

We are waiting Storm Ciara as this is typed, so our meeting may be during the storm or it may miss us and fizzle out. Other than the storm the weather so far this winter has been quite mild with daffodils showing colour already and snowdrops busily flowering. It is lovely to see these harbingers of spring isn't it? With spring comes some of our early celebrations, Valentine's Day, which the WI has celebrated for the last few years by making green hearts to remind us to love and look after our planet. Pancake Day, where we eat our last rich foods before Ash Wednesday and Lent. I guess we are the last generation who remembers pre-supermarket/imported foods and Lent was the period where we had stored winter vegetables and fruits, certainly no strawberries or raspberries and exotic fruits consisted of bananas and coconuts. So often when writing these introductions to the monthly newsletter I end up remembering moments of my childhood and end up hoping I stir happy childhood memories for all of you who read it, and maybe get you all talking about those memories. So, this Valentine's Day will you make a few green hearts and hang them in your window or garden to show those passing by that we should love the green and growing planet? Just before I finish what will you have on your pancakes? Ask younger generations and you get answers such as Nutella and bananas or maple syrup and bacon, whatever happened to sugar and lemon?

Hester

### Last Meeting

The January meeting is traditionally when we discuss and vote on the Resolution we, as individual members, want to go forward to the National Council meeting in London. Information was on the tables to aid discussion. Carole gave heartfelt reasons why she thought 'Talking about Death' should be on the agenda. As a vicar she often encounters families who have no idea what their deceased wishes were, a grave reflection on our modern evasion of such matters. There was no other input on the other suggestions. The votes were collected, they will be sent to federation and collated nationally to give one or two resolutions to be presented and voted on at the Albert Hall this summer.

There was then plenty of time to catch up on gossip, a lot happens from the last meeting in November, eat cake and try the many and varied quizzes on the tables.

Gill

### Next Meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.  
'The Life and Times of Fanny Trollope.' Speaker Elizabeth Williams.

Competition; A Family Photo.

### LFWI Quiz

Well done to the Aspulations, Anne Couchman, Sheila Hinds, Barbara Alker and Bev Graham who came 4<sup>th</sup> in this years Federation Quiz! Our other two teams, Aspull Amblers and Haigh Haigh put in creditable performances on the night as well.

The questions were fair and varied, some we got right, some we got right but talked ourselves out of and some we just didn't know..... mental note for next year to swot up on the history of the WI and notable people within the organisation!



At the beginning of the night we were given some cryptic clues to work on e.g. Can you find the flowers in these clues? Well, can you? Here's a taster. Answers at the end

1. A capital group of lions
2. Remember me always
3. Old English form of punishment
4. A disturbed rest
5. A very precious unit of length

Then there was the chocolate quiz.

1. Al fresco cuisine
2. Christmas and birthdays give rise to these
3. Mediterranean islanders
4. Voodoo in a box
5. Sssh talk quietly.



All in all it was a fun night and in the general knowledge quiz it was surprising some of the answers we managed to dredge up. For example how I came up with who shot John Lennon is utterly beyond me, I didn't even know I knew it. I think we all surprised ourselves with some of the answers we remembered.

And on a topical note, **Step on no pets**, is an example of what. Most of us should know after reading about 02/02/2020. Ruth Blakeman

Answers: London Pride, Forget me not, Stocks, Aster, golden Rod  
Picnic, Celebrations, Maltesers, Black Magic, Whisper  
**Step on no pets** is a Palindrome reading the same both forwards and backwards.

### Aspull Amblers

Apologies ladies but as many of you are aware, I am recovering from an ankle injury and at this moment in time I can't say when I'll be fit enough to walk any distance, so Aspull Amblers is still suspended until further notice.  
Gill Davies

### Art Group



The art group started on the 13<sup>th</sup> January with a small group and those who were there chose their own subjects, we had fruit, flowers and landscapes. On our second meeting we did a tutorial. We used pastels and had a variety of fruit in front of us to make our own still life arrangement. Our starting point was to use hot and cool colours to make a background for drawing. Then using blues, purples and browns we added shadows to our fruit, this led to some interesting effects as we got quite a lot of experimentation, sighs and groans.



As you can imagine the consensus at the end of the session was that we had definitely pushed beyond our comfort zone and most of the finished items would be going straight in the bin once we got home. We also talked about the schedule for the regional show. Were we going to put in a drawing in pencil with a specific subject, a life drawing (nude). Is Lancashire thinking about producing its own Calendar Girls style calendar? Our meeting room is certainly not warm enough for modelling in! What a surprise that region would choose a nude as one of its art competitions – watch this space for future developments. We decided that the calligraphy is rather specialised, and we weren't sure about it, in fact less sure than drawing nudes! We have a few months so we will be starting to work toward our entries during February.

### Tenpin bowling



Our first Bowling outing of the year was held at Hollywood Bowl. Our ladies enjoyed two games and we soon discovered we hadn't lost that competitive spirit during the Summer months.

A shaky start saw us improve as the game progressed ending with very respectable scores across the board! Everything was in fun with a lot of chatter, a few laughs and good humour all round. A very enjoyable morning and a fun way to get some much needed exercise! All welcome at any of the sessions.

Pat D



## Lunch Club

Lunch at the Gerrard on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

I don't often manage to get to the monthly lunch sessions but as this month's get together was close to home so didn't need to drive and on a day when it wasn't school pick up it was an opportunity not to miss!

What a pleasant break to sit and chat with friends, to discuss The County Show Programme and dream about what we might be able to do and have a grumble about losing our local bus service.

A lovely way to spend an hour or two I can heartily recommend it. Norma

## Trips and Events

PANCAKES @ PARBOLD ON Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February'20.

We have booked two games at the Hollywood Bowl on the Reebok for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at [10am](#). Please join us and have lots of fun as well as exercise.

Our popular Games Afternoon will be starting again on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady's meeting room from 2pm until 4pm. We have purchased Rummikub, Scrabble and Boggle and we will also have cards and Dominoes available.

We have booked our lovely three day break to Bath the Cotswolds and Stratford for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Hazel and Patxx

## Member's News

All of our members lead varied and interesting lives, many of them share their skills and interests beyond the WI. We invite you to share this information via the newsletter. Members are always interested to know what is going on, appreciate others achievements and may sometimes enjoy joining in a workshop.

First and foremost congratulations to Sheila and Ray Hinds, celebrating their Golden Wedding this month. Sheila is our thespian member, we all enjoy her monologues and poems and no one will forget her as Cindy Ella in our pantomime. (Available to watch on our website.)

Rhona has been a professional writer for 30 years. Most of her books are educational teachers resources and children's fiction novels. Recently she has started writing adult fiction.

*'Always wanted to write?'* Rhona Whiteford is running a workshop for aspiring writers at Barton Grange Garden Centre, Brock, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March and also on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. See Barton Grange website for details.

Gill Brown is now running Craft Sessions upstairs at Haigh Stables every Tuesday 11 – 12.30 and 1.30 – 3.00pm except school holidays. Approx. £5 each 1 ½ hour session, dependant on materials used. (+ half price parking). There is a lift for those who avoid stairs.

An opportunity to try many different skills. This Tuesday we are wet felting landscapes in the morning. The afternoon will be spent needle felting 3D animals.

## NFWI News

TRUSTEES REPORT + Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 available for members to read at meetings.

DENMAN COLLEGE are offering courses from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Information leaflet available at February and March meetings.

LFWI – Editorial Sub Committee – Hotpot Order Form available at February and March meetings – see Mary

LFWI – Board of Trustees – Blackpool Illuminations on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - FORMATION DAY. Each WI can nominate 1 member to be entered in a draw to choose a person to perform the 'switch-on' See flyer at February meeting. Cl. date Thursday 27 February'20

## Dates for your diary from LFWI

SUGAR CRAFT WORKSHOP with Tutor Anne Ludwig @ LFWI Offices on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> + Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March'20. 10.00am – 3.30pm. Cost £20 plus £5 for materials. Closing date: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

WALKING TREASURE HUNT – ACCRINGTON will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March'20 @ 10.30 morning session and 1.30 afternoon session. Cost £8.00. Venue: The Victoria Hotel, Manchester Rd. Accrington. Closing date: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

SOFT TOY: 'Good Witch Doll' Tutor: Shirley Thornton @ LFWI Offices on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April'20 10.00 – 3.30. Cost £20 + £10 cost of kit payable to tutor. Closing date Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

SINGING DAY @ Broughton Club Hall, Broughton on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April'20. 10.00am for 10.30am to 3.30pm Cost £10. Closing date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

'SHOW TIPS' Revised..  
'Good beginnings mean happy endings for County Show' Session to be held at WI Office, Creston House, Leyland on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April'20 - 10.00am to 12.00 noon Tutors: The Show Committee. Cost £6 per person.

ACWW – Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show to be held @ The Midland Hotel, Morecambe on 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 1.30 – 5.30. Price £25. Closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

'SOMETHING SNAPPY' - Photography for Press and PR on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 @ LFWI Office @ 10.00 – 12.30. Cost £10 incl coffee/tea & biscuits  
Closing date: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

WORKSHOP: Taking better photo's with your mobile phone with Glyn Davies on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May'20 @ LFWI Offices 10.00–3.30. Cost £20.  
Closing date Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April' 2020.

'THE INSIDE STORY' - Revised flyer  
Meeting @ Barton Village Hall, Garstang  
9.30am – 3.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May'20.

An informative session re helpful hints to gaining good marks with your entries to the County Craft & Produce Show. Cost £20 includes light lunch.  
Closing date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April'20.

STILL LIFE ART CLASS with Nicky Robertson  
Venue: LFWI Offices – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> + Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May'20  
Time: 10.00am – 3.30pm. Cost £20.  
Closing date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.

'GIN & JAZZ EVENING: A Centenary Celebration on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June or Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June'20 at Brindle Distillery, Holmes Farm, Sandy Lane, Brindle @ 7.30 – 10.30.  
Cost £26 includes welcome drink, food and entertainment  
Closing date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May'2020.



Birthdays in February  
Gill Entwistle 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bev Graham 11<sup>th</sup> - Nora Johnson 23<sup>rd</sup> - Tina Gaskell 27<sup>th</sup>

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All past newsletters are available on our website:  
[www.aspullandhaighwi.org.uk](http://www.aspullandhaighwi.org.uk)  
In addition there are excerpts and full length videos to watch of some past events.

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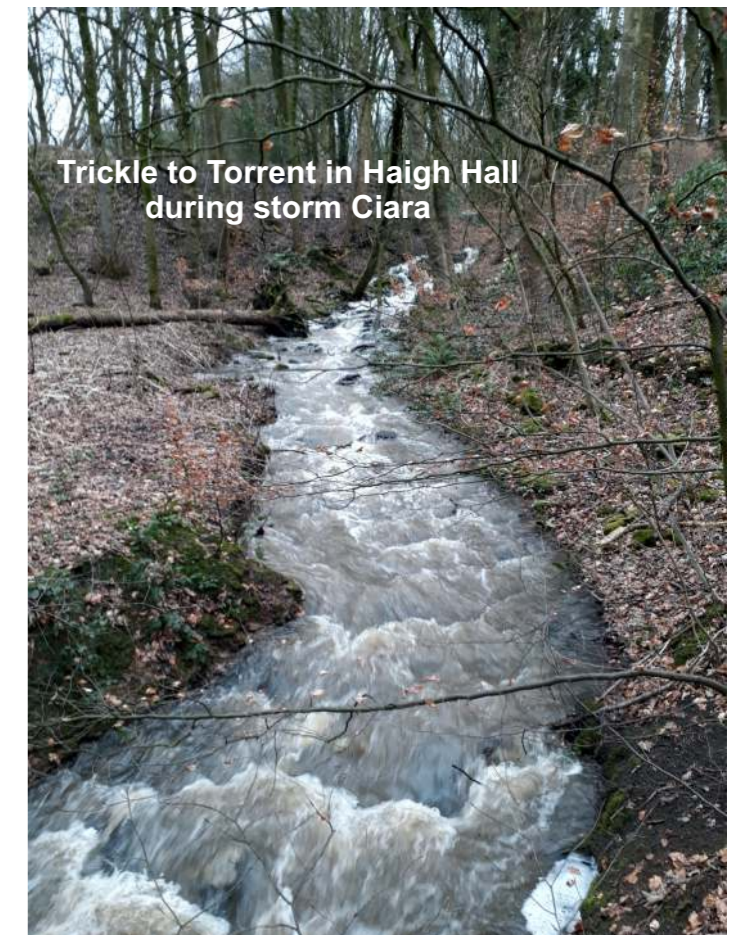
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# NEWS

## February

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Trickle to Torrent in Haigh Hall during storm Ciara



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