

January 2019

Goodbye 2018 and hello 2019! I really am struggling with the change of year, luckily I haven't had to write the date on anything yet. May I wish you all a very Happy New Year. 2019 is going to be quite a busy year, we have the Beacon group meeting in April, which we will be hosting. For those who are new or who haven't been to a Beacon meeting it is a social occasion where members of four different WIs get together to have fun, meet old friends and make new friends. Last year was hosted by Heaton WI where we were entertained by a singer with dancing and buffet in the interval. More information of what we will be doing as we host the meeting will be available nearer the time. As well as the Beacon group meeting some of our members will be off to Rouen in Normandy for a short break in March and members are already starting to put their names down for a trip to Chatsworth for the RHS show there in June. Apart from these trips no doubt there will be other outings during the year as well as all our other interest groups taking place. For those of you who may be interested – the Chinese New Year starts on February 5th, which is the start of an eleven day Spring Festival, so spring is sooner than you think. This year will be the Year of the Pig, a symbol of wealth so may I wish you a wealth of happiness, success and health.
Hester

Last Meeting

November meeting AGM

Our Annual meeting was held in November. The evening opened with a 'Fish and Chip Supper' with profits going to charity. The new committee were voted in with the welcome return of Pat Henderson. Doreen, Pam and Gill B retired from the committee, they were presented with a book voucher as a token of appreciation. Hester was returned unopposed as President.
Gill B

Christmas Party



Our Christmas meal this year took place at The Hawthorns where we enjoyed a festive evening of fun and laughter. The meal was delicious and the venue decorated to impress. Along with the usual raffles and prizes we had a visit from Mother Christmas with a bag full of goodies to be shared amongst the ladies present.

Our entertainment for the evening took the form of a singalong led by Marie along with the regular Singing for Fun group. Carols and Christmas songs to begin with ending with a Mamma Mia medley which encouraged us to get on the dance floor all adding fun!

Our visitors from other WIs appeared to enjoy the evening with feedback being extremely positive. All in all a great night out! Here's to our next 'bit of a do'!
Pat Dent

Next Meeting

Monday; 11th February 'The Blood Bikers'.

Competition; Bikes – a photo, or a written memory of bikes and biking. Did you have a bike as a child that you remember fondly or fell off?

Christmas Markets in Llandudno



Llandudno was the destination for our Christmas outing this year. Setting off on a sunny day we were looking forward to a walk along the prom and a mooch around the Christmas Markets. Lots of lovely stalls



awaited with everything on sale from cheeses jam, chutneys and other goodies to crafts and carvings from all over the world.

Leaving the market we ventured into town for lunch and a walk along a very blowy prom to the pier. We braved the wind and waves with a stroll on the beach.



festive tinsel!!! A grand day out!
Pat Dent

Aspull Amblers

The Aspull Amblers walk was held on 4 th December at 1.30 pm, we met up at Rivington



Top barn car park then we ambled along a route towards Liverpool castle. The castle, incidentally, was planned to be a replica of the ruin of Liverpool castle that was demolished for city regeneration. The original castle stood in the area near where the Liverpool One shopping centre currently stands. Lord Leverhulme did not invest a lot of time into building the replica ruin and it was not finished before his death and no further work was ever commissioned to complete it. From Liverpool Castle we walked along the shoreline path of Rivington reservoir to the lower barn where we had delicious tea and cake before returning to the top car park. Altogether we completed 4 miles, which was twice the distance that I had planned but we did take a slightly different route! Everyone enjoyed the walk, especially the dogs as they had lots of

The rolling waves beckoned but no one was persuaded to partake of a watery interlude. Although it has to be said that some of our ladies were itching for a dip! Llandudno was an unusual choice for a Christmas Market outing but one that everyone is enjoyed. A mixture of sun, sea, sand, wind and

fun playing together and getting very muddy! As January and February can be very cold months, the next Aspull Amblers walk will be held in March, details to be provided nearer the time. Please consider joining us, it is a very enjoyable and sociable event where you can get fitter while having fun!
Gill D

Art Group

Late November and our December meetings went by very fast, at least one person was busy painting a Christmas present and it was touch and go as to whether it would be finished in time. She has now been asked for a second painting so her Christmas present was well received. In our December meeting we painted 4 inch square white tiles with porcelain paints. We had great fun doing these. Everyone painted two and surprisingly it took the full two hours. The results can be seen in the photo.



We had intended to have a Christmas party along with the knitting group but sadly our room had been booked, but as we had such a good time painting tiles at the previous session I don't think we were too worried about not having a party as well. The art group have come on by leaps and bounds, the work being produced just gets better and better which just proves the old saying that practice makes perfect. We have a strong core of members with a minimum of six on rare occasions but mostly eight or more at meetings. We use lots of different media, from watercolour and pencil through to acrylics and inks. Hopefully this year we will have our first art exhibition which I hope lots of you will visit.
Hester

Craft Group

We finished the year with a flourish managing to fit in session's right up to Christmas week. There was the opportunity to make sewn Christmas cards, rustic wreaths made from pine cones and card printing. The final morning we had mulled wine and mince



pies in front of the fire before making natural wreaths using plenty of Holly, Ivy and Spruce. A very festive end to the year.
Gill B

Knitting Together

The knitting group is a very relaxed and sociable afternoon of knitting and chatting over a cup of tea and biscuits. All are welcome and you don't



have to be an expert knitter! If you want to learn to knit, there are people with various skill levels who can help you to get started. Held fortnightly on Tuesdays at

Our Lady's RC Church, this month's dates are: 22nd January and 5th February at 2:00pm. Cost is £2.00 to cover the room and refreshments. Hope to see you there!

Gill Davies

Lunch Group

In November we visited the Waggon and Horses for lunch. We had heard that it was under new management. The food was good, fairly priced and plentiful. Marie ordered the Club sandwich and had to nearly dislocate her jaw to eat it and a doggy bag was required after eating just half. We had a very pleasant meal despite the miserable attitude of the waiter who behaved as though we were disturbing his peace and quiet which left us feeling a 'little' disappointed. December we intended to go to Birkacre for lunch but they were fully booked. We eat at the Country Park opposite which was



mediocre. We then went to garden centre to admire the Christmas decorations. We were entranced from the minute we arrived and were entertained by the singing reindeers. We peeped through the windows at the magic village, watched the jazz band, admired the life size sleeping dog and eventually the penguin choir. It was magical designed to entertain children of all ages from 1 – 91years. We treated ourselves to tea and cake and eventually left feeling very festive.

Gill B

Singing for Fun

Hello Singers, We will start our sessions again next Wednesday. Our first session will be relaxed and we will have a bit of a 'do'. Drinks and nibbles and music.

All are welcome. Love Marie xx

Trips and Events

Join us for Ten Pin Bowling at Hollywood Bowl on the Middlebrook on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 11.00am. We play two games and the price is £6.49 payable on the day. We will meet every two weeks until Easter on Tues 29 Jan, 12 Feb, 26 Feb, 12 March, 26 March, 9th April.

Thursday 17th Jan is our next Games Afternoon at Our Ladies Meeting Room, 2.00pm. Rummikub, Scrabble and Dominoes are on offer if you would like to join us for lots of laughs and light hearted fun. We also have some very competitive players if you would like to test your skills. We will meet monthly until Easter on Thursday 28th February and Thursday 28th March.

We are going on a four day David Ogden trip to Rouen, Honfleur and the Normandy coast on Friday 22nd March.

Tyrers are running a trip to the RHS Flower Show at Chatsworth on Thursday 8th June. The cost is £45 and we will collect the money at the February meeting.

Hazel and Patxx

NFWI News

104th ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Bournemouth International Centre on Wednesday 5th June, 2019. If anyone interested in attending – Observer tickets on sale @ £20 – Closing date: Monday 28th Jan'19.

Dates for your diary from LFWI

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING to be held at Southport Theatre on Thursday 14th March 2019
Doors open 9.30. Meeting commences 10.45 – 3.30.
Speakers: Edwina Currie + Sir Ralph Fiennes.
Admittance Tickets 15 + Lunch £8 if required.
Closing date: Wednesday 20th February 2019.

WORKSHOPS: Presidents – Secretaries + Treasurers 2019.
Treasurers: Saturday 9th February or Wednesday 6th Mar'19.
Presidents: Wednesday 13th February or Saturday 16th Feb.'19
Secretaries: Wednesday 27th February or Saturday 2nd Mar.'19
Closing date for all workshops: Wednesday 23rd January 2019.

ZEN Embroidery Workshop: 10.00 – 3.30 on Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd February 2019 @ Leyland Office.
Cost £20 + £2 materials. Closing date: 24th January'19.

LUNCH @ Oak Royal Golf & Country Club with Jen Williams Retired Detective Superintendent speaking on 'Dry Bones'
Date: Wednesday 20th February @ 12 for 12.30 Price £20.
Closing date: Thursday 24th January 2019.

WORKSHOP: Needle Felting @ LFWI Office, Tutor Lisa Moore.
Friday 8th March or Saturday 9th March 2019. Cost £20
Time: 10 to 3.30. Closing date: Thursday 14 February 2019

EXCURSION to 'World of Wedgwood' Tuesday 26th March'19
Cost £25. Closing date: Thursday 21st February 2019.

WORKSHOP:
SUMINAGASHI PAPER MARBLING + BOOKBINDING
Venue: Leyland Offices - Friday 12th April or Sat 13th April'19
10.00 to 3.30. Cost £20 plus materials.
Closing date: Thursday 7th March'19.

SHOWTIPS
'Good beginnings mean happy endings for the County Show'
Dates and Venus:
Saturday 6th April – LFWI Offices, Leyland 10 – 12noon
Thursday 25th April - St. Marie Church Hall, Standish 1.00 – 3.00
Monday 6th May – LFWI Offices, Leyland 6.00 – 8.00.
Saturday 11th May – LFWI Offices, Leyland 10.00 - 12noon
Closing date: Wednesday 13th March'19.

SINGING DAY with Katy Bradley on Monday 8th April'19 @ Broughton Club, Broughton, Preston. 10 for 10.30 – 3.30
Cost £10. Closing date: Monday 18th March 2019.



Birthdays in January
Gill Davies and Barbara Alker.

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