

## **Cheshire Show – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

7 miles of bunting and beautiful banners made by our WI's to celebrate the NFWI Centenary decorating the marquee at Cheshire Show made a wonderful backdrop for the amazing exhibits and displays on show.

Over 500 entries in the co-operative and individual classes provided a wonderful array of entries in cookery, preserves, wine making, cake decorating and sugarcraft, fabric, yarn and hard crafts, art, flower arranging and photography. The standard of exhibits was, once again, extremely high.

Julie Summers visited the archives area where pictures and interesting facts from her book 'Jambusters' were on display together with photographs of the cast of and filming of the popular ITV series, Homefires.

Guess the decades and quizzes about the WI campaigns over the years attracted lots of attention from visitors to the marquee who were impressed with what has been achieved by WI members over the last 100 years.

The highlight of the second day of the show was a visit by the Show Society President, HRH Sophie, Duchess of Wessex. Sophie spent time looking at exhibits and talking to members and visitors taking a great interest in everything on show.

Karol Roberts, representing Roberts Bakery who sponsor the bread we use in our catering and who is also lady patroness of Cheshire Show, together with Sir William Bromley Davenport, Joanna Lomas, Edwina Oldham and Dunham Massey WI presented the trophies to the winners in the various sections of the show on Wednesday afternoon.

The refreshment area was busy throughout the show providing food for members and visitors. A band of members worked hard throughout Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday providing refreshments for exhibitors, stewards, judges, members and the visiting public, and making the food and drinks served to everyone.

The preparations for the marquee started with the staging of banners and bunting and putting up tables on Saturday and Sunday through to packing everything away on Thursday morning – hard work but well worth all the effort to produce a 'Show Stopping' spectacle much enjoyed by everyone who visited us. We are 'Inspiring Women' in the Cheshire Federation of WIs