



FRECKLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2008

As you know, April is our birthday meeting and to celebrate this year we have arranged for a Hot Pot supper. This will be served after the speaker, so please don't rush away. The cost is £2.00 per member. Please pay this on the door instead of the usual 30p. I think you will agree this is very good value.

Joan Bolitho, as our delegate, Christine Yeoman and myself attended the LFWI Annual Council Meeting at the Guild Hall in Preston on 18th March. This was a very enjoyable day and I have attached Joan's report, I'm sure you will find it interesting.

Ribby with Wrea are hosting **The Group Meeting** this year on Thursday 10th April. There are still a few tickets (£3.00) left, but if you would like to go **please make sure you buy your ticket tonight**. It should be a good evening.

If you have not already booked a seat on the **Spring Trip** to Ilkley and Harrogate on Saturday 17th May, cost £9.50, there are still seats available, just speak to Margaret Greenwood.

The Annual Report and accounts of Lancashire Federation are available, along with the Annual Review, and will be on the table for you to read. **Mrs Sally Roberts** has been elected as the new Lancashire Federation Chairman. Some of you may know her, she lives in Freckleton although she is a member of Lund WI. Well done Sally.

If you are a keen photographer you might be interested in submitting a photograph for the **2010 Calendar**. This will be the 90th anniversary of the Federation and the theme will be Lovely Lancashire. The closing date is 8th December 2008, and all the details are on the table.

There will be a **Healthy Lifestyle Day** on Friday 20th June 2008 at The Community Centre, Chipping. £15 per person to include a two course lunch. This event will give you the opportunity to try a variety of activities, including Tai Chi, Keep Fit, Pilates, Yoga etc. Details on the table.

Are you interested in a day trip to **Jodrell Bank Visitor Centre** on Wednesday 16th July. Cost £15.00 which includes travel, entry to Jodrell Bank and film shows. Jodrell Bank is set in the beautiful Cheshire countryside, near Macclesfield. All the details are on the table.

If anyone has any press cuttings or photographs relating to the WI, or any other items of interest, then please let Joan Bolitho have them. Joan works hard to keep an archive of our meetings and activities, thus providing an interesting record for the future so if you spot anything – cut it out and pass it on – the more material the better.

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LANCASHIRE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
18TH MARCH 2008
THE GUILD HALL, PRESTON

The business of the Council Meeting was conducted according to the Agenda. It was announced that two new Institutes were started this year in Garstang Phoenix and Cherestanc making a total of 42 in Lancashire. Certificates were presented, two were for 60 years membership, what an achievement! Our President Joyce Elstone and Marlene Dowling were each acknowledged for 40 years and Gladys Sumner for 47 years membership in addition to those who had received their certificates for 25 years at our last meeting.

The Taylor's Tea man spoke next, always very interesting and amusing. Lots of offers are coming our way with the usual box of tea bags for our cuppas. Taylors supply tea bags for 2½ million cups of tea for the Institutes. There is to be a new confection in the shops shortly, a Chocolate Orange Cake, sounds delicious and worth looking out for. Taylors are now buying wheat and milk from local farmers which pleased the large number of farmers' wives in the audience.

Lord Inglewood, with a seat in the House of Lords, spoke next, he is an ex-MP for Cumbria, a dairy farmer and owner of Bay Radio. He spoke about the House of Lords, its various Chambers and how the business was conducted, very interesting but I thought the questions at the end were more interesting than his speech, what an intelligent lot we are in the W.I.

After lunch the new Executive Committee was introduced.

Gyles Brandreth, ex Conservative MP, author and actor, gave us an excellent talk with amusing anecdotes about famous politicians, actors and plays. He then went on to talk about the Royal Family with whom he had spent some time writing two books. He gave us a very different insight into the personal relationship between the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. He finished by praising the friendship that existed in the Women's Institutes throughout the country.

The meeting ended with a surprise entertainment by Moss Side W.I. Dressed as Nuns and the Von Trapp family, the children depicted by large ladies dressed in children's clothes of the time!! It was a fitting end to the day as they acted and mimed to the 'Sound of Music' wishing us all goodbye and farewell.