



FRECKLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2008

It is lovely to see the spring flowers emerging and the nights gradually getting lighter. However I am sorry to report that our little tree at the back of the hall has suffered yet more vandalism and it remains to be seen if it will recover. This has been reported to the police, but without evidence they cannot do much. They are sympathetic and will patrol the area. The usual story, but at least they are aware.

I know that many of our members will be looking forward to the start of the bowling season, and on this note we hope we can enter teams for the bi-annual **Lancashire WI Bowling Tournament** this summer. Sylvia Kay has the details and will be asking for volunteers to form teams. The final (of course we will be there) is on Sunday 7th September at Hambleton Bowling Club.

Tonight we will be taking names for the **Marsh Group Meeting**, at Ribby with Wrea on Thursday 10th April, 7.15 pm. It will be a Murder Mystery evening with a school classroom theme. St Trinian or School Marm fancy dress optional. The cost is £3, however due to a restriction on numbers we have only been allocated 20 tickets and if more wish to attend we will have to hold a ballot. It sounds as if it will be a fun evening.

The LFWI Annual Council Meeting is being held at the Preston Guild Hall on Tuesday 18th March. Tickets are £10. The main speaker is Gyles Brandreth the well known broadcaster, writer and former MP for Chester. If anyone wishes to attend please let me know tonight as I have to apply for tickets this week. It is always an enjoyable day.

The LFWI Choir is holding two concerts, one on 15th April at Barton Village Hall, 7.30 pm and the other 19th April in Nelson. Tickets £5. Details with Carole.

There will be **Walks from Withnell Fold** on Tuesday 1st or Wednesday 2nd April. Ask Carole for details.

If you are interested in **researching your family history**, then an afternoon at Knowle Green Village Hall, Longridge, might be of interest. Ann Jepson is the tutor, the date is Tuesday 6th May at 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm. Tickets £6 per person.

The annual **Inter-Federation Walk** this year will take place at Cartmel on 23rd April. There will be a long walk (6/7 miles) a short walk (4/5 miles) or a guided walk around Cartmel. Lunch will be provided by Allithwaite & Cartmel WI at a cost of £5. A coach is also being arranged. All the details are available.

“Show Know How”. This is a chance to learn how to prepare yourself for the County Show, or in fact any other local show. Date Tuesday 29th April, 10 am to 3.30 pm at Barley Village Hall. Cost £10 to include coffee on arrival and lunch. Ask for further details.

I am now taking orders for the Lancashire Federation magazine, **Hot Pot**. This is an interesting little magazine with reports of all our local WI meetings. The cost is £3.70 for 12 issues, and well worth the money. If you wish to subscribe, or renew your order, please give me your name before 5th April.

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