

The Grapevine

News and Events along with a few memories of last year



President's Note

This time last year we were celebrating our 100th birthday by way of a party. One year on, we thought it was timely to look back and remind ourselves what a year it has been.

The year has flown by so quickly and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved.

Our centenary year was packed with events culminating in our Open Day at the village hall last October. All the proceeds went to The Christie in Macclesfield; a charity close to our hearts as several members have had or are undergoing treatment there.

We produced a 100 year history timeline which was fascinating, if any of the new members are interested in seeing this just ask Jill Whyatt who led the project.

We also launched a centenary cookbook, collating 100 of our members favourite recipes and to date have sold an amazing 380 copies. We have had our final print run and only 5 books are left in stock. Well done to everyone concerned, at £10 they are incredible value. If anyone is interested just contact Stevie (07885 235100).

Such wonderful memories to look back on as we continue to grow and flourish as a WI. Not only have we welcomed new members but new opportunities are being created for you to partake in. The Art Class on September 21st is an afternoon for you to test out your creativity under the guidance of an art tutor. Plus our first day trip since lockdown to the glorious Wentworth Woodhouse Mansion in Yorkshire which takes place in early October.

As always my sincere gratitude to Stevie for assembling The Grapevine and to everyone behind the scenes who volunteer to plan and organise such a wealth of opportunities for members of Over Peover WI.

Very best wishes to you all,

June



A YEAR GONE BY

The Open Afternoon last October was a huge success.



100 Year History timeline had people queuing up to view
For many locals it was a trip down memory lane.

All in a good cause



In December we presented a cheque to The Christie for £2,800 and now have another £650 to add. An incredible result!

So far, the 2023 calendar has been varied, besides our selection of interesting speakers at the monthly meetings and our thriving interest groups, we have had a Fashion Show, Cream Teas, a Country Fair and a visit to RHS Bridgewater and we still have three months to go before .. **nope it's far too early to mention the "C" word!**

APRIL FIZZ & FASHION ..

... A perfect combination! and what an evening we had. The Show was a sell out, the village hall was packed and the fizz was flowing.

Beautifully staged by Fizz Fashion, the models showed off the latest outfits as they came down the catwalk. It felt like London Fashion Week had arrived in Over Peover for the night.

The evening raised over £750 for local food bank charity Hope Central, based in Knutsford.



Tea & Cakes anyone?

In July we were asked to help at the St Lawrence Church Fete which is held every year in the gardens at Peover Hall.

Members helped on various stalls, as well as serving tea and cakes. Those unable to attend, helped by baking a selection of delicious cakes.



The event is always so quintessentially English and this year didn't disappoint. As with most summer events, we watched the weather closely and rain was forecast.



We were lucky, it stayed dry for the fete and just as well, as we quickly had a long line of thirsty visitors.

All in all it was a lovely event and we raised a record amount of money for the church. **A great result!**

Fair Game in Peover

August saw the Country & Game Fair arrive in Over Peover. It was a great opportunity for us to raise our profile and show people what we do. Anne Tomkinson had managed to get us a stand and several members had volunteered to man the stand over the day.

We arrived early on the Sunday morning, Gazebo, display boards and marketing material in hand. Very quickly we had a stand to be proud of and a great position. The rain was on and off all day but that didn't dampen our spirits.

We sold a few cookbooks (Christine & Margaret were the super sales team) and had a couple of enquiries for membership. **Thanks to everyone who helped.**



Gardeners delight

A few members enjoyed a trip to RHS Bridgewater, in August. By all accounts it didn't disappoint and even the weather was kind.

The Walkers

The walking group get together most months and the walks vary. Led by Barbara Wilson, they have covered a good many miles over the last year and been to some interesting places including; The Roaches, Mow Cop Castle, Three Shires Head, Lyme Park, and even Hilbre Island (with a personal guide!)

Come rain or shine the walkers are always keen to get out and meet up, opposite are a few reminders of those lovely walks on days when the weather was kind to us.

Walkers mantra "there is no such thing as bad weather just the wrong clothing!"



Flower Arrangers

Under the tutorage of our lovely teacher Marilyn Lloyd, the flower classes are held twice a year; Easter and Christmas. Word has clearly spread how good they are, as the Christmas wreath making class was so busy we had to use the other half of the

hall!

You don't need any creative skills just come along and enjoy ... you will be amazed by the results!



The Readers

The Reading Group has been active for over fifteen years and we meet every six to eight weeks to discuss the one or two books we have selected to read.

It is always interesting to hear other reader's

views in the most convivial of surroundings, although there is always time for catching up with fellow members over a cup of tea. So many wonderful reading opportunities and such interesting choices.



The Meet & Eat Group

This was added to the calendar last year and initially intended to run through our centenary year but it has proved so popular we have added it as a regular event.



The Meet & Eat event is an ideal opportunity to make new friends, mingle and chat in a relaxed way over lunch. It's also a great excuse to try out new places - **as if we needed any excuse!**

WHAT'S NEXT ..

September - Art class, September 21st and monthly meeting, 28th September.

October - Visit to Wentworth Woodhouse Mansion, 5th October.

For all these going, the advice from our Reading Group is to check out the book Black Diamonds - **Thank you it's top of the to read list!**

November - AGM & Christmas Meal on the evening of 23rd November at Wilmslow Golf Club.

December - a relaxed get together in the village hall over a mince pie and mulled wine (date to be confirmed). The Hope Charity have been invited as a follow up to the cheque we sent them after the Fashion Show. We will also be sending the extra money generated from sale of the Cookbooks to The Christie at Macclesfield.

A huge thank you to both our retiring Secretary, Helen, and our retiring Treasurer, Rosalind, for all their hard work over the years. Both will still be active members of our WI but will have a little more time to themselves.

Helen celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this month, and we marked the occasion at the Mottram Hall lunch by presenting her with a beautiful rose bush - congratulations from us all!

As has become tradition, no Grapevine would be complete without a few funnies .. we hope these bring a smile.



My dream...when I retire, with my savings, living on a small island somewhere!



This photo was taken just before Bob was given the nickname "One Eyed Bob, the Banjo player"



Paddy: "So Mick, everytime I'm round at yours, I open your fridge and there's always an empty milk bottle in there. What's the feck's that all about?"
Mick: "It's just in case someone fancies a black coffee!"



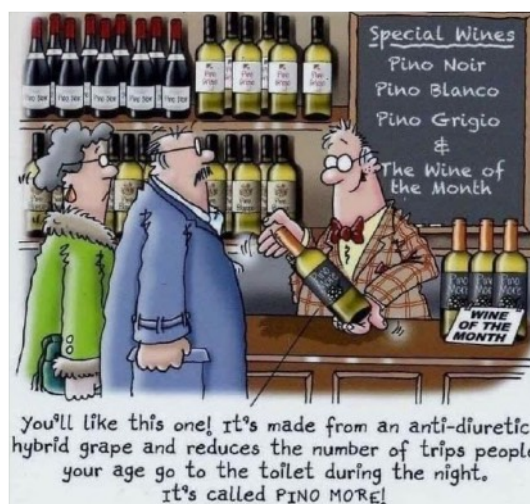
A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."
"Have you arrested the woman?"
"Not yet. The floor's still wet."

conversation between the British and the Irish, off the coast of Kerry, Oct 98. Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations 10-10-01:



IRISH	Please divert your course 15 degrees to the South, to avoid a collision.
BRITISH	Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the North, to avoid a collision
IRISH	Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.
BRITISH	This is the Captain of a British navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.
IRISH	Negative. I say again. You will have to divert YOUR course.
BRITISH	THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER HMS BRITANNIA! THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE BRITISH ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS THREE CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, I SAY AGAIN, THAT IS 15 DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER-MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.
IRISH	We are a lighthouse. Your call.

COLIN THE CATERPILLAR FACING THE SACK AFTER NUDE PHOTOS APPEAR ONLINE



My wife was going through her wardrobe, she said "look at this, it still fits me after 25 years"

I said "it's a scarf."

