

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

**SEPT 2nd WI meeting
7.30pm Whitley Village
Hall**

We are pleased to welcome Andrew Thwaite an International Chocolate Consultant based at York Cookery School to our next meeting. Andrew will be demonstrating his work as a chocolatier and of course there will be a tasting opportunity !

To make planning for this meeting easier please book your place with Melanie

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**October 7th - Main
meeting 7.30pm**

Cllr Matt Bryan from Chester West and Chester Council will be talking about how CWAC propose to address the climate emergency on a local scale.

What an amazing evening members enjoyed on August 5th when we met up for our first face to face meeting since March last year.

Pat Sharp had organised the evening on an olympic theme and welcomed members in true Japanese style in recognition of the Tokyo games taking place at the time.

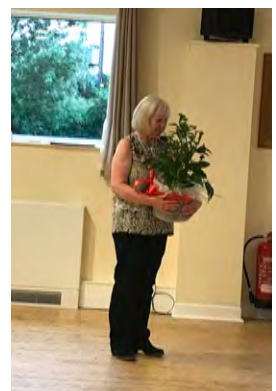
Members were encouraged to take part in the discus, shot put, javelin as well as slightly less olympic sports of ball carrying, egg and spoon and origami!



Everyone had great fun waving flags and cheering on the competitors and all members received a medal and Olympic treats for their efforts.



President Chris Jones was thanked for all her hard work keeping the members informed and in touch with each other during the very trying year we have all had.



Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd - 7.30pm Main meeting at Whitley Village Hall
Andrew Thwaite - Chocolatier

Tuesday 7th - 10.30am Walking group led by Ann O'Brien. Venue to be confirmed

Wednesday 8th - 10am -12pm Book Club at Whitley Village Hall led by Helen Carey

Wednesday 15th - 1.30pm Craft club led by Annette Minor
Whitley Village Hall

Friday 17th - 1.30pm Baking Beauties led by Jonty Jones
Whitley Village Hall

Saturday 18th - 2pm - 4pm Build a bug hotel and plant exchange in the garden of Susan Lynch

Thursday 30th - WI committee meeting 7.30pm at Whitley Village Hall

Monday 4th October - CFWI Virtual Literary lunch - see attached flyer

Thursday 7th October - main meeting CWAC Councillor Matt Bryan

Tuesday 12th October - CFWI Guided Walls walk around Chester

PLEASE LET SUB GROUP LEADERS KNOW IN ADVANCE IF YOU ARE WANTING TO JOIN A PARTICULAR MEETING.

WE ARE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES OUTLINED BY NFWI FOR ALL OUR MEETINGS

From the sub-groups

A very successful **Art in the Garden** at Susan Lynch's took place at the end of June. Members brought samples of their work and absolute beginners had a go at painting flowers under Karen's instruction!

If you visited the Nature reserve during July you would have seen the knitted display showing wildlife around the tree assembled by the **Craft group**. Annette's next project is to knit 500 red poppies ready for November. If you have any oddments of red wool and an odd black button for the centre just contact Annette and she will let you have the pattern
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Baking Beauties have met twice over the summer discussing and sampling quiche on a glorious afternoon in Ann Tolson's garden, then tucking into a wide variety of frozen desserts on a less sunny afternoon at Melanie Barber's. Our next theme will be TRAYBAKES and we are going to meet at the village hall.

Ann O'Brien has kept the **Walking Group** busy over the summer and their latest walk saw them rambling around Great Budworth, ending up at the George and Dragon for lunch.

CFWI Literary lunch on Monday 4th October. 12.15pm for a 12.30 pm start. Speaker Simon Michael will start at 1pm. Simon has used his background in Law to write best-selling legal thrillers and is often referred to as the 'British John Grisham'. More detail on the attached flyer

CFWI are running two Wreath making workshops on Saturday 27th November at Danesford Community Centre in Congleton. Tickets £12 to include tea and coffee and you will need to bring your own foliage/fresh greenery. Sign up sheet at September meeting or let Melanie know by end of September.

CFWI WALLS WALK - Tuesday 12th October. Guided tours of groups of 15 will leave at 15 min intervals from 10am until 11.30am. Walks will last 90 mins and start at the junction of Bridge Street and Grosvenor Street. Cost is £7. Sign up sheet at September meeting or let Melanie know by 3rd September if you are interested

BIG GREEN WEEK 18th -26th September

With COP26 due to take place in Glasgow in November this year the impact of Climate Change and what we can all do to play our part will be in the media over the coming months.

The NFWI are launching their Big Green Week initiative in September with a range of activities to raise awareness of the issues surrounding climate and nature. CFWI are running a 'Let's Turn Cheshire Green' campaign and are looking for individual WI's to organise suitable events.

Over recent months members of Whitley's Positive Planet group have been meeting to discuss how we can all make a difference to the environment. local and global in all sorts of ways. Pat Sharp has been asking the garden group to look at ways of encouraging wildlife in the garden and is in the process of collecting members replies and will forward to CFWI.

Our speaker in October is a CWAC councillor Matt Bryan who will be talking about how our local council is approaching the Climate Emergency. Following his talk, members of the Positive Planet group will share their findings/ideas from availability of peat free compost to shampoo bars and soap nuts. Intrigued? Join us in October!



For an inspiring read about how one teenager in Africa made a difference and took steps to help his family in the face of continued drought then read 'The Boy who harnessed the Wind' by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer (also made into a film available on Netflix)

Build a Bug Hotel

Join in the fun on Saturday 18th September in Susan Lynch's garden to help build a bug hotel. Once we've finished one here you may be inspired to build your own if you have the garden space to accommodate one. Drop in from 1.30pm - 4pm and bring your children/ grandchildren along to help

If you need more information please contact melanie.barber@btinternet.com



Plant exchange

Have you taken cuttings but have nowhere to plant the resulting plants or do you have tree seedlings that your garden can't accommodate? Bring them along to the Positive Planet afternoon at Susan Lynch's and do a swap. You never know what you might find!



Did you know that you can now recycle 'soft' plastic at your local Co-op and Lidl? The key is 'Clean it, scrunch it, bin it' (in their recycle bin!)

SATURDAY 18th September
1.30-4pm