

LOWER WITHINGTON WI MEETING – 23rd JUNE 2010

Karen Taylor, our Vice President, opened our meeting. She sadly told us about the deaths of two of our members Mrs Mary Hastings and Mrs Pat Higginbotham. During the singing of Jerusalem we remembered the happy times we had spent with them both at our meetings and they will be sadly missed.

**Congratulations were the order of the day for the entries at the Cheshire Show. Sheila Gallimore's Teddy gained full marks (20) in the combined Dorothy Monks came 3rd with the floral Art 'Forward Thinking Wendy Edmunds received a Highly Commended in the Floral Art Section In the Craft with a patchwork Quilt class:
Jennifer Taylor gained a First with full marks of 20,
Ann Hornby came second
Maria Palmer Hoyes received a Highly Commended
Tracy Warrington received a Highly Commended with her lace
Dot Holding came third with her knitting.
Doreen Taylor-Brown gained 16 marks for her painting.
What talented members we have - well done to everyone who entered**

We were reminded about the Mystery Trip which is taking place on the 25th August where we can invite friends. Ann Hornby told us about the Group Meeting on the 14th October at Goostrey and the Competition is Sunflowers.

Judith Adshead who attended the Annual General Meeting of all WI's gave a very full report on the Resolution Food Labelling to make it mandatory and show clearly the country of origin where every commodity comes from and this was carried unanimously. There were 6,273 in favour and 55 against which equates to 99.13%.

We are planning a Birthday meal in October at the Red Lion Hotel – date to be arranged

Pauline Kennerley was then introduced as our demonstrator/speaker. She had stepped in at the last moment to take place of Mr Ray Jackson who had unfortunately forgotten that he was at the Cheshire Show on that day. We were treated to a super demonstration and Pauline shared some of her funnier moments with us when she was a lecturer at Wythenshaw College. She explained and demonstrated very expertly how to make a hand-tied arrangement (which looked very easy) and I think, most people will have a go. She also showed us how to do quick and effective small table arrangements – which were very quick and very pretty. These were raffled off afterwards much to the members delight. Ann Hornby thanked Pauline for stepping in at the last moment and for entertaining us so well.

Refreshments were then served by Beryl Mabon, Elsie Slater and Gina Fox – (delicious as usual)

**Our next meeting will be on 25th August which will be our Mystery Evening .
Everyone who has put their name down should be at Lr. Withington Parish Hall
at 5 : 45pm. The Coach will be leaving promptly at 6:00pm.**