

LUDWORTH AND MELLOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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President's Introduction

Congratulations to all those who entered craft, art and photography into this year's CFWI competition at the Royal Cheshire Show. I know the hard work those involved put into their entries. See Sandra's report for more about this. Alas, my talents do not appear to lie in the area of traditional WI skills! My contribution was to once again help out in the refreshments marquee – but do you know it is so much fun and I would not miss it! Another recent event not to be missed was the NFWI Annual Meeting in Liverpool, more about that below.

Caroline will be taking our meeting in July as I am away for a few days – apologies! So the next time I see you all will be at our Garden Party in August – if you don't yet have a ticket you can buy one at our July meeting. Once again thank you all for your ongoing support.

Best wishes **Elaine**

The Royal Cheshire Show



Althea's "purple headed mountain" cake

Monday 19th June began with an early start for Caroline and myself as we set out for Tabley to enter our show exhibits. Having set everything up we waited for 11am, as it was announced that a minute's silence would be held in respect of the recent tragic events. The competition was weighed up in the meantime!

Wednesday the 21st and we were back to see how we had fared. The co-operative class, embroidery, and knitted entries had mixed results for Ludworth & Mellor, but Ann took 3rd place for her photograph and

Marilyn a 1st place for her watercolour. Well done ladies!

We had a few grumbles about the judges' marking and then went to help in the WI refreshment marquee, Elaine and myself clearing tables, Molly serving drinks and Caroline enjoying the variety of events and stalls in the showground. The hard work by all the team made me proud.

Better luck next time.

Sandra Barnes

Officers Forum

This is a new initiative from Chester to promote two-way feedback between the Cheshire Federation and its WIs. The officers of each WI are invited, in groups of about 100, to an open meeting with Jean Harding and CFWI board members to promote a better understanding of how the federation operates and to answer any queries.

Marilyn and I attended Woodford Community Centre on 15th March for the first meeting (we were the guinea pigs) and we both found it very enjoyable and informative. There were stands around the hall promoting WI projects and crafts, with board members in attendance to answer questions, and of course the tea break served WI cakes. The afternoon was deemed to be a huge success by all, and the Cheshire ladies will be holding several more forums around Cheshire to meet all WI officers in the federation.

Sandra Barnes

Diary dates

Thursday 10th August
1-3.30pm
Garden Party

Tickets £6.50 available at
July meeting

Thursday 7th September
An Evening with Kate
Bliss

Poynton Civic Hall
7-10pm
Tickets £7 available at July
meeting

Thursday 28th
September
Pennine Group Autumn
Meeting

Angela Oldman perfume
expert
Woodley Civic Hall 7pm
Tickets £4

Tuesday 10th October
M&Co Fashion Show

in aid of The Wellspring
7pm Tickets £5
Models required - see
Caroline if you would like
to strut your stuff!

Thursday 19th October
1-3.30pm
Harvest Lunch
Tickets £6.50

Thursday 23rd November
Tour of NFWI
headquarters