



FRECKLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2009

Well – this year we did it! We took part in the **Federation Fun Quiz** for the first time, and very enjoyable it was. Although two of the cars managed to overshoot the venue (well it was dark) we found it on the way back!! When we arrived in the car park of Bilsborrow Village Hall we were taken aback at the number of cars, and on entering the hall we were a bit nervous at the size of the opposition. However, although we didn't win, we didn't disgrace ourselves either. All three teams managed a good score, even the depleted team, with pooled knowledge and some inspired guesses. We kicked ourselves when we heard the answers – we could have done even better if we had been more courageous. Can't wait 'til next year to show 'em!!!

If you would like a ticket for the **Group Meeting** on 16th March please make sure you put your name on the list. This year it will be a Race Evening, hosted by Ansdell & Fairhaven WI. Unfortunately tickets are limited, so if oversubscribed we shall have to hold a ballot.

Here are a few more events coming up that may interest you:

The tours and excursions sub-committee have arranged a 4 day holiday to the **Isle of Man**, Monday 7th September to Thursday 10th September 2009, travelling by ferry from Heysham. If you are interested I have more details about this holiday. Cost of holiday £315 which includes travel, bed and breakfast at 4* hotel, dinner on arrival. The closing date for applications is 17th April.

There will be a day trip to **Gardeners' World Live** at the NEC, Birmingham, on Thursday 11th June 2009. The RHS Floral Marquee will have over one hundred nurseries and specialist growers exhibiting. The Gardeners World presenters will be live on stage. The cost is £27.00, which includes travel and entry and the closing date for this trip is Monday 11th May.

I am now taking orders for **Hot Pot** magazine. The subscription of £3.70 (no increase) covers 12 issues from May 2009 to April 2010 inclusive. This is the Lancashire Federation's excellent magazine - a good read with pictures and stories about WI members throughout the region – good value for the money. If you would like to subscribe please put your name on the list at the Treasurer's table, we don't need the money until April.

Full of enthusiasm last year we decided that Freckleton WI would take part in the **County Show** next September. On Tuesday 28th April there will be a day at Barley Village Hall entitled **“Show Know How – Learn what not to do!”** The cost of the day will be £10.00 per member inclusive of coffee on arrival and lunch. There will be some craft demonstrations and question and answer sessions. We have a lot of talent in Freckleton, and as we found with the Fun Quiz, you have to take part to find out how good you are. The closing date for this is Tuesday 7th April.

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