

WHITLEY W.I. News



Cheshire Show 2021

As the Cheshire Show has been cancelled for 2020, the schedule is going to remain the same for the show in 2021 - "A Special Year". You can download it on the CFWI website www.cheshirewi.org.uk so if you are feeling inspired why not have a go and be ready for next year!

Sadly Chris and Ann have had to cancel the walk in the Peak District which was planned for April. The Longford WI ladies had also come to the same conclusion and we hope to arrange the walk at a later date. In the meantime Ann hopes you are all finding some relaxing walks around your villages and gardens.

Our book club and garden groups are continuing in remote format with Helen and Pat sending out emails to members.

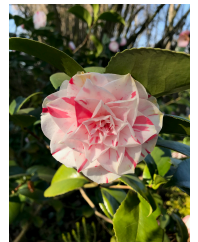
Whitley Village news is not being distributed in print this month - you can find it at www.whitleyviage.info/village-news information here about local venues doing takeaway.

Welcome to our first Whitley WI newsletter. Unfortunately we were unable to hold our April meeting at the village hall this month so we have decided to keep in touch digitally.

Hopefully, over the past fortnight one of the committee members will have contacted you to have a chat and see whether any help is needed. We have enjoyed catching up with you all and will be in touch again shortly.

Our speaker for April should have been Caroline Eames, a Forensic scientist. What scientific item could you have brought along for the competition?

Our committee members are passing the time in a variety of ways. Jean is writing a daily log of flowers that are blooming in her garden whilst Jenny has got a new hobby observing birds in a nesting box under the watchful eye of a camera. Sally is making masks out of her spare material and Melanie is trying out new quilting techniques from her stash of fat quarters. Ann is knitting



two jumpers (her lovely rainbow scarf entry for the Cheshire Show last year is pictured here - in keeping with the many rainbow pictures around at the moment) and doing a jigsaw to pass the time as well as

Facetiming her grandchildren. Chris has been playing telephone bingo and crosswords with her Mum, which have both been a great success. Annette has provided a knitting pattern for an Easter chick and Pat has put a link for an April quiz from a WI advisor - answers will be provided at a later date!

Knitted Easter Chicks (to fit over a crème egg)

To make the chicks you will need:

Yellow or Lemon Double Knit wool.

A pair of needles UK Size 11

Orange felt for the beaks

Black felt or thread for eyes.

Cotton wool ball for the head

Coloured ribbon to finish off.



Optional: chocolate crème egg (to fit inside)

1. Cast on 26 stitches.
2. Knit 1 row.
3. Increase 1 st at the beginning of every row until 42 st are on the needle.
4. Cast off 11 st at the beginning of next 2 rows. [20 st].
5. Increase 1 st at the beginning of the next 4 rows [24st].
6. K4 rows.
7. K2 then 2 together to last 2 st k2. [14 stitches].
8. K4 rows.
9. K2 then 2 together to last 2 stitches. k2.
10. Draw wool through remaining stitches and pull tight.
11. Sew with that piece of wool round the edge of work to the beginning stitch leaving the cast on edge open so that crème egg can be inserted.
12. Stuff the head with a cotton wool ball and sew around the neck and gather in. 1
13. Sew 2 eyes with fine black wool and stick or sew a small diamond shaped piece of orange felt for the beak.
Try a few beaks to get the size right.
14. Tie a thin piece of ribbon around the neck and tie in a bow.
15. Tip. Try one crème egg for size. You should be able to hold the chick by its head without the egg falling out!

APRIL QUIZ TASTER

Round 1

Spring time

1. Spring forward; Fall back helps you remember what?
2. What is a Simnel cake traditionally topped with?
3. Easter Sunday will always fall between which two dates?
4. Tulips are a member of which flower family?
5. On which date does the usually Spring Equinox fall?

For more questions please go to
Whitley WI website - address below



Jean spotted these lovely wood anemones
on her daily exercise in the dingle.

Send us a photo of spring emerging in your
garden or when you are out taking your daily
exercise

Please send us any photos and news/ tips for next months newsletter to
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