

WHITLEY W.I. News



A virtual ANNUAL MEETING

After two successful committee meetings using Zoom we are going to try and hold our Annual Meeting using Zoom on our normal November meeting evening, 5th November, at 7.30pm.

Many of you will be familiar with the platform but for those who haven't used it before, it is quite straightforward and does not require you to download anything, all you need is a link to the meeting.

To get the link please email Melanie on melanie.barber@btinternet.com

and the link will be sent to you. Then all you have to do is click on the link from 7.15pm on the 5th November and you will be admitted to the meeting. Simple!

We hope you can join us as we look back on an eventful and very different 12 months. and look forward to 2021

Welcome to our November newsletter.

The clocks have changed, the evenings are drawing in and Christmas is fast approaching but life is anything but normal as we face more restrictions and are unable to meet up as we are used to. That is why contact is so important, whether it is a phone call, an email or even a socially distanced walk in small groups.

Many of you will be turning your hand to crafts and we would love to see your creations - Annette has been compiling those sent in so far. Pat has shared her most recent compilation of garden/ nature photos with the gardening group but if you missed it here is the link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9_gdG-wLk

See the attached document detailing the upcoming Zoom events organised by CFWI. The dates are 9th November - Jen Gale talking on "being sustainable(ish)", 26th November - Sarah Drew Jones talking about being editor of WI Life since 2017.

I wonder where that path goes?

Lots of us have been out walking much more than usual, maybe discovering new paths, maybe getting lost. A really useful free resource is OpenStreetMaps.

You can access from your phone or computer - www.openstreetmap.org

Just put in the postcode or town/village and it will give you a map that includes all the footpaths – both public ones and local paths.

You can zoom in or pan across to get more detail.

If you would like to meet up for a walk with other WI members then please contact Chris Jones and she will coordinate small groups (6 max) to walk in the local area.



Book of the month

We hope to include a reading suggestion in future newsletters. Jean has really enjoyed 'The Second Child' by Caroline Bond. A thought provoking story about how individuals cope with unusual family circumstances – a real page turner, with a surprise around every corner. Do let us have your views if anyone else gives it a read.



Some beautiful photos showing vibrant autumn colours sent in by members.

For next month send in photos of your advent calendars if you are getting them out ready for children/grandchildren or even yourselves to count down to Christmas !



Due to the ongoing restrictions because of Covid19 there will be no darts sub-group meetings this Autumn.



Now is the time we would be planning Christmas treats and here is a reminder of the wonderful Panto Whitley members enjoyed earlier in the year!

We'll have to make our own entertainment at home this year.

Pat was recommended a face book site by another WI. It's art based for those who can't (and can) paint. Pat had a go and adapted some of the ideas... making one into a book mark. For any interested members it's called 'Quirky Bird Watercolours by Lynn. You then click on to her video page, and there are lots of art tutorials to watch and try.



Send contributions to whitleywi20@gmail.com

IAM Roadsmart

In 2016, the NFWI developed a partnership with IAM RoadSmart which resulted in a number of successful driving events being held around the country. Over a 3 year period, over 1500 members took part in various driving experiences, all proven to help develop and improve women's road confidence; from speed awareness, driving at night, motorway driving and 1 to 1 tuition with an IAM Instructor, all members who attended reported that at least one aspect of the event(s) reassured, or improved, their driving ability.

NFWI and IAM Roadsmart are currently building a new programme to meet today's needs and would welcome input from members. If you are interested in contributing please complete the short 5 minute survey by clicking the link below

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X3XXC9L>

You can sign up for the NFWI monthly newsletter by visiting

www.thewi.org.uk/media-centre for stories, recipes campaigns and much more

Thanks to Sue Roberts for this month's quiz

CITY ALPHABET

Can you name the cities from the clues given below?

- Home to the Van Gogh Museum A
- Birthplace of actor Cary Grant B
- The newest city in England C
- Where JFK was killed D
- Host city to the 1978 Commonwealth Games E
- Home to the European Central Bank F
- Home city of the NFL team 'The Packers' G
- George I was the first British King from here H
- Home to a 500mile automobile race since 1911 I
- The capital and largest city in South Sudan J
- The capital city of Jamaica K
- The world's highest capital city L
- Linked to Copenhagen by the Oresund Bridge M
- Home of Alan Partridge N
- The city of dreaming spires O
- Home to the Liberty Bell P
- Celine Dion was born here in 1968 Q
- Host city to the XXXI Olympics R
- Home of the famous Hermitage Museum S
- State capital of Florida in the USA T
- The treaty signed here in 1713 ended the War of Spanish Succession U
- 1981 UK number 2 hit for Ultravox V
- The world's most southerly capital city W
- The capital city of Shaanxi Province X
- Home of Britain's National Railway Museum Y
- The capital of Croatia Z