

Hello everyone, its August already, the sun continues to shine and despite the levels of our reservoirs the hose pipe ban was lifted. Many of you are on granny duties as August is the time of the school holidays, which always make me reminisce about my childhood. I often think that in these fast changing times I should make notes for my own children about my childhood, not that it was exceptional, it was probably much the same as yours, but it was so different to what our children and our grandchildren experience. We are the custodians of the past, yet I think we are losing out on ensuring the voice of the past is heard to the electronic voice of the here and now. Our games were hopscotch, hide and seek – still popular as I found two youngsters hiding in the front garden only last week, my intolerant territorial side warring with a smile to see the innocence of young children playing. Our toys were balls, two balls, often bounced on a neighbourhood end terrace, poor tolerant souls hearing the constant beat of balls against the wall. How many of you had a kite each year made from sticks and brown paper or newspaper. Our landscape had more chimneys, our two weeks of shut down when town centres were deserted, all the shops closed except, of course, Woolworths. Our week at the seaside, Blackpool, Rhyl or Morecambe staying in a bed and breakfast. What do you remember, do you tell people your memories, maybe we should write these things down to pass on to others, so that the next generation of women can add their memories. Perhaps something we could do in the long winter evenings and put all our writings together to hand on down to the next generation of Aspull and Haigh WI ladies. Hester

It is with sadness that I write to inform members that Val Bennet, a much loved former member of our WI died on 30 June 18. Members past and present attended her funeral on Friday 13 July'18.

Last Meeting

The meeting in July was our Cream Tea evening. Tables decorated with wildflowers, which raised a substantial donation for ACWW, and pretty napkins gave the room a country feel. We were treated to scones, cream and jam along with strawberries and lashings of tea.



Some of our ladies took part in a game of walking netball, split into two teams we made our way to the field. What transpired was an energetic, half hour! Everyone joined in, in high spirits and an excess of competitive fervour...however... how difficult it was not to run! Backwards and forwards with much hilarity and more than a little cheating we had great fun. Who knows what the score was, or even where the goals were as several members found ways to conceal or even steal them. The game was a great success with plans to have another game. The ladies not playing netball enjoyed a quiz in the hall, so all in all we all experienced an unusual and extremely enjoyable evening! Pat Dent

Competition Results



“Wildflower Arrangement in a Jam Jar”.
1st Gill Brown
2nd Ruth Blakeman
3rd Norma Walker

Next Meeting

Monday 10th August. 'Malayian Festivals'. A talk by Chandra Law Competition; Make a decorative paper lantern to be displayed with a battery tea light.

A&H WI Fundraising Afternoon Tea



This year's Garden Party took place at the end of July on a beautiful, sunny and very hot afternoon. Ladies from Aspull and Haigh and a number of WIs enjoyed a cream tea with sandwiches, cakes and scones. To start proceedings everyone enjoyed a glass of Pimms. Set amongst the flowers in Gill Brown's garden, the tables were adorned with pretty flowers and tablecloths, with the teas served

on colourful three tiered stands. To complete there was tea in abundance served from a myriad of flowery tea pots.

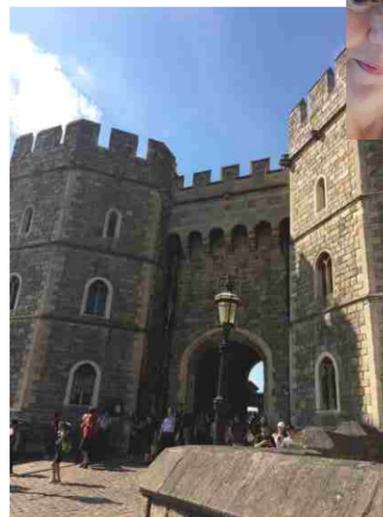
A lot of hard work, from helpers on the day and all concerned, went into making hundreds of sandwiches, baking and donating cakes, serving drinks, collecting money and generally making sure the guests were happy and well fed! A raffle and bring and buy sale were popular with guests, all resulting in the day being a grand success! Pat Dent

RHS Flower Show

Hampton Court Palace, 6th to 8th July. After a rocky start to the day when the coach was at the church instead of the hall, then a long delay at Lymm services waiting for a minibus connection of other people joining the trip, we set off down the M6.



The beautiful town of Windsor with its glorious castle steeped in history was our first visit where we had a couple of hours to wander the town and Thames. Some even managed a trip around the town on a horse and



carriage! On arrival at the hotel at Heathrow we got our room keys, although there was a rocky start here too as poor Hazel, Pat and the coach driver did not have rooms! This was soon sorted out and we all settled into our rooms before the evening meal. Saturday was the big day, a full day at the RHS Flower Show and how lovely it was! There were beautiful displays of flowers, plants and garden designs. Lots of stalls and tents selling

garden equipment and giving talks and demonstrations. There were plenty of places to eat and drink and places to refill water bottles for free, which was a blessing as it was 32 degrees on the day! Some people also visited Hampton Court Palace and some made a few purchases from the stalls. It was a lovely day enjoyed by all. On Sunday, after packing our cases for home, we boarded the coach for our morning at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. Kew's Arboretum covers the majority of the gardens and is a living collection of the finest tree specimens. There is a Treetop walkway providing a bird's-eye view of the trees and of Kew Gardens. There is a spectacular Temperate House housing 10,000 plants in the world's biggest Victorian glasshouse! There's also a Palm House, Bonsai House, Alpine House with Rock Garden, the Princess of Wales conservatory housing cacti, orchids and a chameleon! There is also The Great Pagoda and a Japanese gateway with a Zen garden. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit but with so much to see and so little time, it was impossible to see everything, so another trip maybe? The journey home was very comfortable with no traffic hold-ups and we all arrived back feeling that we'd had a great time all with our individual tales to tell of a wonderful weekend away! Gill Davies

Trentham Gardens

Trentham gardens has a lot to offer in all seasons for people of all ages. This summer the gardens had obviously suffered because of the lack of rain but even so the layout of the Italian garden, as seen from the Upper flower garden was absolutely spectacular. The wild flower meadow schemes were beautiful and it is amazing that they flourish without being invaded by thistles and weeds. They were also colourful and lush despite the heatwave. The perfume of some of the David Austin Roses in the border by the Trellis walk was seductive and we all commented on how good our own roses have been this year. The show gardens were worth a wander

through but again suffering from the extreme weather. We enjoyed a peaceful boat trip on the mile long lake and a more eventful return trip on the little steam train back. Well done



Marie for clambering on with the rest of us! Trentham Gardens is a work in progress. Firstly the charity that runs it, St Mogdwans, is reclaiming the many hectares of land on the estate and restoring the

formal gardens. Hopefully they will then be able to raise the three million pounds needed to restore Trentham Hall and the orangery to its former glory. There is so much potential there. There are surprises around every corner at Trentham; fairies, wood sculpture, otter and bird hides to name but a few. Of course no day is complete without a little retail therapy and it was great to browse around the independent shops in the shopping village before the epic journey home! Ruth Blakeman

Theatre Group

One man, Two Govnors

This is a fast-paced hilarious farce that follows the mixed fortunes of Francis Henshall, played by Paul Leffler, down on his luck and permanently hungry who finds himself employed by 2 bosses. His first is Roscoe Crabbe, a revered London gangster, who had come to Brighton to reclaim money owed to him by his fiancée's father Charlie Clench.

It soon becomes clear that Roscoe is, in fact, his twin sister Rachel Crabbe in disguise. Roscoe was killed by Rachel's boyfriend Stanley Stubbers and she wants the money to flee the country with Stanley. Unfortunately for Francis his second boss is Stanley who does not know that Rachel is in Brighton. Stanley is hiding from the police waiting to be reunited with Rachel.

To prevent discovery and earn money from his two guvnors, Francis must keep Rachel and Francis apart. To aid him in his work Stanley frequently enlists the help of members of the audience and brings some of them onto the stage, which causes an almost pantomime situation.

The play is very funny and some of Stanley's antics cause great hilarity. But all's well that ends well and Francis finally gets a good meal.

There was a large cast too many to name them all but Stanley was played by Neil Brogan and Roscoe/Rachel by Joyce Hope. There was also a splendid little cameo as a waiter appeared with a meal for the ever hungry Francis. He appeared on stage and was just like Mrs Apron the waitress in Acorn Antiques dithering along and almost spilling the meal. It was hilarious. He was played by Niall Wilkinson. An excellent performance. Marie M.

Cinema Group

The July film was Mama Mia Here We Go Again and everyone found it totally uplifting. It is much better than the first film and the Abba music weaves well around the story of before and after Donna went to Greece. It fills in the gaps from the original story and definitely complements it Lily James from Downton Abbey and the Guernsey potato pie film played an excellent Donna and proved to be a great singer. Julie Walters lightened her parts with a touch of comedy which worked really well, and the entrance by

Cher at the end was fantastic. She is still a great singer even if her dancing is a bit wooden. It is filmed on the island of Vis in Croatia and the scenery is absolutely stunning with the most gorgeous sunsets and fantastic views from the boats. We always sit at the back and Doreen Kay got all of our group up dancing at the end of the show to Super Trooper. I think we would have liked to dance throughout the whole performance if we could. Ruth had mentioned that there was an out take after the credits and so we all stayed behind as they cleaned the cinema around us. It was quite an amusing scene so worth the wait. I must admit I enjoyed the film so much that I went to see it again a couple of days later and I have ordered the CD. Hazelxx

Bowling for Fun

Bowling has been very popular this season, probably thanks to the wonderful sunshine. This has burned the green and made it very fast and difficult to judge the pace, well that's our excuse for any inaccurate ends! It has been a pleasure to enjoy the golden summer and good company. Mary is hoping to arrange a bowling trip to Rivington green before the end of the season.

Gill



which entailed lots of hammering and really



messy gluing; thank goodness the warm weather meant we could work outside! Sensibly we made time for tea and cake before the glue made an appearance.

Gill

Trips and Outings

Here's some info on upcoming trips that you might be interested in. We will have the names lists out at the meeting for various events.

On Wednesday 5th September we are going on the Harris Museum at Preston. We have a 45 minute tour of the fine arts department and then a tour of the famous Egyptology balcony. The cost is only £4 per person and we will be travelling by train to Preston. If you prefer to travel by car then you can meet us in Preston. We will catch a train at 10.38 at Wigan North Western arriving at 10.51 and then have a look around Preston including lunch before meeting at the Harris at 1.20pm. Mikron Travelling theatre Group 1st October at Leyland Hall "Revolting Women" play by this very versatile group.

Thursday 11th October is the Pankhurst House in Manchester and then lunch at the Whitworth Art Gallery and a self-guided tour of the exhibitions.

Saturday 17th November is our Tyrers coach trip to Llandudno. Wednesday 5th December we go to Bents for some pre-Christmas retail therapy and lunch.

We are hoping to go on a one day Tyrers trip to the RHS Chatsworth Flower Show around 6th June 2019. The price will be approx £46 to £50 payable at the November meeting.

We are also planning a 3 or 4 day coach trip in the summer of 2019 instead of the Edinburgh Tattoo trip.

Hoping there's something there to interest you and we look forward to seeing you!! If you need further details about any of the trips just ask us!

Hazel and Pat xxxx



Happy Birthday to Margaret Halliwell who has a birthday this month.

Art Group



Having been going over a year

the art group is a thriving group of around nine or ten ladies who are all developing their art. Over the months we have used acrylics, watercolour, pastels both soft and oil based, and now at least one member is experimenting with coloured pencils. We have painted sunsets, landscapes and seascapes, flowers and done perspective drawing, getting rows of cottages to march into the distance. Over the next few weeks we are going to go back to watercolours and do some tutorials and expand our subject matter. I really enjoy our art class often with an appearance from Father Kevin with some lively banter, our cup of tea, or coffee, comments on work and, what is lovely to see, people helping each other with materials and advice. When we started only one or two people had their own art materials but now with more confidence members are buying materials so they can work at home as well as once a fortnight at the group. Some of the group put in paintings last year at the regional show, and more have decided to enter this year. Good luck ladies. I'm looking forward to seeing the entries for the art classes at this year's show, some interesting classes, an abstract entitled Colours of Africa, a watercolour of Out of Africa and a painting entitled Sunset. It should certainly be a colourful art competition. Hester

Craft Group

After the success of the bags and Elderflower cordial sold at the garden party we are continuing to amass items to sell at the Friends of Haigh event. Fabric flowers have been made to adorn girl's hair slides and hair bands. Wool hearts are the latest item

NFWI News

ANNUAL RAFFLE Tickets available. Cl date 5 Oct '18.

ANNUAL MEETING will be 5th June '19 @ Bournemouth More details nearer time

BOARD TRUSTEES: Nomination form - See Helen

RESOLUTION SUBMISSION: Form available - See Helen

LFWI News

LFWI CENTENARY COOKERY BOOK 2020. Info @ meetings

LFWI CALENDAR 2020 participation - See info. @ meetings.

Dates for your diary from LFWI

CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW '18 to be held at on Wednesday 26 + Thursday 27th September '18 @ 'Best Western Hotel, Garstang PR3 1YE. Payment @ door £5

LFWI FEDERATION Future date for your diary:

QUIZ AD HOC:

Monday 28th January 2019 from 7.30 - 10.00 @ selected venues. Information at August/September meetings Closing date: Monday 29th October 2018.

Workshops:

ROUND ROBIN TASTER DAY @ Leyland Offices on Thur. 11 - Fri - 12 - or Sat. 13 October '18 @ 10.30-3.30. Cost £20 - plus £6 materials on day. Bring a packed lunch Closing date: Thursday 6 September '18.

CHRISTMAS WILLOW WEAVING @ Leyland Office.

FRIDAY 9TH November - 2D Christmas Tree, Wreaths + Stars.

SUNDAY 18th November - Reindeer. Time: 10.00 - 3.30 Cost £20 plus £15 materials. Closing date 18 October '18.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING @ Leyland Office on

Friday 7th + Saturday 8th December '18. 10.00 to 3.30 Cost £20 (plus £8.50 for all materials - pay on day)

Lunches:

'ROAD TO CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW' with Nick Bailey on Tuesday 16 October '18 @ Hallmark Hotel, Leyland Time: 12 for 12.30. Cost £26. Cl. date: 17 September '18

'LITERARY LUNCH' with Jo Baker on Thursday 22 Nov '18.

@ Mytton Fold Hotel, Langho, Blackburn BB6 8AB. 12 for 12.30. Cost 25. Closing date: Thur. 18 October '18.

Outings

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM on Wed. 17 Oct '18 Cost £18. Coaches to leave Leyland only @ 8.00. Closing date 13 September '18.

Public affairs:

RAISING AWARENESS - Wills, Probate etc. @ Leyland Office on Wed. 24 October '18 - 6.30 - 8.30. Cost £4 Closing date Wednesday 19th September '18.

INTERNATIONAL DAY - POLAND - Friday 16 Nov '18.

Venue: Samlesbury War Memorial Hall, Walton-le-Dale @ 10.00 for 10.30 start until 3.30pm. Cost £20 which includes buffet lunch tea + coffee. Cl. date 18th Oct '18.

A TRADITIONAL LANCASHIRE DAY - Tue 27th Nov '18. @

Brindle Community Hall, Brindle PR6 9NH. Cost £8 Closing date Monday 29th October '18.



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