

The Grapevine

Monthly Newsletter

President's Note



I hope you are enjoying the long Summer evenings and the warmer days of June. A few dates to note and some WI news: Our Picnic in the Park (at Peover Hall) is still in the diary but will be dependent on not only the weather but also restrictions being lifted in time. Please keep Thursday July 29th free from around 5pm. Details will be confirmed nearer the date.

A Shopping and Social Supper at Plumley's Garden Centre is being planned for Thursday, August 26th. The venue will be open just for OPWI and depending on the weather, the meal can be eaten indoors or outdoors. More information to follow in July.

Looking even further ahead, Wilmslow Golf Club has been provisionally booked for the AGM followed by the Festive Meal on Thursday, 25th November. The news hot off the press is that a lift has just been installed!

A meeting of the newly formed Village Hall Management Team will be held in late July. Revd Fr Murray, plus Ingrid Phillips and Rosemary Moss will represent the Parochial Church Council. Councillors John Hehir and David Clarke will represent the Parish Council and Judy Wienholdt will represent OPWI. I will be facilitating the meeting. Another member or two from WI would be a real asset, especially as WI owns half of the building. Please consider helping out to support Judy.

As always our thoughts are with those of you, or members of your family who are unwell or undergoing treatment. Our very best wishes to Jill Whyatt who has now ended her chemotherapy, such positive news for Jill and her family.

This is the last edition of The Grapevine and I know you will join me in thanking Stevie for the 9 editions which she has overseen so brilliantly. It has kept us in touch during these very different times. Your many varied contributions have displayed the hidden talents of OPWI, whether an input on an item of interest or the fun items from those of you with such a wicked sense of humour! It has been a real group effort. I received an email from Jean Harding, the President of Cheshire Federation, also praising the talents of OPWI. This was in response to a selection of The Grapevine which I forwarded to Chester. One has been chosen to be added to the Federation Archives to represent WI initiatives during Covid 19. A wonderful accolade. Thank you all.

I wish you a very pleasant Summer and hope to see you at Peover Hall in July with plenty more news updates.

Very best wishes

June





Busy in the kitchen



Tea & cakes on their way



Sunday front of house team taking orders.

AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES RAISE OVER £1600

A huge thanks to all helpers, bakers and servers who got involved with the Peover Hall open garden event. The weather was glorious (**very hot for those working**) and the number of visitors over the two afternoons far exceeded expectations. It was busy from the start and at 5pm people were still trying to order, but most of the cakes had gone.

Anticipating that the following afternoon would also be busy, a call went out overnight for more cakes, in addition to those promised and in true OPWI spirit, you responded by getting up early and baking more items. Thank you!

The Saturday system had been refined to ensure maximum efficiency. Sunday was even busier with the queues starting early, clearly our first class reputation for cakes, scones and the infamous bun loaves had spread across the area.

Despite the inevitable delays and queues, visitors were in good spirits and happy to wait. Over the two days comments such as "best cake I have ever tasted", "that afternoon tea was brilliant" and "it was well worth the wait" were heard many times and there were even requests for take out cakes.

Over the two afternoons we raised £1630, and an additional £15 has been donated bringing our total to £1645 (**brilliant result!**). This will be donated to Christie's fund at Macclesfielda very deserving cause.

A special thank you to Anne for suggesting we took part and for organising the Tea Rooms beforehand.

LAST CALL FOR CHESHIRE SHOW ENTRIES

Just a reminder that the deadline for entries is Friday July 30th. If anyone needs help with the technology just let us know and if you have submitted an entry can you please let Ann Brooks know.

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Update from our Interest groups

It's been great that our smaller interest groups have been able to continue their activities:

The Readers are enjoying the books we detailed in the last Grapevine, their next meeting is early July. **A huge thank you to Ann for keeping us up to speed and providing such eloquent and entertaining reports.**

The Embroiderers have met up weekly (**Angela thank you for hosting**). Some are still at first base and spent most of the last meeting hunting for a lost needle (**mentioning no names but no more Grapevine excuses!**). Others have more ambitious projects underway, including a picture of a family cottage (**well done Julia**). After some persuasion, the group shared some of their lockdown creations - fabulous and very talented. The picture to the right is just one example (**Adrienne this is superb!**)





Quick photo shot



Taking in the Flora



Chasing butterflies

The Walkers were looking forward to the Runway 2 trail, a circular walk around part of Manchester Airport and were delighted to welcome back Jill Whyatt, a much missed regular.

That morning, the weather provided ideal walking conditions, sunny and cool. Barbara and Ingrid had kindly reced the route, sending through pictures to whet the appetite, and with 8 of us (6 members plus 2 regular guests) we could walk as a group.

The route very quickly turned from tarmac to track as we passed through lush green fields bursting with wild flowers and hedgerows packed with dog roses. The horticulturists amongst us (**thanks Chrissy and Jill**) were able to point out the highlights; Wild Orchids, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Vetch et al, they even managed to spot a blue butterfly. Hard to believe that this was against the backdrop of the airport, albeit an airport at a standstill with just the odd plane flying in.

Ingrid explained that special barns had been built for Bats and as we came down a steep hill to the Bollin River Tunnel, an impressive construction, we spotted the roosting chambers on the inside of the tunnel roof.

The flat path through the tunnel quickly rose up a steep hill (**it felt like climbing Everest**) to a welcome refreshment spot.

Hydrated, we continued the walk skirting the airport perimeter fence and enjoying the views. To our surprise the path took us right back to where we started. The time had flown by, we caught up on all the news and put the world to rights - all in all an excellent walk.



The next walk is planned for early July, Hilbre Island. Full details available nearer the time as the walk will be dependant on tides and weather. If interested just contact Barbara M: 07973 453823. Details will also be posted to the walking WhatsApp group.

GRAPEVINE SNIPPETS AND SMILES

No Grapevine would be complete without the chuckles.

So as we sign off for the last time, thank you to all contributors, we couldn't have produced The Grapevine without you and a special mention for Ingrid who has acted as the "Grapevine Researcher".

We hope this month's ditties and jokes bring the usual smile.

Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Your PJ's will make you believe all is well in the kingdom! .. oh so true!



The
SCOTTISH VARIANT
At least you can hear it coming.

Letters to The Daily Telegraph

June 15th

SIR - England supporters on Sunday were hugging each other, social distancing was non-existent and no masks were evident. Loud singing and cheering were allowed. We have just had to cancel our first Women's Institute meeting in 16 months. Those of our generation have behaved themselves impeccably, and yet we are penalised in this way. I think the decision to continue restrictions is unfair and unnecessary.

Jennifer Harper-Jones, Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire

June 16th

SIR - perhaps Jennifer Harper-Jones should consider reconvening her WI meeting (now banned from taking place) with all participants wearing football kit. They could then hug each other maskless and sing and cheer all they like.

Marilyn Parrot, Altrincham Cheshire

Grapevine note - football strips are not required attire for our picnic in the park!

My Living Will ..

Last night my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them..

"I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

They got up unplugged the computer and threw out my wine.

The little *****!!!!

Latest travel update:

We can only visit countries who voted for us in The Eurovision Song Contest.



MATT



'We have orders to fire if anyone attending the G7 in Cornwall puts clotted cream on their scone before the jam'



My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said "Throw this and wherever it lands that's where I am taking you when this Pandemic ends". Turns out we are spending two weeks behind the fridge.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six foot barge-pole" would become national policy but here we are!