

WHITLEY W.I. News



Just a thought

From my windows, looking out
I see things to make me smile,
to wonder

But something's different, this
strange spring
What makes the difference
To these days of isolation?

Are there changes going on
In the natural world around us?
Are there now more birds out
singing,
Building nests and bringing
cheer?

Are their songs more sweet
than ever?
Or is it me - the sun- the
weather?
Or is it solitude that makes us
Conscious of the smaller joys
of life
Joys that bring us hope

Helen Carey



Blossom on our centenary tree

Welcome to our third Whitley WI newsletter.

As lockdown continues so does the beautiful weather allowing us to enjoy nature in our gardens or as we go for our daily exercise.

Many of our members have enjoyed their birthdays during this extraordinary period with family members and friends joining in via Zoom or Houseparty or even the humble telephone! It is amazing how innovative people are at keeping in touch when it really matters. Special birthday wishes go to Joyce Doyle, Jane Johnson and Dorothy Thompson who all have significant birthdays to celebrate at this time.

As time passes so do the dates of other important fixtures on our calendar. Our trip to Shrewsbury was scheduled for last month, Whitley Rose Queen, our joint meeting with our WI friends at Dutton and the Cheshire Show should all have been keeping us busy this month.

Garden club and book club are sending out their own newsletters - if you would like to be included contact Helen Carey for book news or Pat Sharp for gardening news

Please keep sending in your thoughts, poems, pictures and activities and we will do our best to include them in future newsletters. (send to whitleywi20@gmail.com)

A letter from Jean Harding, County Chair is attached with this mailing along with the quiz answers from last month.

Update on the NFWI Annual Meeting 2021

We are pleased to announce that the 2021 NFWI Annual Meeting will be held at the Royal Albert Hall in London on Monday 19 April 2021. As this year's NFWI Annual Meeting had been due to take place at the Royal Albert Hall, we are delighted to have been able to secure a date for 2021. Next year is also the Royal Albert Hall's 150th anniversary so it is a particularly special year for us to be part of their calendar of events.

Learning new skills!



Alison Morton has got her sewing machine out and has been running up some scrubs while her children designed the tribute to the NHS and worked it into a field on the farm!



Our president Chris Jones welcomed Susie Sussex, a broody hen from next door as it took over her old kennel - Susie went on to produce a healthy brood of 11 chicks testing Chris's poultry husbandry skills!



ENJOY KNITTING?

Remember Lucy Adlington from History Wardrobe who came to our 80th Birthday Party at the Warrington Golf Club.? She does put some videos on You Tube attached is a link to "Woolly Well-Being" - a short talk on how knitting helps our emotional and physical health.

Link came via CFWI

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ot5_4FGkpE&feature=youtu.be

Easy Shortbread - makes 20-24 biscuits

125g/ 4oz butter

55g/2oz caster sugar plus extra to finish

180g/ 6oz plain flour



1. Beat butter and sugar together until smooth
2. Stir in flour to get a smooth paste then roll out on until 1cm 1/2 " thick
3. Cut into rounds or fingers, place on baking tray and sprinkle with sugar then chill in fridge for 20 minutes
4. Bake for 15-20mins at 190C GM5 until pale golden-brown

Pat Gaskell

Pat Sharp has been busy making patchwork cushions for her kitchen



Annette Minor has made this colourful rainbow ted to join in the teddy bears' picnic complete with his own rainbow blanket!

Word Search - Whitley WI

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