



FRECKLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Newsletter for January 2007

I hope you have all had a good Christmas and are now looking forward to the new year.

You should by now have received your programme and membership booklet for 2007. We do try to vary the topics and find something to interest everyone. We are also hoping to have some trips out this summer. As speakers have to be booked almost a year in advance we are now looking towards settling the programme for 2008! In order to cater for all tastes and interests we are always looking for new ideas, so if you have heard, or read, about anyone you would like to speak to us, or any place you think would be suitable for a visit, then please tell Doreen Norris, who is our Speakers Secretary, or any one else on the committee, together with a contact address or telephone number if possible, and we will try to include it in the future.

Now, looking forward - the **Marsh Group Meeting** this year will be hosted by Warton W.I. and will be on Tuesday 20th March at 6.45 for 7 pm. The venue will be upstairs in die Lightening Club, Warton, and the theme for the evening 'A Spring Wedding'. Tickets will be £3.00. So please make a note of this date in your diary, tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

The Lancashire Federation Annual Council Meeting will be held at Southport Theatre on Tuesday 6th March. The main speaker will be John Sergeant, best known for his position as chief political correspondent with the BBC from 1992 to 2000. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please let Carole know, tickets have to be applied for by 2nd February.

The **Federation Choir** are holding their annual concert on Saturday 31* March, this year at Bolton-le-Sands Community Centre, near Carnforth. Tickets are £5 and will have to be ordered by 26th March.

Do you remember how well our bowlers did in the Lancashire Federation Bowling Tournament last summer? Well this year it is the turn for darts players to shine in the **WJ. Darts Tournament**. Can you throw a dart straight enough to hit the board?? If you can, then don't be shy, help us to form a team!! Please let me know if you would like to give it a whirl - I know the bowlers had a lot of fun, with matches played in a good spirit, and a chance to meet other WI members. Matches are played throughout the summer and the final will be held at Guy's Thatched Hamlet, Bilsborrow on the evening of Wednesday 19* September. The closing date for entries is Friday 9th March..... so lets do it!!

Please take time to browse through the list of **Craft Day Classes**, held in die WI Office, Leyland. The latest list takes us up to December 2007 and offers tuition in many different crafts.

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If anyone has any press cuttings or photographs relating to the WI, or any other items of interest, then please let Joan Bolitho have mem. Joan works hard to keep an archive of **our** meetings and activities, thus providing an interesting record for the future, so if you spot anything - cut it out and pass it on - the more material the better.