ANSDELL & FAIRHAVEN W.I. NEWS JULY 2021

JULY MEETING

Our July **ZOOM** meeting is on **Tuesday** 13th July at 7.30pm. Our speaker is **John Pearson** and his talk is entitled **BLESSED ARE THE CHEESEMAKERS!**

JULY EVENTS

Sunday 4th July @ 12.00 hours

Jacqueline Iddon Hardy Plants, Hazelwood, North Road, Bretherton, Leyland, PR26 9AY.

Meeting at the entrance of the garden.

Tuesday 6th July @ 14.00 hours

Knit & Natter

Meet at Lowther Gardens. Bring your knitting project if you have one, or not if you prefer just to natter, and a chair so we can sit all together but beautifully spaced apart!

Friday 9th July @ 14.00 hours

Dan Leno - Insanely Funny

Lytham Hall

An open air production starring Steve Royle and Company.



JULY EVENTS (continued)

Thursday 15th July @ 10.30 hours Social Group

Meeting at Lytham Hall and if the weather is inclement, we can all sit indoors now.

Tuesday 27th July @ 10.30 hours

Walking Group

Meeting at The Beach Café in Lytham St. Anne's (plenty of parking) and walking to Ashton Gardens and through St Anne's back to the café for a cuppa!

Tuesday 27th July @ 13.30 hours

Craft Group at St. Anne's Parish Church Hall, Headroomgate Road, Lytham St. Anne's, FY8 3BA.

If you would like to attend this group, it is essential to email Linda Colclough to book a place as numbers are limited.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Watkins Barbara Knowles Glenis Taylor

Jill Hargreaves

Julie Swift
June Oliver
Pam Bland
Rita Kendrew
Sandra Wolfe
Valerie Metcalf

INSPIRING WOMEN VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING 2021

I would like to update you all on an historic event and one which I'm sure will be remembered for many years. The first ever National Federation Annual Meeting held on-line in the history of the WI. I was privileged to be a part of this landmark experience as I was the delegate to represent 7 other local W.I.'s. The event was livestreamed from the beautiful RSA House in London.



The meeting opened with a prerecorded choir singing Jerusalem whilst a captivating and high spirited video was screened of many previous Annual Meetings; needless to say, I was in tears already! At the start of the meeting, there were two and half thousand members on line, a very different experience for most of us. The meeting continued with:

- The Appointment Of Returning Officers And Tellers
- The Adoption Of Standing Orders
- Federations To Become Incorporated
- Federations To Become Charitable Incorporated Organisations

The Chairs Address by Lynne Stubbings.



During her talk, Lynne referred to the quote "necessity is the mother of invention" which has certainly proved correct this year with many WI's meeting on ZOOM, at drive-ins, at garden parties, plus the newly incorporated 8 virtual W.I's for the future of the W.I's Strategic Vision.

It was a delight to hear from three outstanding guest speakers.



HRH the Countess of Wessex



Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM
Commissioner of Metropolitan Police



Rt Hon the Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE

All three speakers delivered inspiring, positive and invigorating messages covering strong women and empowerment, the need for more diversity in all areas of public life and the issue of domestic violence. They talked of demonstrating the strength of the female voice, a common endeavour together to improve our society.

The delegates were then apprised of the Treasurers Statement and the Introduction of the New NFWI Board for 2021 through 2023 followed.

The Public Affairs Resolution "a call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer" was presented by a number of W.I. members as well as medical experts.

Delegates were asked to vote on behalf of their W.I's for the resolution and the outcome of that vote will be announced in July.

The final item on the Agenda was Chairs remarks.

Today was a sad occasion for Lynne, having served her 4 years as Chairman of the Board plus a total of 11 years as a member of the Board; it was now time to retire. She said how much she had enjoyed all her years in various roles, and was now looking forward to spending more time with her family and her own W.I.

It certainly was different from being at the Royal Albert Hall, and without a live audience but it was ground breaking and a very successful and insightful day, of which I am proud to be have been a part of. We even survived a brief global internet outage!

If you would like to view the entire meeting, it is available on **YOU TUBE** by clicking the link below. If you have any questions relating to this event, please do not hesitate to contact me at hodgy50@yahoo.co.uk.

Kind regards,

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heHfbIDSVVI



LFWI JULY EVENTS

Monday 5th July @ 14.00 hours

Heather's Summertime Cook Along (Part 2)

Wednesday 14th July @ 19.00 hours

Ken Pye – Curious Tales of Crosby & Sefton

Thursday 22nd July @ 19.00 hours

John Lewis, Personal Styling

Monday 26th July @ 19.00 hours

David Allen – Lady Victorian Prisoners

You will be able to book the above on the online store at:

www.lancashirewi.org.uk.
All events are priced at £5.00*

Please feel free to pass this information to friends and family as these events are open to non-members.