

Well it must be summer because all the schools are closed all we need is for the sun to be a little more consistent. August bodes to be a busy month with our stall at Friends of Haigh 1940's themed Summer Fete on 14th August, Afternoon Tea at Sennicar Lane 18th August and Aspull, Haigh and Blackrod Agricultural Show on 21st August. Please support all these events as they are for our benefit and help the community. Happy Birthday this month to Margaret Halliwell and Sue Elliot and belated wishes to Ann Dickenson whose birthday was last month but as she is a very new birthday I hope she will excuse the delay.

Last Meeting

11th July 2016. This meeting should have included our annual stroll/treasure hunt but as it had poured with rain all day everyone preferred to stay in the dry. Pam gave a brief but very interesting explanation of the dolls she had entered in the International Doll Exhibition. Having seen the doll on display no one was surprised to learn that Pam won first prizes and the accolade of most popular doll. We had a second impromptu speaker, Henry came to tell us more about Haigh Show and to encourage us to participate in the Craft and Cookery Show. We need plenty of entries to make the marquee an interesting place for people to visit and to guarantee the continuance of the show. He was also looking for volunteers to act as stewards on the day. Everyone seemed to enjoy a bit of colouring as we made designs for our bespoke badges. The highlight of the evening was of course the strawberry tea and the chance to relax and chat to friends. The tables looked beautiful with all the flower arrangements and a creditable sum of £33 was raised for ACWW all in small change.



Competition



"Flower arrangement in a tea cup"
1st Gill Brown
2nd Margaret Halliwell
3rd Jean Ingham and Ann Couchman

Next Meeting

Next meeting Monday 12th September.

'Malaysian Wedding Basket' with Chandra Law Competition; 'A Photo of your Wedding'

Garden Trip to Rode Hall



Our trip to Rode Hall was a lovely experience. How many times have you been to a stately home and stood with aching feet whilst listening to your guide? This wasn't the case at Rode

Hall. We were invited to sit around the huge dining table in the dining room, similarly on armchairs and settees in the drawing room and in the library. We actually felt comfortable and relaxed, free to look around and ask questions without the usual formalities. We were split into two groups and both guides were very knowledgeable. It was obvious they

had a great deal of respect for the family and its ascendants of Rode Hall. The house has been in the ownership of the Baker Wilbraham family since 1669. The present resident, Randle Baker Wilbraham, has a young family and the hall is very much their home. There are now some modern pictures in the entrance hall and I'm sure more will be added. Randle's father and mother have now moved out of the main house and live in a smaller house on the estate. The house is a real mixed up arrangement of add-ons over the years, windows blocked up to prevent heat loss, frontage and main entrance switched around, and architraves removed. Yes, you could say this house is unique! We were served a delicious lunch with ingredients from the gardens, after which we had time to walk around the gardens. The ladies that preferred to rest in the sunny courtyard were joined by Lady Ann for a chat!



I have read that the present custodians are the first to open up the house and gardens to the public. I am very glad that they did, as it was such a pleasure to see the portraits and other works of art by famous artists. But I mustn't forget the wonderful collections of porcelain - Royal Worcester, Derby and Chinese porcelain, to name just a few. Simply fascinating! Having been guided round the rooms downstairs we were invited to roam and explore at our leisure upstairs. Pat Henderson and a couple of ladies walked into one bedroom that seemed to be in use presumably by a teenager judging from the state of the room. The guide noticing the open door quickly locked it much to their consternation! All in all, 'A Grand Day Out'!
Sheila Hinds

A&H Garden Party

Sennicar Lane Thursday 18th August 2-4.30pm

First and foremost please pray for nice weather! We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our garden party. There is a list on the table requesting help with the food, please fill in what you are able to bring to ensure that there is plenty of everything. Also don't forget to bring something for the 'Bring and Buy' table. There will also be other fund raisers on the day. Friends and family are welcome but we would appreciate knowing numbers, to help with the catering.



Clayton Concert

Once again this was a very pleasant evening. Clayton choir never fail to provide an entertaining evening of songs, verse and humour.

Theatre Group



As a valued theatre group booker Pat and guest were invited to a preview event at the Lowry showcasing the brand new musical of 'Wind in the Willows'. This was an opportunity to meet some of the cast hear some of the brand new songs and get first opportunity to reserve

the best seats at a special price! I quote "Kenneth Graham's wild tale about the thrill seeking lovable menace Mr Toad comes to life in a spectacular new stage musical with script by Downton Abbey creator, Julian Fellowes and Olivier Award winning composer and lyricist team George Stiles and Anthony Derwent. This new all singing and dancing musical should appeal to all ages. It has already been booked to appear in the West End in May so you'll be able to see it here first. Not one to miss a bargain Pat attended and as chauffeur I got the chance to go as well. Seats have been booked for the matinee performances on Sunday 30th October and 6th November. It was a delightful event with picnic lunch, and we met ladies from other WI groups. Photo shows 2 of the cast with 5 live presenter.

Fundraising at Haigh Hall with Friends of Haigh

Sunday 14th August

Thanks for all the donations for our tombola stall they are much appreciated. Please support this event there are always plenty of activities for all the family. Haigh is going through a massive regeneration programme so you will have the opportunity to catch up with the alterations. Unfortunately the Chocolatier, Ice cream Parlour and Micro Brewery won't be completed in time - now there is the perfect WI trip in the making!!

Haigh, Aspull & Blackrod Show

Sunday 21st August.

Henry is looking forward to our support with entries for both the craft and horticulture tents - let's see some exhibits from all our groups; garden gang, quilters and craft. We could do with some more help in stewarding the produce tent in the afternoon for one hour slots (no more!) to ensure that all exhibits are kept safe; one year someone helped themselves to pieces of cake and spoons of jam - they thought they were allowed to sample everything! We also have a display area to attract new members which gives us the chance to chat to anyone who shows an interest. Sue Fernside is once again part of the side saddle display in the main arena. It is an opportunity to witness the elegance of a time gone by and to see the skill and balance required to ride in this way.

Quilting

We continue to attract new members who enjoy sharing ideas, with our newest member making a cushion embellished with buttons (has she been to Gills?) which serves the dual purpose of hiding any little seams that don't quite line up. Now why didn't I think of that? I'm in the process of making sample blocks as I find it easier to remember how to do them if I've actually made them up. Calico Puzzle and Friendship Star completed. Pretty sure EVERYONE now knows Puss in the Corner. Come along any Wednesday and try quilting. We make it EASY and FUN. STOP PRESS!!!!

We now seem to have new members "Across the Pond" My friends in America were so impressed when I showed them photos of you with your work that I've just received from them a gift of fabric to share with you all. They're looking forward to seeing what we achieve with it.



Craft Group



This month we have concentrated on wire /bead jewellery using different techniques; beads and 'twizzle wire' threaded onto memory wire for bracelets, chunky abstract necklaces using random beads, and finally knitting bead embellished wire to make another bracelet. All very simple to make and allowing plenty of time for chat and, of course cake. I expect to see plenty of home crafted Christmas gifts this year!!

Lunch Club

Friday 29th July at the new Stables Café, Haigh Woodland Park We were pleased to support the re-opening of the Stables café, especially as they have opened the upstairs supposedly for a more 'genteel ambience' for 'High Teas' and destination refreshments! We booked a table for 12 so we were expected - but not by the staff who thought upstairs was for overflow and as they were busy but not full downstairs didn't think upstairs was open. They were quick to open for us and the staff did their best to make us welcome but it was very much café service.



The small round tables make it difficult to set up for larger parties and no tablecloths meant that it was definitely not a lunch to the standard we have enjoyed in the past. They have really missed an opportunity here as once the complex is complete there will be plenty of alternative eating places and I think

the hotel will quickly fill the gap. None the less we all enjoyed the opportunity to meet and eat. Our tables were cleared by Andrew Watmaugh, head of the Sports and Leisure facilities at the Woodland Park so we had ample opportunity to discuss the new venture and its impact on the local area. (None of us could understand quite why he was there doing such a menial task!)

These lunchtime get togethers are proving increasingly popular and it's a great way for newer members to get to know us all. They're certainly my "cup of tea", good food, good company, plenty of conversation.

The venue for next month is Curley's in Walsuches, Horwich, BL6 6PP on Friday 9th September, meeting there at 12pm. If you require a lift please let us know.

Singing for Fun (New Group)

Suggestion for this group was made by one of our new members and it seems a good idea. As soon as plans for this are finalised we'll let you know. August is already a busy month and its school holidays but we are looking into possible solutions. It won't always be summer and this is something that may lift our spirits during winter months. So Watch This Space!!

Garden Gang



Our dedicated WI area on my allotment is really showing results with NINE lots of veggies. Potatoes, Onions, Peas, Green beans, Beetroot, Cabbage Broccoli, Tomatoes,

Blackcurrants. Not sure what happened to the lettuce!! Birds maybe got the seeds. Joyce came along to check progress and was thrilled with her tomatoes, Margaret's and Hazels have also done well, better than mine. We've all learnt a lot and will continue to share ideas, seeds, cuttings etc.



A&H WI Planned Events

Sunday 14th August FOHCP Fabulous Forties event at Haigh. We will be having a fundraising stall at this event
On the Go Performances, Words of War, Pennington Park, Leigh, 14th August this is a group our member Sheila Hinds is part of and those who've already seen the plays were really impressed so we will be listing the upcoming dates of performances.

Thursday 18th August Afternoon Garden Tea at Gill Brown's home, Sennicar Lane 2.00 till 4.30

Sunday 21st August, Haigh Aspull & Blackrod Agricultural Show

Friday 9th September Luncheon Club, Curley's, Horwich

Saturday 10th Sept, OTG Performances

Someone's Sons, 1.00pm Leigh Library

Tuesday 13th Sept, Words of War Old courts, Wigan 8.00pm

As part of LFWI Sports Week we have decided to have a Bowling day

on Thursday 15th Sept 10.30am at Aspull Bowling Green

Friday 10.30 am we will meet at Haigh Hall car park to either have a gentle stroll, or a longer walk for those used to walking. Both will have leaders.

Standish WI on Saturday 17th September Bowls Day

Saturday 17th September. To kill a Mocking Bird, Octagon, matinee.

Sunday 18th Sept, OTG Performances Someone's Sons, Old Courts, Wigan

Thursday 22nd September, County Show

Saturday 22nd October, Octagon, Bolton. 2.00pm The Winter's Tale

Friday 4th November at Aspull British Legion evening performance of Words of War.

NEW BOOKING at Lowry. New musical being premiered before commencing a run in the West End WIND IN THE WILLOWS, I have provisionally booked seats for the matinees on SUNDAY 30th October and Sunday 6th November

Thursday 19th January evening performance of Billy Elliot at Palace Theatre

Saturday 28th January Octagon matinee performance, Educating Rita.

Further details of all these events in Pats File at WI or contact her for more info.

Suggestions as ever are welcomed.

NFWI News

RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORMS:

Information, support and guidance is available to Member/s who feels strongly about some issue who would like to take the opportunity to submit a resolution in 2017. Please see Helen for relevant form. Closing date 14 September 2016.

RESEARCH: The NFWI are looking for member/s who have had experience in caring for a dementia patient in hospital during the last 5 years and ask if they would be willing to take part in NFWI research about your experiences as a carer. Form available. See Helen

WEEK OF ACTION: WI Sports Week
8th -16th October. See booklet.

LFWI News

DIARIES AND CALENDARS FOR 2017.

Place your orders at the August meeting.

Closing date: Friday 26th August '16.

Dates for your diary from LFWI

COUNTY SHOW

GARSTANG COUNTRY HOTEL AND GOLF CLUB

WED. 21st & THUR. 22nd SEPTEMBER '16.

ADMITTANCE TICKETS

Pre-booked: £4. To pay at door £5.

Closing date: Monday 5th September '16.

FRIDAY 12 TH AUGUST

Closing date for all exhibits Friday 12th August '16.

WALKING TREASURE HUNT

Date: Wednesday 14th Sept. '16. Time 10.00 or 1.30pm

Venue: The Pavilion Café, Preston. Cost £8.00

Closing date: Thursday 1st September '16.

WI MOODLE WORKSHOP: Dates and times:

Wed. 5th October '16. 10.00 -12.30 or 13.30-16.00

Wed. 12th October 10.00 - 12.30. Cost £8

Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland.

This workshop is open to 1 member per WI.

Closing date: Wednesday 7th September '16.

LUNCH WITH ANGELA DANBY

ON THE RECORD-LIFE AS A JOURNALIST

Date: Wednesday 19th October '16.

Venue: Farington Lodge Hotel. 12.00 for 12.30

Cost: £23 incl. 2-course lunch, tea/coffee.

Closing date: Thursday 22nd September '16.

WALK-HAWORTH ART GALLERY, ACCRINGTON

Directions will be given. Cost £2

Date: Friday 21st October '16. Time: 11.00am.

Closing date: Thursday 29th September '16.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES APPLIQUE WALL HANGING

Dates: Friday 21st or Saturday 22nd October '16

Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland.

Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm. Cost: £18

Closing date: Thursday 29th September '16.

FIZZICAL FUN TASTER DAY

Date: Wednesday 9th November '16.

Time: 9.40 for a 10.00 start-until 3.30 approx.

Venue: Barton Village Hall, Barton, Preston.

Cost £18 each including a light lunch.

Closing date: Monday 24th October '16.

WILLOW WEAVING REINDEER

Dates: Thur. 10th Nov. or Sat. 12th Nov '16.

Time: 10.00-3.30. Cost £18 + £12 for willow.

Closing date: Thursday 20th October '16.

DNA PROFILING: A FORENSIC TOOL

Venue: Mytton Fold Hotel, Lango, Blackburn.

Date: Tuesday 15th Nov. Time 12noon for 12.30

Cost £23 includes 2 course lunch with tea/coffee.

Closing date: 17th October '16.

CELEBRATE LANCASHIRE DAY

Venue: Rainford Church Hall, St. Helens.

Date: Friday 25th November '16

Time: 2.00pm - 4.30pm (doors open 1.30)

Cost £8 incl. light refreshments.

Closing date: Tuesday 25th October '16.

SOUNDING BRASS-Whitw'th Vale & Healey Band

Date: Friday 2nd Dec. '16. Time: 7.00pm-10.00pm

Venue: Rochdale Town Hall. Cost £10.

Closing date: Thursday 9th November 2016.

Future Dates for your diary

WALKING/HOLIDAY IN NORTHUMBERLAND

Date: Friday 21st April-Monday 24th April '17.

Duration 3 nights/2 days.

Cost £310 guided. £245 self guided.

Closing date: Thursday 15th September '16.

LANCASHIRE FEDERATION TRIP TO DENMAN

Thursday 23rd March '17-Sunday 26th March '17.

App. forms for courses available at meetings.

Closing date 30th September '16

FEDERATION FUN QUIZ

Monday 30th January 2017 - 7.30-10.00

Venue: O/Hulton Consv.Club/Parbold Hall

Closing date: Monday 24th October '16.

LFWI CALENDAR 2018 'Rivers & Waterways'

Cl/date for accepting photo's 16th Jan '17.

Local WI Events and Invitations:

BRADSHAW & HARWOOD WI:

Summer T'Party @ B'shaw. Cricket Club Tavern

on Mon. 15th August '16. Time 2.00pm-3.30pm.

Cost: not stated.

MIKRON THEATRE present 'CANARY GIRLS'

Venue: Leyland Civic Centre (Historical Society)

Leyland on Monday 3rd October '16 @ 7.30pm.

Price to be agreed - approx £9.

STANDISH WI:

Crown Green Bowls on Saturday 17th September '16.

See poster.

Contact 0797 4909472 if interested.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Aspull & Haigh

NEWS

August 2016



Newsletter content by WI Members,
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All past newsletters are available on our website:
www.aspullandhaighwi.org.uk
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of some events.

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