit of suffrage was incredible and overwhelming. It is a fight that is still going on in some parts of the world to this day. Marlene

Wigan Little Theatre

Our WLT outing this month was Pygmalion which most of us are more familiar with as My Fair Lady – so much so that we kept expecting them to burst into song!! Martin Green who more often directs plays these days was excellent as Professor Higgins as was Erinna Delaney as Eliza. She carried off the cockney accent convincingly. Another enjoyable evening out. Pat

WI Choral Concert



On the 24th of October four of our WI ladies sallied forth to the far flung city of Lancaster to listen to four LFWI choirs, namely Barton WI choir, Clayton-le-Woods WI singers, Ladies in Harmony choir and Salford Angels WI choir.

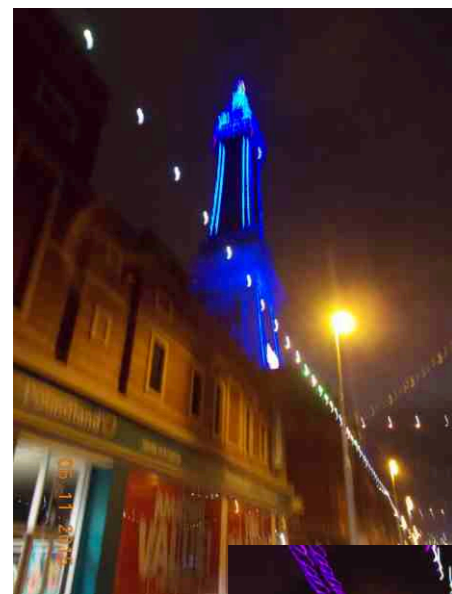
The combined Choirs opened with 'Singing for Joy' a piece commissioned especially for the Centenary of the W.I. Then each choir sang three pieces which they performed last year at the Northern heat of the NFWI Singing Competition at Ilkley. Throughout the evening we heard various solos' which were very well performed. The Combined Choirs sang further items and then closed the evening with Jerusalem. From start to finish it was a toe tapping and to my ears, a thoroughly enjoyable evening.
Mary

Octagon - An Enemy of the People

Sheila Hinds had watched the rehearsal of An Enemy of the People at the Octagon so on her recommendation my friend Kath and I went to a Saturday matinee performance. We were not disappointed as this was a play that held our attention from start to finish with an ending which we didn't see coming!! Henrik Ibsen wrote this in 1882 and Arthur Miller later adapted it. However this play which deals with a scientist discovering that a town's water supply is contaminated and then being pilloried by those who would suffer financial loss should this be revealed, is relevant for today's society.
David Thacker's direction ensured excellent performances from well-cast actors. Pat

LBD on tour (with the end in sight)

2 outings this month; Lathom and Little Thornton, both were very flattering with their comments. We are getting close to the end of our 'tour' now with just Clayton le Woods on the 9th December. We have agreed to do one last demonstration at Over Hulton on Monday 12th January (our meeting day) starting at 1.45pm partly because it is very local to us – and we try to support them, but mainly because it will give any of our newer members



an opportunity to see the dress in action!
I think we may be going a little mad!!! After presenting LBD to Little Thornton we decided to make the most of the trip and return via the Illuminations at Blackpool. I can recommend it as an ideal time to go – there were no

traffic queues and very few pedestrians we could drive slowly (including going back to do a replay of the best bits) and enjoy the view. I will long remember the sight of Mary and



Jo with cameras out the window trying to get an 'in focus' shot

whilst Pat and Sue kept look out for a chip shop that was open! That was our undoing because we stopped to enjoy the late night snack and the lights went out! Fortunately we were near the end so didn't miss much. The journey home was very quiet.....no one would admit to sleeping but there was no response to rude comments from Jo and myself!
Gill

Trips and Outings

Trips & Outings. Booked / Planned.
Jersey Boys is at the Opera House 27Oct-7Nov I loved this and could see it again.
Wednesday 16th December Clayton le Woods Christmas Concert At Ambrose Church 7pm
20th January 2016 at the Lowry 'Girls'.
25th January Federation Quiz at Parbold.
Birmingham Royal Ballet Romeo and Juliet at the Lowry 2-5 March
Footloose is at the Liverpool Empire 9-14 May

CINEMA

The Nutcracker Ballet live link 7.15pm 16th December maybe something to eat first as our Christmas treat?
Suggestions as ever please to any committee member.
Pat

NFWI News

Bursaries allocated by Denman
If interested see details on information table.
at November meeting. C/date will be Friday 13th Nov '15.

RESOLUTION MEETING was held at Leyland Tuesday 3 November '15. List of resolutions will be in the next edition of WI Life. Could members read through the Article. We will be voting for on the resolutions at Jan. meeting.

DENMAN: Student Application Form – See details on information Table at November and January meetings

LFWI News

Nominations for election to the board of Trustees 1016-2018
See details/application form on information table at Nov. meeting.
Nominations received after 7th Dec. '15 cannot be considered.

FACEBOOK - We are now on. Find us on LFWI and look at our page.

SPECIAL DATE:

Clayton le-Woods Singers present their Christmas Concert on Wednesday 16th December '15 @ St. Ambrose Church, Leyland.
Admission £5 donation.

Dates for your diary from LFWI

HOME FURNISHINGS WORKSHOP

Venue: Croston House, Leyland
Date: Saturday 16th January or Monday 18th January '16.
Time: 10.30am – 3.30pm. Cost £18
C/Date: Monday 4th January '16.

SCRABBLE AFTERNOON

Venue: Croston House – Leyland.
Date: Tuesday 19th January '16. Time 1.30pm-4.00pm.
Fee £5 per member.
C/Date: Thursday 7th January '16.

FEDERATION FUN QUIZ

Venue for Aspull & Haigh will be at Parbold WI Hall
Monday 25th January '16. 7.30 – 10.00. Cost: £8 per team.
Transport will be arranged at January meeting.
C/Date: Monday 26th October '15. (Entries have been entered)

BEGINNERS EMBROIDERY – SEW A GARDEN

Venue: Croston House Friday 5th or Saturday 6th February '16
Cost: £18 Tutor: Sue Bennett.
C/Date: Thursday 21 January '16.

WORKSHOPS FOR WITREASURERS

Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland
Date: Saturday 13th February '16 - 10.00am-12.30pm
Fee: £3 per person. WI will be invoiced
Trainers: Ann Royle and Judith Pugh.
C/Date: Monday 8th February '16

GAMES EVENING Beetle-Dominoes + Rummikub

At Barton Village Hall on Wednesday 17th Feb. '16. @ 7.30pm
Cost: £5 each including refreshments
C/Date: Wednesday 20 January '16

FIRST AID: DEFIBRILLATORS

Venue: Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall, Carnforth.
Date: Tuesday 15th March '16. Time: 7.00pm – 9.30pm
C/Date: Monday 22 February '16.

ACWW – JEWELLERY JAMBOREE

Wednesday 27th April 2016 at the WI Office, Leyland
From 10.30am – 3.30pm. See flyer on information table.

LFWI CALENDAR 2017

LANCASHIRE WI'S IN ACTION

If interested – please see flyer on information table.
Final date for accepting photographs is 11th February '16.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Aspull & Haigh

NEWS

November

2015



Newsletter content by WI Members,
diary and dates by Helen Sloan
Edited by Gill Brown
All past newsletters are available on our website:
www.aspullandhaighwi.org.uk
In addition there are excerpts and full length videos of some events.

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