

LANCASTER ROSES

Newsletter

MONTH YEAR



Monthly Meetings

- May 2016 was our annual meeting where we voted in our President, Carolyn for the coming year, voted on the WI resolutions for the National Annual Meeting (which have since both been passed at the event itself), had an excellent talk from Safe Net about the local women's refuge and feasted on cheese, biscuits and fruit punch.
- June 2016 is 'Pick Your Own' with Zephyrine Barbarachild, Local Food Forager Competition: Anything you can find in the woods!

Supporting the Refuge – We would like members feedback on how they feel about regularly supporting the refuge and ideas for how we can do this. The committee have discussed the possibility of a quarterly collection of items, volunteering and fundraising. Please talk to anyone on the committee with your thoughts about this as well as any idea you have for how we could help.

Gift Aid – for members who are tax payers we are able to claim Gift Aid on membership subscriptions. Any member who pays tax and who would like to complete a Gift Aid form please see Margaret for the forms. If you aren't sure if you have completed the form Margaret will be able to check. It will means that we are able to increase WI funds

WI Sports week – The WI Sports Week takes place between 12 – 18 September and its aim is to encourage member to get involved in sports. The committee are planning on organising an event linked to Sports Week for later in the year.

Social Events – The committee are hoping to start sub groups for Social Activities and Community Action. We'll be trying to talk to you all during social time after the next meeting about the sort of Social Activities you would like us to organise and trying to get volunteers who might like to be involved. With social activities in mind we thought members might be interested in Sing-Along Calamity Jane at the Dukes Theatre on Thursday 30th June at 6.20pm

July Meeting – we are planning a Strawberry Themed cake sale at our July meeting which will raise funds for Breast Cancer Care. Any baked goods from members would be welcomed.

Craft Competition - Bag Design – the May/June issue of WI life (page 11) is challenging members to celebrate their membership of the UK's largest women's organisation by designing a bag inspired by your experience. See magazine for more details.

Raffle Items - As always, we are looking for raffle items. If you have anything that you thing would make a good raffle prize please feel free to bring it along and hand to Fiona.

Table-top Sale –please continue to bring along your items for the table top sale as this has proved to be an excellent way to boost our funds.