

Unfortunately Carol Borton (Southport WI) our link delegate that represented us at Brighton Annual conference is unable to attend this evening's meeting. She has kindly supplied us with a report of the meeting, you will find copies of the report on the table.

Happy Birthday to Ann Butler, Mary Hart, and Joan Ensor.

We are fortunate to have an ever increasing membership, which is very gratifying but it does mean that we cannot always manage to put the right name to a face. The committee thought that name badges would solve the problem. Rather than rely on unsightly sticky labels we thought it would be fun for each member to create their own badge. Please could you all write your name on the circles provided and embellish it to create a fun design. These will be sent to Cottonopolis WI who have access to a badge maker who will then transform the designs into badges for us. These will be available at the August meeting. Cost is £1 per badge.



Jo

Last Meeting

13th June 2016.

The speaker, Liz Sperling gave a talk on 'Bee Keeping and Honey Tasting'. The competition was entitled 'Bee inspired' – which I'm sure many of us were! Liz spoke specifically about the honey bee outlining the structure of the hive and the order within it which has remained since the beginning of time! Our first introduction is to the Queen – monarch in residence. Although her every need is met by the 'worker bees' (female) who are in attendance to her around the clock, her lot in life seems pretty dull as her task is to supply the hive with offspring; inspecting them from time to time as they mature. Enter the drones – the male 'teenagers' who attend the 'bee raves' where drones assemble. They mate with the virgin queens then die. The 'survivors' return to the hive where they laze around and are of no use to the worker bees who throw them out of the hive to die or neglect them to death – all the while the rigid routine continues.... Over the past years the survival of our bees in Britain has been threatened due to various pests and viruses which have entered our country. One of the most lethal is the varroa virus. Although not yet under control, every assistance is being given to the keepers on how to eradicate this virus from our hives in order for our colonies to continue their vital pollinating work. Liz covered much more in her talk i.e. products such as honey, wax made by the bees. She gave out leaflets in which practical information is available to anyone interested in perhaps taking up this interesting hobby. Helen

Competition

Competition 'Bee Inspired'

1st Hester Smithies 2nd Dorothy Spain 3rd Barbara Alker

Next Meeting

Next meeting Monday 8th August. 'Senior Moments - LOL' with Sue and Pauline.

Competition; 'A memory aid'

Garden Trip to Rode Hall

Please remember to get your names on the list and invite your friends to help fill the coach. Let us know any dietary requirements that we need to make the kitchen staff aware of.

Gill

Worm Charming St Elizabeth's

Mary, Dorothy Spain and Pam represented the WI at this event. Great fun was had by all even though the worms managed to evade capture.



A&H Garden Party

We are looking forward to seeing you at this event and will be asking for support in providing food, lists will be out at the August meeting. We

realise that it is during the school holidays and many of you may be on 'granny duties' so why not combine a trip to the park and tea with us. Children will be welcome and we will have some books, toys and colouring available.

St. John's Church Flower Day



We had a lovely St John's day alternative flower festival, as you can see on the photo the congregation were in awe at the W.I. display it's absolutely beautiful, thank you so much for letting us display it. The other displays were made by the knit and natter gang we had great fun making them and it was lovely to see Cath's idea come to fruition. Thanks Gill, Jo and Mary for coming along to set up the W.I. display and thanks to the W.I. ladies who came to celebrate our special morning with us.

Glenys X

Three "P"s Art Course

"Pencil, Pastel and Paint.- WI OFFICE, LEYLAND 17 JUNE

Well, as I have said many times before, Arts and Crafts are not my forte. At the start of the day I felt as dim as a low wattage light bulb! "Help" I thought, "I don't belong here". I can't draw – stick men being my speciality! Our tutor had set up a wonderful picnic display and we had to draw and paint a section of it, using differing mediums. It took me a long time to relax, but I did eventually, and this was down to our lovely tutor, who was so down to earth, helpful and full of praise, which always helps. In the afternoon I settled down and began to enjoy my attempt at a 'masterpiece'. Well, my grapes didn't look too bad at all and I'd got some nice shading on my jug. I don't think I will ever be an artist, but I did get pleasure from this course and that made it worthwhile. Perhaps I will give it a try at home some time. Maybe I'm more of a Jackson Pollock! Who knows? I do know that my companion, Clare, had a different perspective.

SHEILA HINDS

I attended the 'three ps' art course at Croston House on Friday 18th June with Sheila. The course was very well attended and the tutor very good. We had to make a viewer out of paper, and then use it to look through, to sketch a still life of picnic items (Theme: A grand day out) We also learned to use pastels and watercolours. I found the activities very relaxing and hope to use my new found skills in the future to create a masterpiece.

Clare Kenyon



WI Speaker Auditions

On 20th June Doreen Hartley and I went to the L.F.W.I. offices to watch the latest auditions of potential speakers to be added to the L.F.W.I. approved list. The first speaker was a Dutchman who gave us a fascinating account of how he changed his lifestyle drastically every 10 years or so. As he said "Everyone has a life story to tell" and he left us wanting to know more of his! Next came 2 W.I. members 'Senior Moments They sang and told jokes and poems about being women `of a certain age` and had us all in fits of laughter all the way through, Mary had already booked these very funny ladies for our next meeting! The third speaker was a photographer who specialises in garden and flower photography which she sells to magazines etc. She showed slides of her favourite gardens in the North West. Doreen was more impressed by her than I, as she just showed the gardens as a list, although her pictures of flowers were lovely. The fourth speaker`s talk was entitled `The Origins of Place Names`. Unfortunately he didn`t deliver the interesting talk we were expecting from the title, but he did expect us all to be impressed by his publication of numerous books, without being able to impress us by his delivery of the subject. The last speaker does needle felting. She brought along a large sample of her work which she allowed us to handle. She runs workshops as well as talks about her work, and although she is very personable and enthusiastic, we felt that a talk was less effective than a workshop. Both Doreen and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and I would recommend going to an Auditions day if you can. Pam Melling

Chipping Flower Festival



In June Gill, Jean, Marilyn and myself visited St Bartholomew's Church in Chipping to see their flower festival to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday it was a lovely morning and Chipping is a delightful village. The church and grounds were wonderful to see. So much work and thought had gone into every detail depicting all aspects of the Queens reign. After the obligatory tea and cake!!!! we started our tour by the church porch with a beautiful floral birthday cake, there was so much to see and take in, my favourite display was The Trooping of the Colour followed closely by the Royal Garden Party and the Queen's Coronation

Dress but all in all a wonderful exhibition. Ann Seed and her army of helpers did a wonderful job and much credit to them I really hope that the Queen was able to see the photographs. Following a delicious lunch in the local cafe we headed home discussing our lovely day out. Glenys

Blackburn Flower Festival

This was the most incredible event. The cathedral had been emptied of all furniture creating a dramatic space for massive arrangements. The



theme for most was inspired by the very modern paintings displayed around the building. Others were a reflection of objects used during

the services – the chalices, or religious images – the fish which filled the central aisle. There was a huge emphasis on textiles and the hard mechanics (metalwork) that formed the backbone of the piece. It certainly was a whole new dimension in floral work and a beautiful demonstration of the more modern aspects of the art. The cathedral cleverly extended the experience by including demonstrations, retail therapy and a café all within the building. Gill

Theatre Group

Singin' in the Rain - Saturday 18th June at the Octagon Theatre, Bolton. The main auditorium of the theatre was set out 'in-the-round'. As we entered and took to our seats, occupying the first four rows of one section, it became clear that the front two rows of the audience were going to get wet as they discovered waterproof poncho's beneath their seats! The band started to play the overture and it was thought how nice it was that they had dressed for the theme in 1950's outfits. Then the band members took to the stage and became the actors who began to prove their excellence as multi-talented performers. Each role was portrayed really well and the characters of Don Lockwood and Kathy Seldon were excellent. The character in the film whose vocal range leaves a lot to be desired, Lina Lamont, was portrayed brilliantly! As the show progressed with the memorable music and dance routines of the 1952 Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds film of its time, it proved to be a good rendition. The only clue that the rain would come down were the first bars of the title song and the audience quickly donned their bright yellow ponchos. The dancing and singing in the rain was performed with much splashing and swirling of the umbrella, thus ensuring sprays and splashes reached the audience - but not just the first two rows! The third row found themselves 'sittin' in the rain' and they did not have ponchos! This had everyone roaring with laughter! Everyone commented that the show had proved to be an excellent and enjoyable performance. Photos on front cover! Gill Davies

WLT

The Witches of Eastwick 15th – 25 June 2016

In the tiny New England town of Eastwick, Rhode Island, three modern-day witches innocently plot and conjure over a brew of martinis and peanut butter brownies. But when their longings are made flesh by the arrival of one Darryl Van Horne, all hell breaks loose – quite literally! This is a story of life in a small American town lorded over by one Felicia Gabriel, the chairperson of the Eastwick Preservation Society. The ladies involved are rather staid but the whole town is shaken up by the arrival of the charming but brash Darryl Van Horne played by Paul Dawson. All the ladies of the town are charmed by this larger than life character but in particular the three "witches" Alex, Jane and Sukie played by Caroline McCann, Lesley Kellett and Louise Steggals who were individually seduced by Darryl unbeknown to each of them. The witches were enlightened to the situation when they all arrived at Darryl's house having been invited by him for a game of tennis. Having agreed to share Darryl the witches grew in confidence as he taught them to cast spells against the domineering Felicia and educated them in the ways of powerful women. The first act concluded with a dramatic scene with the witches dressed in sparkling black dresses and flying above the stage into the air. In the second act the witches became enlightened into the character he really was – the devil in disguise – and worked his teachings against him to save a young innocent girl from the same fate.

The production was well executed by all involved and enjoyed by all who watched. Marie

Fundraising at Haigh Hall with Friends of Haigh

Sunday 14th August
Please don't forget to collect chocolate items for our 'Chocolate Tombola' Please start saving chocolate – in all forms; cakes, drinks, sweets, large and small for this event. We would also appreciate offers to help out for an hour on the day.

Jo

Haigh, Aspull & Blackrod Show

Sunday 21st August.
Please look on the website and support our local show. There are plenty of classes with fruit, vegetables, art, photography as well as baking, preserving, crochet, knitting, sewing and craft. It is a really enjoyable day out for all the family.

Gill

Craft Groups

Quilting.

Wednesday quilting/sewing at my house. I'm only available in the morning

I've brought several books, magazines back from my friends in America and have photos to show you of some of their work, it might be nice just to chat over a cuppa and you can let me know what you've been sewing while I've been away or just consider what you'd like to try next!!

Pat

Craft Group.

We have spent the last month indulging in button art (with plenty of chat and cake) and produced some interesting results, some of which may even make it to the county or Haigh show. A couple are going to be made into cushions and there are an assortment of wall hangings. July/August is jewellery month when we will attempt several pieces using different techniques of wired beads.

Gill

Lunch Club

Thursday 23rd. June at Rigaletto's Italian Restaurant, DW stadium, Robin Park.



Lunch club was attended by a small group of six who arrived at the restaurant to an eye-catching spread of 'beef' in the form of the Wigan team players in their kits! They were having lunch in the restaurant while their usual canteen was being decorated (see what you missed ladies!). We were seated in the small lounge area by the bar and greeted by our waiter who served drinks and provided the menu as we waited everyone's arrival before being shown to our table. The waiter carried our drinks through from the lounge and received a round of applause as he surprised us all in remembering which drink belonged to which person – not easy as 5 out of the 6 drinks were exactly the same! We all commented on how delicious the food was and most of us enjoyed three courses followed by coffee or tea. The waiter service was excellent and the chef had provided a separate menu for a special diet, details of which had been emailed ahead of time. Good value for £15 each, including drinks from the bar and of course the unexpected spread of 'beef'!

Gillian Davies

The venue for this month we hope to be Afternoon Tea at the new Stables café at Haigh Hall. They only reopened in the last couple of days so we haven't been able to confirm the booking for Friday 29th July 12.30pm. If there is a problem we will keep the same date and time and change the venue and keep those on the list informed. Jo

Trips and Outings

June

Friday 15th Clayton Choir concert 7.30pm £5
Thursday 21st Garden trip to Rode Hall to include coffee/tea on arrival tour of hall, lunch, gardens, coach.

August

Sunday 14th fundraiser for A&HWI at FOHCP event at Haigh Hall donations for tombola please.

Thursday 18th Garden Party to be held at Gill Brown's Home Sennicar Lane cost £3.00

Sunday 21st Haigh Show, schedule now available on line.

September and beyond.

Saturday 17th September matinee performance Octagon to Kill a Mockingbird

Saturday. 22 October matinee performance Octagon Winter's Tale

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Thursday 19th January evening performance Billy Elliott Palace Theatre

Saturday 28th January matinee performance Octagon Educating Rita

November Tuesday 21st evening performance or

Wednesday 22nd matinee performance Liverpool Empire. War Horse.

LFWI News

2017 WI DIARY + 2017 CALENDARS now in stock.

Place your orders at July and August meetings.

Closing date for orders: Friday 26th August '16.

Dates for your diary from LFWI

COUNTY SHOW

GARSTANG COUNTRY HOTEL & GOLF CLUB

WED. 21ST and THUR. 22ND SEPTEMBER '16.

TICKET APPLICATION: Pre-booked £4 - £5 on door

Last date for receipt of ticket: Monday 5th September '16.

COUNTY SHOW PREVIEW EVENING & GALA DINNER on

Tuesday 20th September '16.

Time: 6.00pm – 6.45pm for Dinner @ 7.00pm. Cost £23

Closing date Monday 5th Sept. '16.

BETTY SANDERSON MEM. TROPHY: 'Fascinator/Hatinator.

Closing date: Friday 12th August '16.

HAWKSHAW TROPHY: 'Afternoon tea for two'

See details on information table.

ALBERT DOCK + ST. GEORGES HALL

Date: Thursday 15 September. Pick up Leyland 9.00am.

Cost £16. Closing date Monday 18th July '16.

AROUND THE WIRELESS/AFTERNOON TEA

Date: Wednesday 10th August '16 from 1.30-3.30pm

Venue: The Samlesbury Hotel, Preston

Cost: £18. Closing date Thursday 21st July '16.

WALK FROM HAMBLETON

Date: Wednesday 24th August '16. Time 10.30am

From Hambleton Village Hall. Cost £2

Further details on information table.

Closing date for applications Wednesday 27th July '16.

TRACKING CHANGES IN NATURE THROUGH AUTUMN

(Radio presenter Russell Headley)

Date: Wednesday 7th September '16. Time 2.00

Venue: Brindle Comm. Hall, Brindle. Cost £12.50

Closing date: Wednesday 27th July '16.

MAKING NEEDLE FELTED CHARACTERS

Date: Friday 2nd Sept '16 or Saturday 3rd Sept. '16.

Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland.

Time: 10am – 3.30pm. Cost £18.

Closing date for applications: Thur. 4th 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.

LFWI: Future dates for your diary

'ON THE RECORD – Life of a journalist' Angela Danby

Date: Wednesday 19th October '16.

Venue: Farrington Lodge Hotel. Time: 12.00–2.30pm.

Cost: £23 includes a 2-course lunch and tea or coffee.

Closing date: Thursday 22nd September '16.

WALK FROM HAWORTH ART GALLERY, ACCRINGTON

Date: Friday 21st October '16. Cost £2. Time: 11.00am.

From Haworth Art Gallery. Directions will be given.

Closing date: Thursday 29th September '16.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES APPLIQUED WALL HANGING

Date: Fri. 21st or Sat. 22nd October '16.

Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm. Cost £18

Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland.

Closing date: Thursday 29th September '16.

DNA PROFILING: A FORENSIC TOOL

Date: Tue. 15th Nov. '16. Time: 12.00noon for 12.30

Venue: Abbey Suite, Mytton Fold Hotel, Lango, B'burn.

Cost £23 to include 2 course lunch with tea or coffee.

Closing date: Monday 17th October '16.

WALKING/JUST HOLIDAY IN NORTHUMBERLAND

Date: Friday 21st April–Monday 24th April 2017

Duration 3 nights/2 days.

Cost £310 guided. £245 self guided.

Closing date: Thursday 15th September '16.

LFWI CALENDAR 2018:

Final date for accepting photographs: Mon. 16th Jan. '17.

LANCASHIRE FEDERATION (COURSE) TRIP TO DENMAN

Thursday 23rd March 2017 – Sunday 26th March 2017.

Application forms available at meetings.

Closing date not yet stated.

Local WI Events and Invitations:

CLAYTON–LE-WOODS SINGERS present their Summer

Concert on Friday 15th July @ Balshaws CE High School

Leyland @ 7.30pm. Admission £5.

LADYBRIDGE WI: 'Indoor Garden Party'

@ Ladybridge Comm. Centre on Friday 22nd July '16,

Time 2.00pm. Admission £3

OVER HULTON WI: Cream Tea

@ Over Hulton Conservative Club on Wed. 27th July '16

Time 2.00pm. Admission £2

BRADSHAW & HARWOOD WI: Summer Tea Party

@ Bradshaw Cricket Club Tavern on Mon. 15th August '16

Time 2.00pm – 3.30pm. Admission (not stated)

Please enter your names if you wish to attend any of the above

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NEWS

July 2016



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