

# WHITLEY W.I. News



## FUTURE WI MEETINGS

### November 4th - Main meeting 7.30pm

We will be treated to some Bollywood dancing and an insight into the Hindu festival of Diwali.

Our Annual meeting will follow with a look back over the past twelve months and the election of our WI committee and President going forward.

Please come prepared for a well ventilated room - and if you are more comfortable wearing a facemask please do so. We are doing our best to make everyone who comes to the meeting feel safe.

To make planning for this meeting easier please book your place with Melanie  
[melanie.barber@btinternet.com](mailto:melanie.barber@btinternet.com)

### Thursday December 2nd 7.30pm

Christmas celebration - more details opposite

**Our October meeting was always going to be on a 'green' theme. Unfortunately our planned speaker from Cheshire West and Chester Council fell ill at the last minute.**

Not to worry, our very own Joan Blackshaw filled the gap with a talk all about the research she has been doing since joining the Positive Planet subgroup. Joan showed us an array of different plastics and what could and couldn't be recycled and even talked about some of the alternatives we could try like

shampoo bars and soap nuts. Thank you Joan, ably assisted by her daughter Susan Lynch who helped out with the tech!



## December 2nd Meeting 7.30pm - Christmas Celebration

The Committee are busy planning our Christmas meeting with seasonal games and light refreshments of mince pie and hot punch/mulled wine.

There will be no charge for the evening but we would like to know in advance if you are coming to help us with the layout of chairs and tables. A reminder email will be sent out towards the end of November.

It is the perfect opportunity to dig out your festive jumpers, hats, scarves and even gloves !



We are hoping to trial a 'Zoom' connection for members who can't join us in person to be part of the event. Watch this space!



## Diary Dates

**Thursday 4th - - 7.30pm**  
**ANNUAL MEETING** with some Bollywood dancing!

**Saturday 6th - 10.30am -**  
Centenary tree poppy dressing at the Nature Reserve

**Monday 8th -** All about Art meeting at Village Hall 1.30pm - 3.30pm

**Tuesday 9th - 10.30am**  
Walking group led by Ann O'Brien around Marbury

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

**Week Beginning Monday 15th**  
- Positive Planet - tbc

**Friday 19th - 1.30pm** Baking Beauties led by Jonty Jones  
Whitley Village Hall - Christmas treats

**Thursday 25th -** WI committee meeting 7.30pm at Whitley Village Hall

**Thursday 2nd December - 7.30pm** Christmas Celebration

Unfortunately the Group Carol Service in December has been cancelled this year

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

Members' bakes certainly 'rose' to the occasion at the yeasted goods themed

**Baking Beauties.** There were a couple of intricately plaited loaves but the most popular choice was Chelsea buns with no less than 4 versions! Come along and join us at the Village Hall on Friday 19th November at 1.30pm when the theme will be Christmas treats.



The 500+ poppies are now ready to be displayed by the centenary tree at the nature reserve thanks to the **Craft Group**. Make sure you take a look next time you pass after the 6th November.

## Planning for 2022

Your WI committee are busy planning next year's programme and would welcome any suggestions you may have for speakers, trips etc. You can contact any member of the committee or email [melanie.barber@btinternet.com](mailto:melanie.barber@btinternet.com)

Due to the subscription year changing to April we are going to leave printing a twelve month programme until then. We will continue to publish the current month and following month's speakers in each edition of the Whitley WI Newsletter.



At the Village Group zoom meeting members were taken

down memory lane when speaker Nici Matlow talked about Swizzels sweets from their childhood including Lucky Strikes. Rainbow drops and Fizzers. A phenomenal 2.75 billion Love Hearts were manufactured last year - eye-watering !

A request from **President Chris Jones** -

Please bring a button (or two) to the next meeting so we can create Whitley WI's very own 'Rainbow Button Tree of Life' as seen on My WI

