

Notes of the April 2016 Meeting

Moving away from tradition the meeting started with a lively rendition of the National Anthem to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Jane welcomed everyone and thanked Kath and Elaine for baking the cakes and Isobel and Pat for doing the teas.

There were a few items of business.

The Jewellery Jamboree, organised by the Federation, to raise money for computers for girls in Pakistan. As this event clashed with our lunch out at the Waters Edge we are collecting items of old or unwanted gold and silver jewellery to be delivered to Leyland by the 27th. Many thanks to those who have brought items with them tonight.

Members were asked if they wanted to have an "auction" of produce, fruit, veg, baked goods, unwanted gifts at the end of each meeting. Monies raised will contribute to WI funds anything left will be taken home.

There are a number of events in the next few months, the Group Meeting on the 22nd of April and Lunch at the Waters Edge on the 27th.

Two key events to put in your calendar, Afternoon Tea at Stirk House, Guisburn on the 17th of August. The 60s /70s Disco with hot pot supper on the 24th of September £10, tickets available now from Jane Mealor or Joyce Beasley.

Caton WI are organising a trip to Muncaster Castle on Friday the 3rd of June, Adults £21 and children £17. Can you please let us know tonight, as Caton need the numbers to assess if it is viable. If you are interested please sign the sheet under the notice board.

Some of you may have read in WI Life about the Denman appeal. It has been suggested that members donate £10 each over 2 years towards the appeal. Please send donations direct to Denman.

Linda asked for any ideas members may have for next year's competitions.

Members were also reminded that at next month's meeting votes would be taken on the 2 resolutions. The WI Life has full information on both resolutions.

Speaker

Jane gave a special welcome to Mick Swindells, his wife Linda and Jas the search dog. Mick's presentation about what search dogs are employed to do was fascinating and enlightening. Jas, a black Labrador gave a quick demo of what she could do. She was admired and adored by all. Mick's presentation was excellent and described by members as one of the best they had heard.



Halton WI Grapevine



May 2016

Halton Women's Institute

Tonight is the last time to sign for:

- Three P's Art Course
- Bakery & Fudge Demo

Lancashire Federation Events/News

The following events are all held at Croston House Leyland. Bookings may be by application form, or online by clicking on the events tab at

www.lancashirewi.org.uk

THREE P'S! ART COURSE

Dates: Friday 17th June or Saturday 18th June 2016
Time: 10am to 3.30pm
Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland, PR26 6TU
Cost: £18.00
Tutor: Nicky Robertson

Closing date: Thursday 19th May

BAKERY AND FUDGE MAKING DEMONSTRATION

Date: Tuesday 21st June 2016
Time: 10.30 am to 3.30pm
Venue: Brindle Community Hall, Water Street, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NH
Fee: £14.00

Closing date: Monday 23rd may 2016

MAKING NEEDLE FELTED CHARACTERS

Dates: Friday 2nd September or Saturday 3rd September 2016
Time: 10am to 3.30pm
Venue: LFWI Offices, Croston House, Leyland, PR26 6TU
Cost: £18.00
Tutor: Lisa Moore

Closing date: Thursday 4th August 2016

NATIONAL FEDERATION EVENTS

MEMBERS' OPEN DAY

Dates: Wednesday 30th November
Thursday 1st Dec
Wednesday 7th December

Thursday 8th December

There will be 2 sessions each day am and pm

Cost £5

Closing date 1st July

TRACKING THE CHANGES IN NATURE THROUGH AUTUMN

Date: Wednesday 7th September 2016

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Brindle Community Hall, Water Street, Brindle, PR6 8NH

Cost: £12.50 including an afternoon tea

Come and listen to local radio presenter Russell Headley in a relaxing atmosphere, talking about British wildlife during the Autumn season. Sharing his passion for all things nature Russell will identify seasonal changes using visual aids. This will be followed by an Afternoon Tea with sandwiches, cakes and scones

Competition Winners: 1st Iris S, 2nd Kath B

Thank you to all of our competitors

Birthday Greetings

Our Best Wishes go to: Linda L, Isabel W

Next Meeting: 15th June – Steve Pendrill – Press Photographer

Competition: A Stunning Photo

Teas: Kath C, Elaine C

Baking: Eve W, Isabel W

Raffle: Marjorie W, Caroline P

If you are unable to carry out your Tea or Baking rota, PLEASE change with someone else. If you cannot change, please ring Jane M in plenty of time before meeting.