

Last Meeting

11th January

This was my first meeting as president, it was lovely to welcome everyone back after the festive break. The resolutions were read out by committee members and voted on by the ladies. This year the spread of votes over the eight resolutions was more varied than usual, with ban the micro bead receiving 9 votes, free sanitary products 8 votes, avoid food waste and dementia care 6 votes each, sudden cardiac death 3 votes, mind or body 2 votes and British fruit 0 votes. It will be interesting to see which one finally goes to the National Council meeting. Barbara's 'Bring and buy' table proved to be a success at raising much needed funds, I hope we can continue to support her efforts.

Jo

Next Meeting

Monday 14th March "The Morecombe Bay Tragedy" a talk by M. Gradwell
Competition 'An Item made from Shells'.

Bolton Octagon - TWO by Jim Cartwright

This play is set in a busy Public House and not only tells the story of the lives of the landlord and landlady but also of the many different customers who visit it. The obvious stress and arguments between the two main characters are interrupted by visits from the different customers who tell us their stories. These stories were many and varied and told of their problems and joys to the landlord or landlady or to the audience. Some of these customers were aggressive like the jealous husband, one was very worried about a sick and elderly relative and some were really happy just to go to the pub and "watch telly". There were many different characters but all were portrayed excellently by just the two actors with just the addition of a coat or hat to help the illusion.

A well written play but on the whole rather sad.

Norma Walker

LFWI Art & Craft Course

Home Furnishings Workshop at Croston House 10:00-15:30 on 18/01/2016

Clare Kenyon attended her first WI workshop and learned

to make a lamp shade and a co-ordinating cushion cover with appliqué. The workshop was both informative and enjoyable. The group was quite small - 8 in total, with other WI members who were friendly and supportive. I decided in true WI style to up-cycle some materials that I no longer had any use for: the fabric used to make the lampshade and the body of the cushion cover came from an off-cut of



curtain material, which was left over when I shortened them, and the appliquéd design on the cushion cover was from an old silk blouse which I no longer wore. I used some black ribbon to edge the lampshade and the cushion cover to give a coordinating finish to the items. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day where I learned some new skills and got lots of inspiration to enable me to create my own designs in the future.

Clare

Gardening Group

At our inaugural meeting we discussed what we aimed to achieve, with many useful suggestions being put forward. Our thoughts were that we would visit one another's gardens to learn from and offer advice to one another as to what grows best where. We will organise outings to our gardens, open gardens and garden centres. Also we will share and learn how to grow seeds and take cuttings with gardening books and magazines being available to browse. I hope to be on the allotment on Mondays if anyone cares to join me.

This half term I will be "down on the allotment". If anyone wishes to visit with their grandchildren. I have seeds and compost and plant pots for them
Please ring my mobile to advise me if you aim to call in.
07941 827871 Pat

The Girls

Wow; Wow; Wow! What can I say? This show can make you both laugh and cry in equal measure. It is written by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth. Well, we all know that Gary Barlow was in the boy band 'Take That', but don't let that colour your judgement because this guy can really write a tune. The musical had its premiere at the Grand Theatre in Leeds and went down a storm. The audience loved the show about ordinary women (WI members just like us) who did something daring for such a worthy cause. Annie's husband was diagnosed with Leukaemia and they spent many hours in the waiting room at the hospital, sitting on a shabby old sofa. For Annie's sake, they discussed ideas on how they could raise some money; the aim of which was to buy a good quality, comfortable sofa for the relatives' waiting room. The idea for the calendar started as a joke to copy the Pirelli calendar. They all had a good laugh about that. But somehow the idea blossomed and aided by the photographer/porter from the hospital a photo shoot was arranged. The husbands thought they would never do it anyway. It was just 'all talk'. These were ordinary women dealing with everyday struggles and challenges. They were all different; just like us - none of us are the same. But differences are accepted. We even loved Marie, who had unashamedly 'had work done'. She



looked perfect in her designer outfit, just right for climbing the hills! And don't we all need a friend like Chris, who buys her 'home made' Victoria Sponge from M&S, shames her teenage son, but has a heart of gold and the very best of intentions.

Unfortunately, John passed away just a few months after his diagnosis. Annie was distraught and cut herself off from friends. But, persuaded by her friend Chris, she went back to the WI. These women had the Yorkshire dry wit, which isn't much different from that of us Lancashire lassies. They were strong women who fought through protocol, even gate crashing the WI AGM! What courage! The Calendar Girls have made millions of pounds for research into Leukaemia. I am proud of them and hope that you are too.

Sheila Hinds

Federation Fun Quiz

25 JANUARY

Three teams from Aspull & Haigh made the trip to Parbold for the Fun Quiz. We all did our best but, unfortunately, two of our teams had only 3 members which did rather put us at a disadvantage. Sadly, there wasn't much fun to be had as many of the questions were ridiculous and there was no approximation allowed, eg 'How long is the River Severn', and 'How many dimples are there on a golf Ball'? None of our teams really enjoyed the quiz itself although we all enjoyed the friendship and banter between ourselves. The winning team at our venue got 57, way ahead of everyone else. I suppose they thought it was an excellent quiz! Our winning team, Hey, Hey, Hey got 47 which was one of the better scores. If only Cecilia had been there to inspire us. However, the cakes were delicious and a credit to the host WI.

Sue Fernside

LFWI Art & Craft Course

Beginners Embroidery Workshop at Croston House 10:00-15:30 on 05/02/2016

Clare Kenyon and Sheila Hinds attended this WI workshop and learned to make a sampler using 7 easy embroidery stitches: straight, couching, blanket, eyelet,



lazy daisy, feather stitches and French knots. The workshop was both informative and enjoyable. The group was quite large, but there was plenty of support available if needed. The plan for the day was to sew a garden onto a pre painted background marked out with flowers and grasses.

However, I found this too prescriptive and preferred to create my own garden design without the restrictions of space and paint. I had learned to embroider using basic stitches many years ago as a schoolgirl and it was good fun to revise this prior learning. I completed my sampler at home the next day, and I intend to appliqué it onto a cushion cover to



display in my home. The day passed very quickly, and it was both relaxing and therapeutic. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and I would have no hesitation in recommending it to other WI members.
Clare Kenyon

Lunch Club

About thirteen ladies met at Truly Scrumptious for our first lunch club outing of the year. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying an excellent lunch. Truly was as always superb, keeping everyone happy, the lemon drizzle cake was particularly delicious, which I enjoyed very much. However as always when we get together the focus is on talk, venues for future lunches were discussed, San Marco on the A6 seems like a good choice for next month, Friday 4th March is the proposed date, and I look forward

to seeing you all there. The list will be on the table so don't forget to sign up.

Jo

Quilting

Quilting sessions continue to prove popular and my regulars are making excellent progress with both decorative and useful items being made. Lots of other skills on the go, crochet, knitting, lacemaking, paper flowers!! Often these ladies can make useful suggestions re colour choices, fabrics, scale and proportion which help the quilters, so please come along. I am also glad to have someone make the tea/coffee if you just want to visit. Wednesday anytime which suits you as I've made this my sewing day and am in all day. Should I not be available I will put message on email.

mobile 07941 827871 if you get lost.

Pat.

Craft Group

Sorry it seems to be ages since we last had a workshop for craft, but at last Jo and I have got organised with a series of crafts for the whole year. February is 'Felting'. The idea is to have a workshop on the Thursday after WI meeting, time to suit most ladies either morning or afternoon, or both if needed. Then the rest of that month you can expand on the project as you wish. The cost is £5 to include all materials, a 'bit' of tuition and plenty of assistance. Tea and cake is a promise, in fact it is the main reason for most of you attending! The basic tutorial this time is needle felted flowers, with the intention of trying felted animals and later a go at wet felting pictures.

In the future we aim to cover such topics as paper craft, batik silk scarves, fabric pictures, button pictures, frosted glass candle holders, Fimo crafting and a Christmas flower arrangement. Our 2 main projects, apart from Haigh Show and the County Show, are; the flower festival at St Johns church, New Springs and making a wreath for Remembrance Sunday. Gill

Trips and Outings

Theatre outings, seats reserved for the following shows
Octagon theatre - Martha, Josie and the Chinese Elvis.
Saturday 19th March Matinee
Look Back in Anger. - Saturday 23rd April. Matinee
Singing in the Rain. - Saturday 18th June Matinee
Palace Theatre. Birmingham Royal Ballet Romeo and Juliet at the Lowry 2-5 March
Footloose is at the Liverpool Empire 9-14 May
Billy Elliott. January 2017.
Saturday 14th January Matinee
Thursday 19th January evening performance.
Suggested outing to War Horse at the Liverpool Empire, NOVEMBER 2017!!!
Suggested outing to NEC Birmingham Friday 18h March, ticket advance price £11.00 giving access to 4 shows; Sewing for Pleasure, Fashion and Embroidery, Hobby crafts and Cake International. Travel by train.

WI Beacon Group Meeting
Bradshaw + Harwood WI will be holding Beacon Group Meeting
Venue: Dunscaer Conservative Club. Date: Thursday 14th April. Cost £7 per head
Names of members attending asap. We always try to support the Beacon meetings as it is an ideal way to keep in touch with neighbouring WI groups.

Willow weaving course booked for Saturday 11th June to be held in St. David's Parish Hall Haigh.
We are not sure of the exact cost but it will be around £30 including materials.

See Pat's file or email enquiries to her for more info. Please put your names on the lists which are on the table showing local outings

NFWI News

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY
Campaign Action Pack – See Information table.

LADY DENMAN CUP COMPETITION 2016
Invitation to members to write a letter to younger self.

ORGAN DONATION – ongoing survey: Click on link.
<http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WIorgandonation>

LFWI News

SCHEDULE FOR BETTY SANDERSON MEMORIAL TROPHY
'A FASCINATOR or HATINATOR'
All details on information table.
C/Date Friday 12th August '16.

FLOOD RECOVERY FUND: Ongoing..
Website: www.lancsfoundation.org.uk/.

Dates for your diary from LFWI

LFWI RESIDENTIAL DAY - Denman College
Student Booking Form. C/Date: Monday 22 February '16.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
Venue: Southport Theatre on Thursday 10th March '16.
Time: 10.45 – 3.30 (doors open 9.30am) Cost: £14
Refreshments available at venue: £7.80 'Grab a bag'.
Details on info. Table. C/Date: Monday 22nd February '16.

WORKSHOP FOR WISECRETARIES
Venue: LFWI Offices, Leyland.
Date: Saturday 12th March 10.00am – 12.30pm.
Cost: £5 (WI responsible for payment)
C/Date: Monday 7th March '16.

FIRST AID: DEFIBRILLATORS
Venue: Borwick+Priest Hutton Memorial Hall, Carnforth
Date: Tuesday 15th March '16. Cost £6
Time 7.00pm-9.30pm.
C/Date: Monday 22 February '16.

PROGRAMME PLANNING WORKSHOP
Venue: LFWI Office, Croston House, Leyland
Date: Sat. 19th March '16 – Time: 10.00am to 12.30pm.
Cost £5 per person (WI responsible for payment)
C/Date: Monday 14th March '16.

BE IN THE KNOW FOR THE COUNTY SHOW
Sessions being held @ following:
02/04/16 – Croston House, Leyland
15/04/16 – Ladybridge Community Centre
20/04/16 - Croston House – Leyland
Flyer on info. table – February /March meeting.
C/Date Monday 21 March '16

LADIES IN HARMONY WI CHOIR
St. Thomas C of E Church, Nelson on Sat.9th April '16
@ 7.30. Tickets £7. See Helen.

WATER EVERYWHERE – EVEN ON MARS
Venue: LFWI Offices, Leyland. Cost £8
Date: Saturday 16th April '16
1st session - 10.00 for 10.30–12.00
2nd session – 1.00pm for 1.30–3.00pm
C/Date: Monday 11th April '16.

'DROP IN' LIVERPOOL: ALBERT DOCK + ST. GEORGES HALL
Date: Thursday 21st April '16: Cost £16
C/Date: Fri. 18 March '16. Details on information table.

TOY MAKING
Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland
Dates: Friday 22 April OR Saturday 23 April '16
Time: 10.00am – 3.30pm. Cost £18
Flyer on info. table. C/Date: Thursday 31 Mar '16.

COUNTRYSIDE/ENVIRONMENT – WALK
From: Haigh Hall Country Park, @ 10.30am
Date: Tuesday 26 April '16. Cost £2.
C/Date Monday 11 April '16.
See flyer on info table.

ACWW JEWELLERY JAMBOREE
Venue: WI Office, Croston House, Leyland
Wednesday 27th April '16. 10.30am–3.30pm
See flyer on information table.

AROUND WIRELESS WITH AFTERNOON TEA
Venue: Samlesbury Hotel, Preston
Tuesday 3 May '16 1.00 for 1.30 until 3.30
Cost: £18
C/Date: Thursday 14 April '16.

WALKING TREASURE HUNT- LONGRIDGE
Date: Tuesday 17th May '16
Venue: Towneley Arms Hotel, L'ridge, Preston.
Time: 6.00pm–9.00pm Cost £8.
C/Date: Thursday 28th April '16.
See information table.

CREATIVE CROCHET
Date: Wednesday 18th May or Sat. 21st May '16
Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland
Time: 10.00am to 3.30pm. Cost £18
C/Date: Thursday 5 May '16

A BLUEBELL WALK FROM NORDEN (3 miles)
Date: Saturday 21st May '16.
From The Bridge Inn, Edenfield Rd. Norden
Time: 11.00am until 1.30pm (approx.)
Cost £2 (WI will be invoiced)
C/Date: Monday 16th May '16.

CEOP:
POLICING INTERNET + PROTECTING CHILDREN
Date: Monday 6th June '16
Venue: Weeton Village Hall, Weeton, Nr. Kirkham
Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Cost: £6.
C/Date: Monday 9th May '16.

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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