

Greetings everyone, isn't the year slipping past us. It is now officially autumn, children are back in school and the nights are drawing in. Summer went by in glorious weather, yet already it seems so long ago. This autumn we are beginning to get ready for the Christmas party which will be at San Marco. Before that though our second fundraiser is on 16th September when it is the 1940's celebration run by The Friends of Haigh Woodland Park. Last year was cold, wet and windy, let us hope we have better weather this year for it. Gill Brown has been making lots of lovely craft items to sell so come along and see, and hopefully buy, some of the lovely items or take part by being one of our sellers or cake, biscuit, card and jam makers. As well as the 1940's day we have the regional Craft and Produce show with the theme of Out of Africa on September 26th and 27th. If you have not been before it is well worth the trip to see the work that members up and down the county have produced. Some of our ladies have entered the show again this year and I wish them good luck with their entries. Back to thoughts of autumn, that 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' as Keats so delightfully described it, it is time to start chutney making, picking up knitting, or thinking of making craft items as presents for those around us. Nothing is nicer than something home made to give to one another as one year fades into the next. So make the most of the dull, rainy days to come and enjoy being cosy in the longer dark evenings.

Hester

## Remembrance Wreath



This year we have been invited to take part in the procession and service at the cenotaph in Aspull on Sunday 11th November. We thought it would be fitting to make a wreath utilising all our WI skills. The various groups will be incorporating poppy making in their sessions but we would like as many members as

possible to join in. If you would like to make a poppy it needs to be no smaller than 2" diameter and no larger than 4" diameter. It can be in any medium as long as it can withstand the British weather. So please get knitting, sewing, beading, crafting, crocheting. All poppies need to be completed by mid-October to give us time to fill the wreath. Some poppies may be used as broaches on the day but all flowers will be used to commemorate those who selflessly gave their lives in wars to the present day.

Gill

## Last Meeting



The last meeting was a talk given by the volunteers at Fur Klempt, the group of people who collect foodstuffs which are not perfect to be used in their cafe, or distributed in the area. Quite often a single item on a pallet may be damaged and is not economically viable to remove it so the whole load would be wasted.

Fur Clemt is part of the global 'Real Junk Food' movement. The organisation is dedicated to reducing edible wasted food reaching landfill, by collecting it from suppliers and making it available to the community through its cafes, food outlets and food sharing systems.

Did you know that Fur Clemt is the local dialect for 'Very Hungry'? An apt name for their cafes!

We listened to an interesting talk which gave us some

background and information about the huge wastage by supermarkets and indeed everyone when it comes to food, hopefully encouraging us to think about what we throw away and where it ends up!

Pat Dent

## Competition Results

"A Verse in dialect about Food".

1st Ann Dickinson

2nd Gill Brown

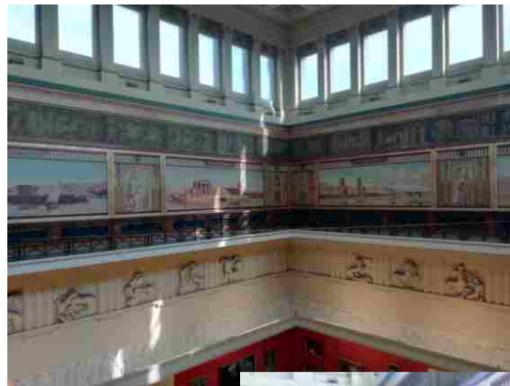
3rd Malene Winwood

## Next Meeting

Monday 8th October. 'Chocolate – from Bean to Bar'. A talk by Josie Morris

Competition; Decorate a bar of chocolate or a small chocolate cake.

## Trip to Preston



On Wednesday morning nine ladies made our way to Preston via Wigan railway station. We had booked two guided tours at Preston's Harris Museum; one of the Fine Arts

on display and the other of the Egyptian Gallery.

The plan was to indulge in a bit of retail therapy and lunch at Wetherspoons before making our way to the museum early afternoon; the best-laid plans



of mice and men...

The train was delayed so the retail therapy was out. On our way to Wetherspoons we saw a redundant church that has just been turned into a beautiful French restaurant, or bistro, if you want to be 'au fait' with the modern vernacular. In we all went and it must be said that we had a lovely meal, but the service was very slow, which meant that some of us had to forego the sweet course - and even then we had to make a mad rush to the museum.

After an enjoyable and informative tour we had time enough for tea and cake before making our way home.

Marlene

## New Games Group

Thursday September 20th is the first games afternoon from 2pm until 4pm at Our Lady's meeting room. We are hoping to run this monthly on the third Thursday of the month on 20th September, 18th October and 15th November. Scrabble, Rummikub, Cluedo, Monopoly, Dominoes and Beetle will all be available. It will be £2.00 per session. A great opportunity to catch up with friends in the winter months

## New Aspull Amblers

Tuesday 9th October at 10.00 am will be the first of our monthly walks with our new WI group the Aspull Amblers.

Other dates before Christmas are Tuesday 6th November and Tuesday 4th December. Well behaved dogs are welcome Hoping to see you, everyone welcome!

Hazel and Pat xx

## Lunch Group

Truly Scrumptious was our venue for lunch on Friday 24th August and as per usual the meal was lovely! Although we visit various cafes and restaurants during the year, all of which are really good; Truly's is still a special place to visit. The food is delicious, the staff friendly and customers often join in with us to 'catch up' on local events in the area.

Members meet up once a month, and you would be more than welcome to join us. Details are available at every meeting. Helen

## Art Group

August was a very quiet month for the art club, as our second meeting should have been on bank holiday Monday. What a disaster our one and only meeting was. I thought I would do a watercolour class using a technique to paint a butterfly that I had done with some success previously. Took along the watercolour paints, and one person asked for acrylics because she was part way through a lovely painting she was doing of a boat. For once I had not taken all our equipment, disaster number one. Then came the class – oh dear, my painting was far from successful, and if mine was bad then those who were trying to follow my steps had no chance of getting a good result. Somehow no matter how we tried to rescue our paintings it went wrong. My apologies to everyone who was there. My only rescue came when tea and biscuits were served, at least the tea was good (it wasn't me making the tea). We put our attempts up to look at them and I don't think anyone took a photo! Watercolour is one of the hardest mediums to do well and for all of us it was a step too far. Back to our acrylics, pastels and coloured pencils in future. Maybe this tale of woe will inspire some of you to come along and try your hand at art, and to further inspire you - the ladies who went to Preston to the Harris museum and art gallery took this photo to add to our writeup.

Hester



## Bowling Group

Just a few points of interest.

This year four new members joined so we currently have fourteen members who bowl regularly. The green at Aspull is free to use but we were approached by the Aspull Bowling Club who maintain the green and negotiated a fee of £30 for their funds. Our aim is to have fun as well as some exercise with some talking, needless to say I think we did achieve all three in varying degrees. The glorious weather has been a boom and we have been bowling from May until the end of August, but now our bowling season is coming to an end. We hope to have a final game at Rivington green weather permitting. Then it is all change to indoor bowling for winter.

Mary.

## Craft Group



Still keeping to the theme of 'Craft to Sell' we embarked on creating covers for scrap pads to sell at Friends of Haigh event. We sprayed shaving foam into a flat

dish then dribbled in poster paints and dragged cocktail sticks through, much like marbling. Card is then put on the top to soak up the paint. Once the foam is scraped off the pattern is revealed. A bit messy but very therapeutic.

Gill

## Quilting Group

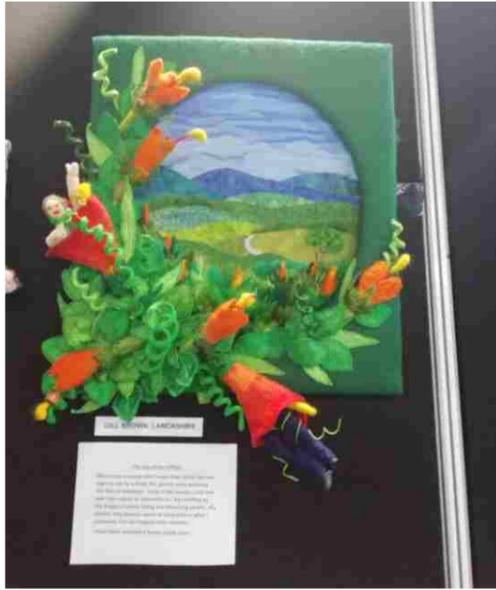


Those with an interest in Quilting and those who support us still meet regularly. Our newest recruit Carol McFadden made a King size quilt as a wedding gift for her son, which she entered in the novice class at The Festival of Quilts held annually at the NEC in Birmingham. This quilt made from a pattern I brought back from America had tiny squares in nine patch blocks with a Flying Geese border. The four corner blocks held fabric from bride's mother, grooms mother and grandmother (sadly passed away before wedding) A lovely tribute to the 4 women.

Stunning piece of work which everyone who saw it at show loved. Unfortunately the judges didn't rate it as highly. Hopefully she won't be put off and consider entering again next year.  
Pat Henderson

## Craft Fair at Event City

A visit to the craft fair at Event City gave us the opportunity to see Gill Brown's art work which was on display. Entitled the 'Day of the Triffids', it depicts Gill's experience as a child happening upon the film and her dismay at witnessing the mayhem! It's obvious that a lot of hard work went into its creation and it was justly displayed along with other art works for everyone to admire  
Pat



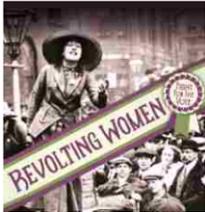
## Knitting Together

The knitting group will resume on Tuesday 18th September, 2:00 – 4:00pm at Our Lady's RC Church meeting room, Haigh Road, Aspull. The group will be held fortnightly thereafter.

All are welcome to join in for a very relaxed and sociable afternoon of knitting and chatting over a cup of tea and plenty of biscuits. Bring along your knitting or crocheting projects, knitters of all abilities attend so there's always advice on hand should you need it.  
Gill Davies

## Trips and Outings

WLT Wednesday 12th September. The History Boys.



Mikron Travelling theatre Group  
1st October at Leyland Hall  
"Revolt Women" another play by this very versatile group based around the suffragette movement.

Thursday 11th October is a trip to the Whitworth Gallery and the Pankhurst House with lunch. We will take the 10.23 am train from Wigan North Western to Manchester Oxford Road and then taxis to the Emily Pankhurst House. It's only a very short walk from there to the Whitworth for lunch and a self-guided tour.

Friday 12th October is the Cliff Richard live screening at the Vue Cinema at 8.00pm.

Thursday October 25th is the Bohemian Rhapsody film at the Vue Cinema at 8pm.

Saturday 17th November is our Tyrers trip to Llandudno and the Christmas market.

Wednesday 5th December is our trip to Bents for some pre-Christmas retail therapy and lunch.

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 xxxxx

## NFWI News

ANNUAL RAFFLE: Tickets still available...  
Closing date 5 October '18.

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

CELEBRATING: 100 Years of WI Resolutions. See Postcards on table @ September meeting.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE:  
How to make WI Friendship Flowers. Instructions on table at September meeting.

RESOLUTION 2018: 'Mental Health Matters'  
Booklet from National on table at September meeting. A year on from 'End Plastic Soup' resolution we reflect.. The campaign calls on Government and industry to develop solutions to reduce the amount of micro-plastic fibres entering our oceans. Micro-plastic fibres are shed from synthetic clothing when laundered & pose a health risk to marine life. See leaflet @ September meeting.

## 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

CHRISTMAS WILLOW WEAVING @ Leyland Office on FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER: 2D Christmas Tree, Wreaths & Stars

SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER: Reindeer - 10.00–3.30 both days. Cost £20 + £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)

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.

## Lunches:

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

LITERARY LUNCH with Jo Baker on Thursday 22 Nov '18 @ Mytton Fold Hotel, Langho, Blackburn BB6 8AB. Cost £25  
Time: 12.00 for 12.30 Closing date: Thur. 18 October '18.

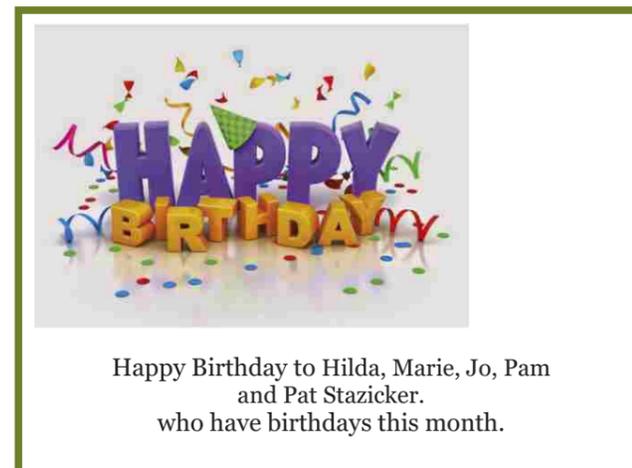
## Public affairs:

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY – POLAND on Friday 16 November '18  
@ Samlesbury War Memorial Hall, Walton-le-Dale. 10.00 for 10.30 start - 3.30. Cost £20 incl. buffet lunch, tea/coffee.  
Closing date 18 October '18.

TRADITIONAL LANCASHIRE DAY: Tue 27 November '18 @ Brindle Community Hall, Brindle PR6 9NH. Cost £8.  
Closing date: Monday 29 October '18.

My son is running to raise money for Macmillan nurses at the Great North Run. He's never done anything like this before. If you wish to donate, please go to his Just Giving page, Phil Thomas Great North Run 2018, or you can type the address below in your internet browser  
[www.justgiving.com/Phil-Thomas310773?utm\\_id=121](http://www.justgiving.com/Phil-Thomas310773?utm_id=121)  
Thanks so much  
Anne Couchman



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