



FRECKLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2008

Welcome to our first meeting of 2008. I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. We finished last year on a happy note with our Christmas Party, which was fun with good food, wine and lots of chatter – I hope you all enjoyed it.

On a less pleasant note, you may have noticed that the young rowan tree that the Women's Institute planted at the back of the Memorial Hall a few years ago, to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee, has once again been vandalised. Shortly after we planted it, we found it uprooted by some mindless person. It was replanted immediately and made a good recovery with lovely berries this autumn. We now find that the top of the tree and a lot of branches have been ripped off – this was no accident – and the committee are very angry that this should happen in a village like Freckleton. It is hoped that it will recover in the spring, but it is a setback for what was promising to be a very pretty tree.

Now on to happier things, with events for your diaries.

This year it is Freckleton's turn to send a delegate to the **Annual General Meeting** on 4th June, in Liverpool. Coach travel will be provided by the Federation. If you are interested in being our delegate please have a word with Carole or Joyce who will have further details in due course.

The **Lancashire Federation Bi-Annual Bowling Tournament** will be held during the summer with the final on Sunday 7th September at Hambleton Bowling Club. We can enter as many teams as we wish, and entries must be in by 17th March. If any of you bowlers are interested in taking part again (they did well last time and said they could do even better next time) then discuss it with the committee.

Fun with Flowers and Cheese. This full day event, 10 am to 3.30 pm, will be held at Bilsborrow Village Hall on Monday 7th April 2008 at £13 per member, to include morning coffee and a light lunch. Closing date 10th March.

There will be a **craft Taster Day** at Mawdesley Methodist School Hall on Monday 31st March costing £15 per member, to include morning coffee and a light lunch. Members are invited to take this opportunity to spend the day working on two beautiful crafts – Fabric basket and a Parchment Craft 'Pot-pourri House'. Details with Carole.

Now, I know September seems a long way off, but we have received a schedule for the **LFWI County Show** on Thursday 25th September 2008 at the Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club. The theme this year is "Holidaytime". We have discussed this in committee and feel that there is enough talent in our Institute for us to take part with some good entries. Think about it, if we are going to enter we have to start planning immediately – time whizzes away – and if there is sufficient interest we could form a committee to come up with ideas.

If you have any ideas for speakers, please give details to anyone on the committee – ideas always welcome, and also, if you have anything you wish to put in this newsletter I would like to hear.

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