

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

January 6th - Main meeting 7.30pm ZOOM

Our first meeting of 2022 was already planned as a Zoom meeting. Our speaker will be Mindy Cowap talking about her life changing trek into the Sahara and setting up her 'M' Project.

The link to join the meeting has been sent on the email with this newsletter so please just click on the blue link from 7.15pm

February 3rd - 7.30pm

Mary Lamb and Kingsley talking about the work of the charity 'Dogs for Good' At present this is planned as a face to face meeting but may change depending on guidance at the time.

CFWI Zoom meeting on **26th January** will be the Editor of Cheshire Life Joanne Goodwin - see flyer attached to email for link details

Our December meeting was a wonderful Christmas celebration enjoyed by over 40 members

We had festive music, Christmas Bingo and a suitable origami challenge to make a star out of a gold napkin ready for a mince pie and mulled wine or punch. Members even managed Auld Lang Syne bumping elbows rather than linking arms. Great fun!



Unfortunately our retiring President Chris Jones was unable to join us so Melanie Barber presented retiring committee members Jenny Roberts and Ann O'Brien with a thank you gift and also passed on thanks to Jenny's husband, David for all the work he does on the Whitley WI website.

Members at the party all added a button or two to the button tree of life Chris had requested and this is really taking shape. Annette hopes to complete it at the next craft meeting.

As a token of thanks for all her work over the last three years, Melanie caught up with Chris Jones a few days after the party to present her with a 'Tree of Life' ornament for her garden. Chris would like to pass on her thanks to all members and said she would treasure it and all the memories of her time as Whitley's President.



Christmas gifts at the December meeting

The committee were overwhelmed by the generosity of members with the gifts brought in to the December meeting for the Charity Care Uk. Somehow Jean Waite managed to get everything into her car and delivered them to the shop in Warrington to be packed up into bags. The following week Jean was joined by Yvonne Corfield and Mary Highmore to help pack up some of the goodies into family packed ready for distribution.

A great big thank you to everyone involved.

Diary Dates

Thursday 6th - 7.30pm - Mindy Cowap - trek across the Sahara and her 'M' project

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

Tuesday 11th 10.30am Walking group led by Ann O'Brien around Moore Nature reserve followed by lunch at The Stag

Monday 17th - All about Art meeting at Village Hall 1.30pm - 3.30pm - Flower painting

Wednesday 19th - Craft Club 1.30pm WVH completing the button tree of life

Wednesday 19th Jan - 7.30pm Resolutions discussion on Zoom

Friday 21st Jan - 1.30pm Baking Beauties - A cake containing a vegetable

Wednesday 26th 7 for 7.30pm CFWI zoom Joanne Goodwin Editor of Cheshire Life

WE ARE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES OUTLINED BY NFWI FOR ALL OUR MEETINGS

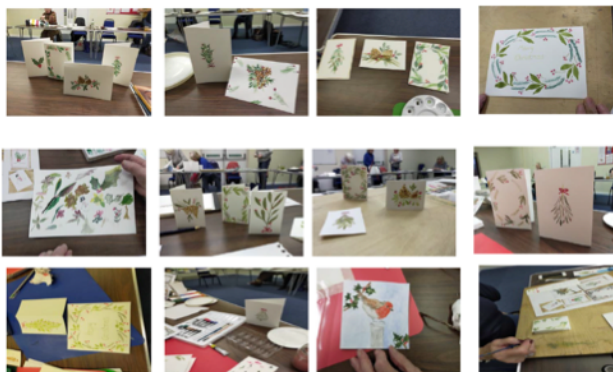
Face coverings will need to be worn in indoor settings

Sub-group leads will be in touch regarding their proposed meetings in January. Current advice from NFWI is that face-coverings should be worn in all indoor settings unless the activity is exempt eg exercise, eating/ drinking etc. Hand sanitisers are to be available in the hall and the room will need to be well ventilated. It is recommended that lateral flow tests are carried out by members prior to attending and anyone with Covid19 symptoms should stay away.

Sub-groups

'All About Art' is going from strength to strength with new members joining in the December meeting. There was a festive feel with members having a go at painting some Christmas foliage. The results were amazing!

Art Group – Simple Christmas Cards



Resolutions 2022

The shortlist of resolutions for 2022 were published in the December copy of WI Life. In summary they are as follows

1. Fit for purpose - Fit for Girls
2. Appropriate Sentencing of Non-Violent Women Offenders
3. Equality in Law for the Menopause
4. Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD Under-Identified, Under- Diagnosed and Under-Supported
5. Tackling Digital Exclusion

We are running a Zoom resolutions discussion on Wednesday 19th Jan at 7.30pm for interested members. If you would like to join us then please email Melanie for a link on melanie.barber@btinternet.com

If you are unable to join the Zoom meeting but would like further information on the resolutions look on the My WI website mywi.thewi.org.uk/ under the Public Affairs and campaigns section.

All members are entitled to a vote and can either submit their choice to our secretaries Ann Tolson or Susan Lynch, complete the form in WI Life and post to Chester or take part in a poll at our February meeting. All votes need to be with our Federation By 14 February 2022.