

WHITLEY W.I. News



WI meeting October 1st

Following the success of our August get together we are planning on holding an evening WI meeting on our normal meeting night, Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm.

Our speaker will be Fenella Lipkin, a podiatrist who runs The Bridge Chiropody practice in Stockton Heath. Fenella and her colleague will talk on the importance of healthy feet. We will of course be following social distancing guidelines and the wearing of **facemasks will be required**. Refreshments will not be served so please bring your own drink, if required.

DUE TO CURRENT GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES PLACES FOR MEMBERS WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO 28 SO PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

To book a place please email Melanie at melanie.barber@btinternet.com

Welcome to our September Newsletter From our President

Our first meeting since February was attended by 25 members on Wednesday 19th August. The weather was not conducive to a picnic outside on the field but we all donned our facemasks, sanitised our hands and sat around tables suitably distanced and had a good catch up.



Welcome to the meeting!

Guess who? - behind the masks!



Karen Smith brought samples of her watercolour and acrylic artwork for us to enjoy and we had lively discussions on current subgroups and ideas for new ones going forward.

It was lovely to see so many faces that we had not seen for months and hopefully a successful start made on resuming regular meetings.

Hope to see more of you in the coming months
Chris Jones



Cathy Tomlinson has been making chutneys and jams with produce from her garden and also has tried her hand at some flavoured gins. They all look delicious!



As the season changes to Autumn the countryside yields its harvest. Chris Jones spotted these beauties on a recent walk around the village.

An unexpected consequence of 'Lockdown'- Irene Peers found a lodger in her car engine when it was going for its service. Looking at the broken egg it looks as though the choice was a good one and the chick hatched and fledged!



A big thank you to all the ladies who baked cakes for the recent community coffee and chat.

We are currently exploring a possible baking based subgroup - watch this space!

Pat Sharp was given a new sewing challenge at the recent Community coffee morning. A fellow WI member was looking for a 'peg apron' to replace one her sister had worn out over many years. Two days later Pat had trialled the design and has now added these to her repertoire of items along with matching bag and hat!



Anne O'Brien has been out with the walking group to Marbury in August and is hoping to organise 2 walks a month going forward.

Annette is hoping to restart the craft sub-group with the first meeting planned for Wednesday 18th November 1.30pm using the larger activity room. This will be a great opportunity to bring along projects completed during 'lockdown' and also share ideas for moving forward.

In her latest bulletin Federation chairman Jean Harding mentioned the Great British Clean to be held 11th-27th September. It was back in 1954 that the WI passed a resolution that ultimately lead to the formation of the Keep Britain Tidy group. So if you are out for a walk in your local area during this time and have access to a litter picker we can all help !

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

