Meeting March 4th 2019

43 members attended the March meeting at Comberbach Memorial Hall. An educational bursary was drawn and the successful member was Janine Hampton. We look forward to hearing how Janine benefits from this bursary in due course.

Food and toiletries were once again donated to the Mid Cheshire Foodbank. Future plans for a Darts Night, Bowling Match and Quiz Night were shared with the members. Activity reports was shared from The Rambling group, Around the World Dining group and the Book Club. Following the business of the meeting, Ian Black gave a fascinating talk on Hairdressing ThroughThe Ages.

**Outings and Events.**

**A day down memory lane.**

20 members enjoyed a trip to Stockport. First stop was the Hat Works Museum which was a static exhibition of the manufacture of felt and rabbit fur hats and the process of hat making. The museum is home to a recreated hat factory with some 20 fully restored working Victorian-style machines. Plus a fantastic collection of over 400 hats from around the world. We were accompanied around the museum by an excellent guide and found the tour quite fascinating.

This was followed by short walk to the 1930’s Plaza Cinema, which had recently been refurbished and enjoyed an excellent soup and sandwich lunch in the period restaurant. After a hearty lunch we proceeded to the World War 2 shelters built by local people 40 ft underground through solid sandstone. The bunkers had the capacity for 17000 people. We walked through the restored tunnels with the original metal bunk beds, visited the medical centre that was staffed by two Red Cross nurses every night. We had a really well informed and amusing guide who was used to take school children through and she really made it come alive.

(Photo of ladies enjoying the lunch and bunker kitchen)

**Group Darts Victors.**

17 ladies from our WI attended the Group Darts competition Comberbach entered two teams.

Team members -A Team: Ellen Buckhurst, Ursula Ryder, Heather Morris and Shelly Farley.

B Team- Marion Preece, Irene Smith, Sandra Penwill and Miriam Manners.

Other WI teams were from - Hartford, Whitegate, Witton, Winsford, Moulton, Little Leigh.

After many rounds the final was between Comberbach B team, and Winsford. It was Winsford's first time in the competition and they had played extremely well. The final was seemingly going their way, with their 501 reducing at a faster rate than ours. We were left still needing 45 to finish, when Irene Smith stepped up, and duly obliged, hitting a treble 15! There followed noisy celebrations and Comberbach B team taking the Group Darts shield. What an evening!

The evening was held at Winnington Recreation Club and well attended. Everyone was well fed by Louise's staff who had catered for us at Christmas. We all tucked into platefuls of well filled sandwiches and bowls of chips. Tea, coffee and a raffle followed, but none of our ladies was successful here. It was a most enjoyable – and successful evening for Comberbach WI.

(PHOTO OF WINNING TEAM A AND TEAM B)

Next meeting to be held on Monday April 1st at 7.30pm. Comberbach Memorial Hall. New members and visitors are always welcome. Please contact the secretary for more information

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