

Tonight is the annual meeting which completes our 2016 programme. Thanks to all the committee who have done so much to make sure that everyone has enjoyed all the meetings, outings, groups and events throughout the year. As you all know Pat Henderson is standing down from the committee this time and we would like to thank her for her dedication and unstinted support. We would also like to welcome the members who have volunteered to join the committee for 2017, Pat Dent, Hazel Tickle, Hester Smithies, Clare Kenyon and Marie Malone. We look forward to welcoming your fresh ideas and input. Happy Birthday wishes go to Marilyn, Noma, Sheila, Pat Dent, Ann Leyland, Sue and Pat Henderson.

December we have the Christmas meal at Hindley Hall Golf Club which should be a pleasant festive finale. We apologise for the sudden change from silver service to carvery but the committee were concerned about complaints from members about being served cold food and we wanted maximum choice on the menu. Please remember that we have a 'Secret Santa' gift scheme to ensure that all members receive a token gift. If you could bring your donation, gift wrapped with a festive message and your name (so the recipient knows who to thank) on the night and put it in Santa's sack for distribution after the meal. Please don't spend more than £5 on the gift. There will also be 'post boxes' to enable members to exchange cards on the night.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT** Monday 12th December 2016 at Hindley Hall Golf Club 7 for 7.30pm until approx 10-10.30 pm.

### Last Meeting

**CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP** Anyone would have been forgiven for thinking they had entered a workplace on Monday 10th October as the WI meeting had somehow turned into a hive of activity as members took their turn at various workstations to push – pull – twist and sculpture everyday items - jam jars – felt – oranges into the most beautiful Christmas decorations! Add to that workshops showing how to make a snowman cake decoration, a crocheted decoration and a floral table



meeting such as this in the programme where the talents of our own members are shared with the membership is a definite bonus. The evening was complimented on by many members and yet more positive



centre. It was really good to see members chatting - helping and complimenting each other's 'creations' – too engrossed in their work to collect not only their tea and coffee but cakes! Seriously though, Aspull & Haigh WI are fortunate to have good speakers throughout the year who are greatly appreciated but to have a

comments via the google group site the following day.  
Helen

### Next Meeting

MONDAY 9th January 2017.  
Resolution Meeting; Discussing and debating the 'short list' for 2017 Resolution  
No Competition

### St. Elizabeth Fair

St. Elizabeth's are having a Fair this Saturday 12th Nov. at 11.30am.  
Cake stall, handicrafts, raffle, name the knitted dog and more, Also Hotpot lunches, if you are passing do call in.  
Mary

### A Winter's Tale

This Shakespeare play explores the torment of King Leones as he wrongly accuses his wife of adultery. It is a play of two halves, the first half evolved from a sombre and intense atmosphere full of angst, anger and arguments into a glimmer of hope as the men found the baby Perdita. The second half was full of humour, song and dance and the twist at the end left a feeling of happiness and hope for the future. It was an outstanding production with Leontes and Hermione playing excellent parts. The whole cast performed the music, song and dance sections brilliantly.

### LFWI Workshop



On Saturday 22nd October I attended a course at Croston House, in Leyland to make a Christmas candles appliqué wall hanging. Even though I didn't know any of the ladies beforehand, I was made to feel most welcome by their kindness. It



was a very enjoyable, relaxed day and Ann the tutor helped me to learn new skills in appliqué and in quilting, which I hadn't tried before. Unfortunately, the time ran away with me and I didn't complete my wall hanging on the day. I still have to complete the black bias binding on the silver bauble, then attach a border and quilted backing. I hope to achieve this in the next few days, so it's ready in time for Christmas.  
Clare Kenyon.

### Parbold Quiz

Nine ladies and two husbands transported ourselves to Parbold WI on the last Friday in September to support their fund-raising quiz consisting of Dingbats, Islands and General Knowledge. There was a half-time interval when "Pie and Pudding" was served at which time the raffle was drawn with Aspull and Haigh bringing home some goodies.

Our three teams all performed very well with one getting full marks in one of the rounds. Two or three of the questions could perhaps have been worded differently (ie what "job" has Jane

Garvey held since 2007 - rather than what "post" as we knew she presented Woman's Hour, but, assumed she must have a more prestigious title) which could have meant a first team placing at the end, rather than losing by half a point and coming joint second! Nevertheless, an enjoyable evening whilst helping our friends at the same time  
Glenda

### WLT Woman in White

A small group of us started our regular visits to Wigan Little Theatre for the new Season. The alterations to the venue are well underway and look very exciting. But to the night. It was a reminder of the place women had (or indeed didn't have in society) We could see her being given in marriage against her will just as she had realised what true love really was. Too late to change her mind, off she went on her honeymoon, with all of her bride's hopes and dreams. They were, as expected, shattered, and she returned a virtual prisoner. Who was the woman in white? Did she hold a way to freedom? Or was she mad? The plot twisted and turned and culminated in a fortuitous fire, but fortuitous for whom? I won't spoil the plot in case anyone is going at a later date. It was a good night with good company.  
Carole

### Theatre Group



**The Wind in the Willows** Sunday 6th November 2016 at Lowry Theatre Salford Quays. This was a new musical produced and based on the Novel by Kenneth Grahame. For those of you that have never heard of, or read the book, "The Wind in the Willows" was a popular story written many years ago with a number of central themes running through it about friendship, home, loyalty,



sticking with people through thick and thin, told and portrayed through animal characters, such as, mole, rat, badger, toad and other woodland creatures. All of these characters were brought to life on stage through the enthusiastic storytelling and singing by experienced actors /actresses wearing simplistic, colourful

animal costumes, imaginative props, sets and mechanical gismos were used to set the scene. Considering it was a new musical it was extremely well produced, presented and enjoyable to watch.

Joyce

## Quilting

Having alerted our quilters to the fact that Christmas is fast approaching we have all been making Christmas table runners with some so keen they are making matching placemats. Christmas stockings with some amazing designs are also planned I suspect that's because one of us has a super new machine that embroiders!!

Keen to learn more and come up with suggestions for us to make I am attending a quilt group set up by Standish WI run by an experienced quilter, who would welcome any of our ladies wishing to attend. It's only once a month, held in Tesco community room. I persuaded Pam Melling to come along and as you would expect she quickly grasped the idea and improved on it. Foundation pieced Christmas tree taught us a useful skill that will transfer to other projects and Christmas Bauble using fabric over polystyrene is fairly easy to do. We both felt we've learned by attending.

Pat

## Craft Group



We are now officially felted out but the robins will make unique decorations for Christmas. We will now revert back to our usual morning time of 10 – lunchtime and will concentrate on festive crafts. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. This Thursday we will be experimenting with different techniques to create jar lanterns.

Gill

## Lunch Club

### TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS

Truly Scrumptious was our choice of venue for the October Lunch Club. It is a tea-room situated in Aspull where we can be sure that the food is good and the service excellent. However, just as we were ordering lunch we were informed that white bread and bread rolls were not available. We were quite disappointed and thought there would be little choice for our meal - perhaps a plate of chips? - Not so – the staff served a veritable feast of wraps, soups and crab sandwiches. These were followed by the most delicious desserts i.e. Victoria Sandwich and Ginger Sponge cakes... which some of us took home - to eat later! The lunch club is a most enjoyable outing, giving the opportunity to sample meals or just cake and coffee in various tearooms/restaurants as we put the world to rights!

The Wagon and Horses has been suggested as a possible venue for November and hopefully the brand new restaurant if it is completed in time for December. Dates to be decided at the meeting tonight.

Helen

## Garden Gang

As you look outside at the weather you could be forgiven for not even considering gardening

It is I know when most of us "put the garden to bed" until warmer weather and the spring arrives. However there are still crops to harvest "down on the plot" Sprouts, kale, winter cabbage and salad leaves can be grown in a pot on the kitchen windowsill.

My husband is taking down the old greenhouse which he refurbished as a temporary measure with the intention of rebuilding ready for next year. This involves a lot of pass me, fetch me, carry me, work for me, but he's pleased that so far we've only broken one pane of glass. I will keep you informed of progress.

Any queries, suggestions for what to grow for next year welcomed. Our WI bed designed to show what could be achieved in a small space (7 different veg) did really well so look forward to next year. Manure ordered which will need to be wheelbarrowed if anyone fancies it. I kind of ordered this without telling Brian but he overheard Dorothy and I discussing it, Oh Oh!!! Where to put it as he needs space to store glass flat.

Ah well sure we've manage and it will help improve soil fertility.

## Singing Group

Everyone enjoys a good chorus and we are improving our musical skills each week. We warm up with a range of exercises and then cover a vast array of music from Bob Dylan, Carol King and the Eagles to a selection of Christmas carols. It's light hearted fun and gives you the feel good factor. Jean leads our group and we have just had the offer of a trained singer from Westhoughton to advance our singing techniques. So it's onwards and upwards in the New Year. We meet on a Thursday evening, all welcome!

Hazel and Sue

## Trips and Outings

A&HWI planned events

Wed 30 Nov season ticket holders WLT outing to Seasons Greetings comedy by Alan Ayckbourn

Panto Babes in the Wood WLT 6-21st January with matinees Sat 7, Sun 8, Sun 15

Nothing booked so this is for information only

Monday 14th December, Christmas meal at Hindley Hall Golf Club.

Thursday 15th December Clayton le Woods Carol concert, see Gill for transport.

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14th January Billy Elliot matinee all tickets taken

19th January Billy Elliot evening performance couple of seats available

29th January Educating Rita Octagon matinee

I have a list of names for those interested in last month's suggestions which were, Panto at WLT, Martin Mere and Powys Castle (next year) and will discuss with those interested when best to book these.

As ever suggestions welcome.

## NFWI News

Dates for your diary:

NFWI Annual Meeting will be held at the Echo Arena Liverpool on Wednesday 7th June 2017

## LFWI News

LFWI CALENDAR - 2018

PHOTO'S RIVERS AND WATERWAYS - Entries please...

Information November and January meetings.

Closing date: Monday 16th January 2017

LFWI CALENDAR – 2018

RECIPES & TOP TIPS – Entries please...

Closing date: Monday 20th February 2017.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held at the Floral Hall, Southport on Wednesday 8th March '2017.

ACWW: There will be table-top sale on Sat. 8th April '17

@ Barton Village Hall 10.00-4.00 proceeds to ACWW

Contact Elaine Cuzner 01257 452534 for further info.

COUNTY SHOW will be held on 27th & 28th September '17

## Dates for your diary from LFWI

SOUNDING BRASS - WHITWORTH VALE & HEALEY BAND

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

Venue: The Great Hall, Rochdale Town Hall OL16 1AB

Admittance: £10. Closing date: Thursday 9th November '16.

## Dates for your Diary 2017

GLASS FUSING WORKSHOP

Date: Wednesday 18th or Saturday 21st January 2017

Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland PR26 6TU

Cost: £18 plus £42 for materials to pay on the day.

Closing date: Thursday 5th January 2017.

FEDERATION FUN QUIZ - to take place on Mon. 7th Jan '17.

Venue: Over Hulton Conservative Club or Parbold WI Hall

CREATIVE WRITING COURSE

Date/s: Thursday 9th February '17 or Saturday 11th February '17

Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland 10.00 – 3.30pm.

Cost £18. Closing date: Monday 16th January 2017.

GAMES EVENING

Wednesday 15th February '17 @ Barton Village Hall, Preston

Time 7.30pm. Cost £5.50 each including refreshments

Closing date: Wednesday 18th January 2017.

WORKSHOPS:

TREASURERS - PRESIDENTS - SECRETARIES

Treasurers: 7th or 28th January '17. Presidents: 4th or 8th Feb '17

Secretaries: 1st - 11th March '17.

Various closing dates – More info. NOVEMBER MEETING or

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## November

### 2016



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