

LANCASHIRE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

**Halton Branch
Special WI Centenary Day
September 2015**

Sandra welcomed everyone to the meeting with a glass of bubbly and to the 1940s afternoon tea at the "WI Centenary Café". The Alfie Boe's CD of Jerusalem provided the accompaniment to our rendition.

Our Centenary Celebrations were very successful. Margaret estimates that we have raised £? for CancerCare from Saturday's Coffee Morning. Sandra thanked everyone for all their hard work and commitment with a special thanks to husbands whose support was invaluable.

In beautiful sunny weather the Centenary Tree Planting at the school was a memorable ceremony with many members and all of the children present. Mrs Weymouth, Head and Sandra both gave a short speech, Sandra looking to recruit future members.

The business was kept to a minimum with key information only

To save costs in future The Grapevine will be emailed with a few paper copies available for those without access to email.

Margaret provided knitting wool, pattern and kapok to encourage members to knit Christmas decorations for the WI Craft Stall at the fair in November. Please bring spare wool, patterns fabric etc to the next meeting. We want to share resources that match to the skills needed to make items for the fair.

Dennis Moore was our speaker on the topic of "Laughter is the Best Medicine."

The "WI Centenary Café" with its pink tablecloths and poises of pink roses on the table, provided the ambience for the "afternoon tea" served by the three "Mrs' Overall's" attractively dressed in their pinnies. Jane Mealor the Executive Chef provided the necessary training and guidance to them.

The excellent scones, jam, clotted cream, meringues and cup cakes were provided and baked by Jane M. The celebration WI fruitcake was baked by Jane M and attractively iced by Linda with sugar WI Centenary Roses as decoration. Sandra cut the cake and all members received a piece. Special thanks to Jane Mealor who coordinated and ensured that it was a successful evening.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Halton WI Grapevine



October 2015

Halton Women's Institute

Tonight is the last time to sign for:

- Christmas Willow Weaving
- International China Day
- Celebrate Lancashire Day
- Swing with the WI
- Carlisle Shopping Trip

All information is on the clipboards at the back of the room.

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

Sat 16th Jan
10am – 3:30pm

Home Furnishing Workshop

What to bring: 1 metre of light/medium weight dressmaking/quilting/cotton furnishing fabric is ideal (avoid stretchy, shiny or embellished fabrics), £9.00 for lampshade kit, 16" cushion pad, 12 to 14" matching zip, Matching thread, Fabric for applique, Sewing machine + zipper foot and instruction book, Dressmaker's scissors and basic sewing kit.

Cost £18 tea/coffee is provided. Need packed lunch

Closing date: Mon 4th Jan 2016

Tues 19th Jan
1:30pm – 4pm

Scrabble Afternoon

Cost £5 per member

Closing date: 7th Jan 2016

The Science of Nutrition: The Open University is offering a free on-line course. To register please go to www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-science-of-nutrition (Pam Coates, Board of Trustees)

Local Events

Competition Winners

Congratulations to: 1st Wendy Graham 3rd Jane Greenwood

Birthday Greetings

Our Best Wishes go to: Kathleen Bryne, Marjorie Cox, Andrea Palmer, Isabel Raine and Jan Soper for their birthdays in October

Next Meeting:

Getting to Know You Social Evening

Competition:

Friends

Teas:

Brenda Pearce, Ann Salmon, Ann Rogers

Committee Supervisor

Jane Greenwood

Baking:

Sally Murby, Mabel Glass

Raffle:

Jane Mealor, Sandra Hodgson

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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2015

President, Scrapbook and Sick Correspondent - Sandra Hodgson
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