

Saddleworth WI Committee



Pam Armstrong

President Saddleworth WI

Who would have thought that to taste chocolate properly involved holding your nose? However, that is what we learned from our speaker Michelle Nye, who runs Chocolates and Truffles of Skipton and who was the guest speaker in January. Tasting chocolate – what could be a better way of starting a new decade? January continued with a bang and a boogie when we went to see “Motown” at Oldham Coliseum. A delicious meal had been organised beforehand at the refurbished Stocco Restaurant, so we were more than ready to sing and dance the calories away.

Our Sub-Group participants experienced a gentle circular walk around Uppermill and Diggle to help ease our Christmas muscles into shape. We made a beautiful rose-quartz bracelet at the Craft Group, discussed “*The Tent, the Bucket and Me*” at Book Group and had lunch at “*The Heroes of Waterloo*”.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 5th. Please bring your resolutions voting forms and any renewal forms with you.

Don't forget that February 13th is GALENTINES Day when women across the world celebrate female friendships – what being a member of Saddleworth WI is all about!



Monthly Meeting

Wednesday February 5th
White Hart Inn doors open at 7.00pm

Our guest speaker will be the popular actor Judith Barker, who is a well-known face within the acting profession in the theatre and on numerous television programmes, recently appearing on Emmerdale.

The meeting will be in the Oak Room of the White Hart Inn with doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Visitors are welcome.

We will also be discussing and voting on our chosen resolution for National Conference.



Lancashire Federation Centenary Meeting

Wednesday March 11th 2020

**The Southport Theatre,
Promenade, Southport PR9 0DZ
10.45am - 3.30pm**

Main Speakers

HELEN SKELTON

*Television Presenter,
Adventurer and Author*

**THREE SERVICEWOMEN FROM
THE ROYAL NAVY, BRITISH ARMY
AND ROYAL AIR FORCE**

The theme is
“100 years of women in the military”.

Cost of Tickets **£15.00**

Lunch 12.30 - 2.00pm, a salad plated lunch can be pre-ordered for £8.50.

Or eat at an outside venue.

Travel to Southport could be by coach, train or car, depending on numbers.

The deadline for booking tickets for this event is before our next meeting, anyone wishing to attend should email saddleworthwi.events@gmail.com as soon as possible please.

Nominations for Committee 2020

Our Annual Meeting is on March 4th when we shall be voting for the committee and president for 2020. Any paid-up member can nominate another paid-up member and can stand for nomination. Self nomination is also allowed. Nomination forms need to be returned before February 14th to our secretary Pat Leeson. A copy of the nomination form can be downloaded from the Members Zone of our website saddleworthwi.com

Bursary 2020

Deadline February 14th

Applications are sought from members for a bursary of up to £300.00 towards a course of training to benefit them either in a work or leisure subject. The course content must be covered in the objects of the Women's Institute, which are outlined on the application form.

Application forms will be available at the meetings or can be downloaded from the Members Zone of our website saddleworthwi.com

Crafts Group

Wednesday February 19th

The Craft Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Uppermill Cricket Club, 7.00pm - 9.00pm. At our February meeting on the 19th we will be making felted Easter chicks. There is a small charge, usually £2.00, towards the cost of the materials. The bar is open, and tea or coffee are available but please bring your own mug.

The Walking Group

Saturday February 8th

We usually meet on the Sunday following the monthly meeting, however the February event is on a Saturday morning and is around Broadbottom.

Meet at Lyme field Visitor Centre SK14 6AG at 10.30am. We aim to have a drink or meal in the garden centre café after the walk. Appropriate footwear for muddy conditions is recommended.

As always, we walk at our own risk.

Book Club

The book club now meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Uppermill Conservative Club at 7.30pm.

The book to be discussed on Wednesday 26th February is "The Last Runaway" by Tracy Chevalier. New members are very welcome to join us.



Lunch Club

Friday February 28th
12.00noon

Our inaugural Lunch Club of 2020 was held at The Heroes of Waterloo and we were delighted to welcome new members. The February venue is **The Three Crowns**, 955 Huddersfield Road, Scouthead. Oldham OL4 4AT.

The menu and booking forms will be available at the next meeting or contact Chris Coutts on saddleworthwi.lunch@gmail.com
A £5 deposit and pre-ordering are required.

The Heroes of Waterloo



Fish & Chip Supper + Quiz Night

at the Old Original Inn
Tuesday March 24th £8.95
Bookings now being taken.

Workshops, Events and Trips

Bread Making

Saddleworth Cookery School Diggle

Monday February 10th 6.00pm for 6.30pm £25.00

This is the perfect environment for people of all ages to develop their passion for food. The evening is arranged so that we will complete a batch of bread using yeast that has been already prepared and also prepare another batch to take home to bake.

Places are limited so please contact us as soon as possible if you would like to attend this fun and educational event. Payment by cash, cheque payable to Saddleworth WI or bank transfer to **30.90.89 50358968** reference **BREAD**. Please ring **07763 028466** or email saddleworthwi.events@gmail.com asap if you would like to join us.

Annual Meeting March 4th

The March meeting will be for members only as it is our Annual Meeting and Review of the Year and will be followed by a quiz to get the brain cells working again. There will be prizes!

WORLD of WEDGWOOD

Thursday March 5th, £20.00.

(Coach £15, Entry £5) 8.30am - 6.00pm approx

Joining with Prestwich and Whitefield WI, the trip will include a **Wedgwood Factory Tour**.

Additional options (require pre-booking and have additional charges)

Guided tour of the V&A collection (max 16 per tour) **£5.00**

Creating a pot in the Master Craft Studio; £15.00 Inc postage. Using the potter's wheel.

Decorating Studio: From £15.00 including postage.

Bookings required by February 6th

