

LANCASTER ROSES

Newsletter

May 2016



Monthly Meetings

April 2016 – ‘Twit-twoo’. A fantastic night was had by all. Bob Rushworth brought his Owls, Kinder and Bounty and gave a fascinating audience led presentation on these beautiful creatures, allowing us to get pictures with them afterwards. We were joined by members of WIs from Forton, Overton, Scorton and Thurnham and we raised over £120.00 on the night with our table top sale and amazing cakes baked by our members. Well done and thanks everyone!

May 2016 – our annual meeting will take place next month during which we will vote for our Committee and President for the coming year as well as deciding on this year’s two resolutions. We will also be welcoming a speaker from Lancaster Women’s refuge to give us a brief insight into the work it does and what we can do to help the refuge continue to provide support to women accessing the service.

The refuge is always grateful for donations to help women and if anyone would like to bring anything to the meeting we can pass it on to them. They would like bedding, clothes and towels but to help those women moving on from the refuge it would be really helpful if we could bring items such as household goods: anything from washing up liquid and pots and pans to vouchers for shops allowing women the freedom to choose items for themselves.

The table-top sale will be held again this month. As always, please bring any unwanted items that other members may wish to buy but we do ask that if it doesn’t sell, please take it home again.

There won’t be a competition this month.

Resolutions

The 2016 resolutions for voting at our May meeting are: Appropriate care in hospitals for people with Dementia and Avoid food waste, address food poverty. Information and points to consider on both resolutions are detailed in April’s WI Life Magazine and you can find more information ahead of our vote at www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns/resolutions-and-mandates/2016-annual-meeting-resolutions, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thewi. Our website will be updated ahead of the meeting, too - www.lancasterroseswi.org.uk

We need to vote for or against each of the two resolutions at the meeting and Ros will guide us through that. Once we have voted, our decisions will be passed to our link delegate from Wennington WI who will vote on our behalf at the National Federation Annual Meeting in June.

Forthcoming Events (see separate sheet for full details or see Amanda)

- The Creative Crochet classes on 18 or 21 May 2016 still have places available so let Amanda know if you'd like to attend. (This was due to close on 5 May 2016.)
- The Afternoon Tea at the Samlesbury Hotel was over-subscribed so another date has been arranged and anyone who could not make the earlier date but could attend on 10 August 2016 can now request a place. The closing date for requests is 23 June 2016.

ACWW Women Walk the World

For the last couple years ACWW have been encouraging women to 'Walk the World' to raise money for the charity and this year events took place on 29 April 2016. Although we may have missed the event this year, we thought it would be a good idea to organise a walk ourselves anyway (possibly early July) and the committee are currently formulating a few ideas. In the meantime have a look at the attached poster and this site http://www.acww.org.uk/women_walk for more details.

Federation News

- A key campaign of the WI is climate change and the WI are calling on members to volunteer to act as Climate Ambassadors with training and resources being provided to help members take the message about climate to our communities. Email o.hicks-pattison@nfwi.org.uk for more information.
- To be kept up to date monthly on NFWI campaigns and the resolutions process, sign up to the Public Affairs digest by emailing pa@nfwi.org.uk with your name and WI.
- National Federation Headquarters are inviting members to attend an open day to find out about the work of NFWI, have a tour of the building and meet the team there. Available dates are 30 November, 1 December, 7 December, and 8 December. Amanda will bring the details to the meeting and place it with the events sheets.
- A Flower Festival celebrating HM the Queen's 90th birthday is being held at Saint Bartholomew's Church, Chipping from 16 June to 19 June and details will be with the events information at the meeting.
- We have received two new events this month – Making Needle Felted Characters and Tracking the changes in nature through autumn.
- Lancashire Federation WI news can be found online at www.lancashirewi.org.uk.
- Our newly revamped website can be found at www.lancasterroseswi.org.uk