

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

JUNE 8TH WI meeting

Our next meeting is on **TUESDAY** 8th June (change of day) at 7.30pm. This is going to be a joint meeting with Dutton WI.

Our speaker will be Rina Tillinger with her talk 'Tiptoe through the tombstones'. Rina explores local Cheshire Churchyards and uncovers surprising local history. For the zoom link please contact

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July 1st WI meeting

Murray Jacobs will give us a virtual tour of 'The must-see street in Cambridge' This will be a zoom meeting

Thursday August 5th

Our first chance to all meet up socially for a long time! We plan to meet 6-8 pm with a theme of 'Whitley Olympics', but the main aim is that we can all start to build some confidence in coming out to the Village Hall, inside or outside depending on Government guidelines, and catching up with our WI friends. More details next month.

See the diary dates overleaf for CFWI zoom meetings and of course our own impressive list of sub groups.

At the time of writing we are being promised some lovely Spring sunshine to enjoy!

Our President, Chris visited fellow member Liz Thomas recently and fulfilled a wish to bottle feed a lamb. Charlie - a Hebridian lamb certainly looks to be enjoying his lunch!



The Virtual Cheshire Show

A quick reminder about the classes in this year's show. Closing date 31st July 31st. Details sent out last month.

1. What went wrong
2. Have a Go!
3. Upcycling
4. My biggest lockdown achievement
5. Limerick or prose on 'Lockdown' 100 words max
6. Flowers, indoors or outdoors

Subs 2021

Our continued thanks for those members who have paid their 2021 subscription. We currently have 54 members on our books.

Our Treasurer Pat Sharp has to send off subs contributions to NFWI and CFWI on the 11th June so we would really appreciate members passing their 2021 subscription on to Pat if they have not done so already.

The database will also be updated and members who have not rejoined could find themselves off the mailing list for WI Life. Whitley WI Members are covered by our insurance for any WI activities they participate in, including sub-groups, but this does not cover ladies who have not joined.

We understand that individual circumstances may mean that joining this year is not for you but a quick note/ email to one of the committee would help us out enormously.

Diary Dates

Friday 4th- 1.30pm Baking Beauties in Jonty Jones' Garden

Saturday 5th - 11am CFWI zoom Pauline Handley CFWI Climate ambassador

Tuesday 8th - 10.30am Walking group led by Ann O'Brien. Venue to be confirmed by Ann

Tuesday 8th - 7.30pm Joint meeting with Dutton . Rina Tillinger "Tiptoe through the tombstones"

Wednesday 9th - 7.30pm CFWI zoom Alisa Holland co author of 'On This Day She: Putting Women Back into History, One Day at a Time

Wednesday 9th - 7.30pm Book club zoom meeting led by Helen Carey

Monday 21st - 10.30am Coffee and Chat (Garden meeting- Chris Jones)

Monday 28th -1.30pm "Talking about Art" led by Karen Smith in Susan Lynch's garden

Wednesday 30th - 1.30pm led by Annette Minor at Whitley nature reserve

For more details of events run by CFWI visit their website at cheshirewi.org.uk

Following her recent mishap in the garden Sue Roberts thanks WI members for all their good wishes. She has adopted the on trend 'go wild' garden for the time being and is busying herself with a tapestry started in 1995!

Every cloud !

May meeting

At our monthly meeting in May fellow member Janet Patterson described her 24 years volunteering for Save the Children including a visit to Mozambique to see the work the charity does, first hand. For the past 13 years Janet has been a shop leader in Stockton Heath and she told us that as long as goods are clean and unbroken they could be resold or recycled. If you have items to donate but are unable to take them directly to the shop our President, Chris Jones is happy to take them down.



From the sub-groups

As we are gradually moving to more face to face meetings it is really important that members contact the group lead of each subgroup before the meeting to ensure all guidelines can be adhered to. Registers will be kept for track and trace purposes.

The **Walking group** organised two walks to take in the glorious displays of bluebells at Appleton and Dutton.

The **Art in the Garden** event had to be cancelled so Susan Lynch put together an on line presentation instead. Susan only started painting this Spring having been inspired by the art group. Susan said " Being in lockdown I had to learn from books and on line tutorials, rather than attending a class. I have painted flowers, leaves, a



corner of my garden, a snail shell and a couple of basic landscapes. I used paints in tubes, mixing them on a plate, which made me feel like a proper artist. I also have a



small palette of block paints called pans which I use on holiday in my caravan. I attach a couple of my initial pieces, which I enjoyed doing."

Five intrepid ladies came prepared to brave the inclement weather for a face to face cup of coffee at our **Coffee morning**. However, as the guidelines had just relaxed to allow six people inside we all stayed dry and enjoyed cake as well!

The **Positive Planet** group discussed ways of highlighting the Great Big Green Week in September and shared good practice from members with ideas of reducing the number of plastic bottles we buy and then dispose of. Helen Carey uses reusable mineral pellets for her laundry so has dispensed with washing liquid and softener bottles. Joan Blackshaw is going to trial shampoo bars instead of liquids. Any more ideas , then please let us know!