

WHITLEY W.I. News



Alternative WI meetings

CFWI have organised 4 'Zoom' WI meetings that members are free to join over this month. The first one is Thursday 2nd July at 7pm, which would have been our normal meeting night, so quite appropriate! The speaker is Peter McCleave talking about setting up his charity 10000donors.com to recruit more stem cell donors.

Full details and links are on the attached letter and it is stressed that the links are ONLY for CFWI members and should not be shared more widely.

There is a contact email if you need help getting to grips with 'Zoom' or contact one of the committee members and we will do our best to help!

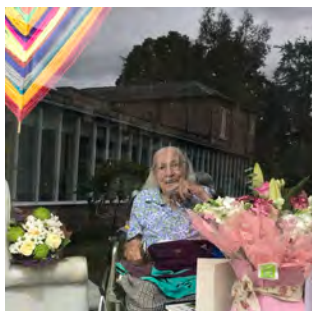
Happy Zooming!

Welcome to our July Newsletter

As we move into the summer season and some of the lockdown measures are easing it has been lovely to hear of small, socially distanced garden visits taking place, making the most of the glorious sunshine we have been enjoying. Six members of the committee met up to discuss future plans and it was lovely to hear the feedback from members about the newsletter and how the contact telephone calls and emails are appreciated.

We have all had our own individual experiences of this strange period of coronavirus lockdown. We want to capture this unique time in our history, for Whitley and Cheshire WI. It would be great if you could each write a paragraph or so about your thoughts, highs and lows etc. Please email to Jean who has offered to collate them into a document we can all share.

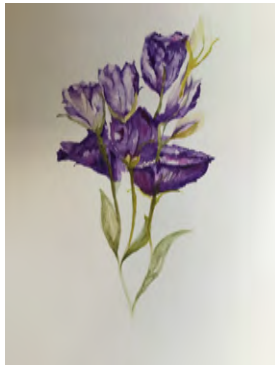
Attached with this newsletter is a letter received from NFWI outlining their plans going forward. The 2020 subscription will be extended for a period of 3 months so next year's subs will not be due until April 2021. This change will continue in the future removing the pressure of the payment of subs straight after Christmas.



Jane Johnson would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes for her recent 90th birthday.

Joyce Doyle celebrated her 90th earlier in the year and June Smither will be celebrating her 90th later this month. We wish all our nonagenarians all the very best!

Janet Patterson found herself being interviewed on the BBC Coronavirus Newscast at the end of May regarding the reopening of Charity Shops. Presenter Adam Fleming showed various items to check their suitability for donation to charity shops including a pair of watermelon print swimming trunks! All passed the test but Janet did comment on the fact that, of the 50 volunteers that help run the Save the Children shop in Stockton Heath, over 30 were over 70 and could be wary of coming back to volunteer at the moment.



New member Karen Smith has been busy painting and sent these photos of beautiful watercolour flower and atmospheric sunset scene in acrylic for us all to enjoy.



To protect her tomato plants from the unseasonal winds we have been experiencing, Joan Blackshaw resurrected an old candlewick bedspread to act as a windbreak.



It seemed to do the trick!

Pat Sharp has compiled a wonderful display of garden/nature photos taken on her walks around the village or sent to her via the garden group and you can take a look by clicking on the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ3KWnAJVc8&feature=youtu.be>

LANES/STREETS/ROADS OF WHITLEY

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 B S Y A I K O T T P S E M I L
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| GREENHILL | GRIMSDITCH | HALL |
| LAKE | LIMES | NORMANS |
| NORTHWICH | OLDMILL | PILMOSS |
| RADEL | RED | SCHOOL |
| STREET | TARPORLEY | TOWNGREEN |
| VILLAGE | WELL | |

Word search compiled by Pat Sharp

Continuing on the garden theme, members Helen Carey and Sue Roberts should have had their open garden event for the wildlife trust in June and their gardens were looking stunning with all the extra attention and good weather.

Here is a snapshot that gives us all something to look forward to next year!



Helen has an unusual and stunning blue pimpernel and beautiful purple irises in her sunken garden. The roses have excelled themselves - maybe they enjoyed all the rain last winter!

In Sue's garden the tulip tree has been covered in flowers and a beautiful pink rose was a riot of colour. Statuesque white foxgloves punctuate the cottage garden area and a very delicate orange flower cascaded in abundance in the shrubbery.



A little bird told us about Dorothy Thompson's special birthday last month and Dorothy would like to thank everyone for their lovely thoughts and messages.

Joan Blackshaw has had her paintbrushes out again and shared two delightful botanical paintings of lupins and poppies

Whitley Village Hall has reopened for Pre-school use only at the moment. Other organisations including WI will be welcome as and when Government guidelines allow with appropriate Covid19 safety measures in place.



Please send us any photos and news/ tips for next months newsletter to whitleywi20@gmail.com