



Women of Westhoughton or 'WOW' has now been going for three months. Currently there are around 25 members aged 40-80 from in and around Westhoughton who meet on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Communiversity in Central Drive, Westhoughton, BL5 3DS

The group have made many new friends and have enjoyed a wide variety of activities and talks. Members have tried their hand at Silk Painting, making Felt Brooches and decorating plant pots; they have listened to a number of speakers on a range of subjects - the benefits of Aloe Vera and



Aromatherapy, a talk by a local JP and enjoyed meals out including a Ladies Luncheon at Haydock Park Golf Club where they met up with other NAWC members from the North West.

They attended a BBQ at the home of NAWC Vice Chairman - Janice Bayliss with Tombola



and Second Hand Book stalls to boost club funds. Proceeds from a Second Hand Jewellery sale were donated to Lagan's Foundation - a national charity set up by a local family after the loss of their son, which provides support for families with children with congenital heart defects.

Over the next few months a varied programme, intended to appeal to a wide audience with different interests and abilities, includes a visit to Greenhalgh's Bakery, talks on Prison Life, Haigh Hall and the Homeless in Bolton, demonstrations of hand spinning and basket weaving, a theatre visit and craft evenings.

All ladies, of any age, culture or background are welcome to come along for a couple of weeks, pay £1 for a 'cuppa' and a raffle ticket and see what a friendly group they could join. Weekly subscription is £3 and annual membership £11.50 to the National Association of Women's - due next March. Clubs who hold an annual conference, weekends and mini



holidays and various events across the country where they can meet up with other NAWC members.



Janice Bayliss, National Vice Chairman of the NAWC says "I've been involved with the Association for over 15 years and visited many clubs across the country and this group are fantastic - very friendly, organised and eager to make their club a success and most importantly something they can ENJOY - well done Girls!"