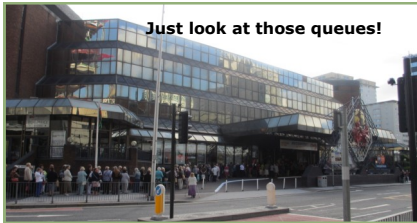


President attended the AGM



Three new things happened to me on this visit - firstly never attended an AGM before, secondly never visited Cardiff before, and it's also the first time I've shared a room with a complete stranger. But having said that it was a great experience. We started with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem by 6,000 women, followed by reports from various WI board members. We had some amusing talks from celebrities including John Humphries and Griff Rhys Jones. Lunchtime allowed us to have a walk around the centre of Cardiff and look at some of the sights (and shops). Next year's AGM is the Centenary so will be something special.



Meetings are held in St Luke's Church Hall on the 4th Tuesday of each month, please ring our Secretary Thelma Dutton on 01477 537989 or our President Linda Taylor on 01477 533762 if you'd like to join us.

Have a look at our website for more information

holmeschapelwi.weebly.com

Valerie and Deirdre went on the rag rug workshop earlier this year (kindly funded by the group) along with 3 other ladies. They went to Ruth Turner's house where she showed them two methods of making sample rag rugs. They were kept busy for the day but supplied with plenty of drinks and



cakes. Both Valerie and Deirdre both look to be concentrating very hard.



Ready for Ascot Ladies?



In September our speaker brought along some of her hats and of course we all had to try them on.

Do you know where the phrase 'Mad as a Hatter' comes from - in the early days hats were made from fur and what they had to do to clean them from ticks, lice etc was to dip them in a liquid made up of sulphuric acid, warm water, urine, and mercury. As mercury is poisonous and affects the brain the people dipping the fur ended up as 'Mad as a Hatter'.



Local Showcase

In June Holmes Chapel Partnership invited community groups and charities in Holmes Chapel to 'showcase' their activities as part of their regular Marketplace event. Valerie and Jayne took control of our 'Cork in a Bottle' Stall that proved very popular at the Village Fair earlier in the year.



Coffee Morning



Left: Nora trying her luck buying a tombola ticket from Jane

Below: Eve and Jayne serving the refreshments



Our Coffee Morning this year was held in September. It wasn't as popular as our usual time of April, but nevertheless it was enjoyable and all our ladies worked hard collecting bric-a-brac, baking cakes and helping on stalls.



On a sunny evening in July, after a walk through the gardens of Gawsworth Hall, Macclesfield,

members enjoyed a sparkling performance by the all women Heartbeat Chorus from Stockport followed by the new military wives choir from Shropshire that went on to reach excellent choral standards.



*Above: Sandra and Deidre
Right: President Linda (with hat)
Below: Mamie and Ann (in white)*

Bowls Fun Day



Members of our Bowling Team had a great day at Congleton for the Fun Day. The weather was glorious and our ladies did well. Three got to the semi-finals with two being pipped to the post in the Final. Well done ladies.