

# WHITLEY W.I. News



## FUTURE WI MEETINGS

### February 3rd - 7.30pm

Mary Lamb and her assistance dog Kingsley talking about the work of the charity 'Dogs for Good'

### March 3rd - 7.30pm

Steve Segar from the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Steve is willing to address any questions you may have about driving safely so please send in your questions to

[melanie.barber@btinternet.com](mailto:melanie.barber@btinternet.com)

Topics already suggested - recent changes to the Highway Code, Smart motorways, driving at night

**CFWI Zoom** meeting on **24th February 7 for 7.30pm** will be Forensic Scientist Hayley Scott a former Crime Scene Investigator with the Metropolitan Police.

## Our January meeting saw us returning to Zoom as the omicron Covid19 variant surged in the community.

Our speaker, Mindy Cowap gave us an inspiring talk about trekking in the Sahara and dealing with all that entailed including dealing with camels! Mindy is now involved in the M project, helping women pursue unusual challenges for themselves including walking on fire and ice baths to name a couple. The sands of the Sahara were definitely a change from the rather grey and cold January weather outside!



SAVE THE DATE for an afternoon in the company of

SAM YOUD former Head Gardener at Tatton

Saturday 26th March 2pm at Whitley Village Hall

Tickets will be limited so reserve your seat now with Pat at [patsysharp@gmail.com](mailto:patsysharp@gmail.com)

More details at February's meeting



### PAL vacancy

After representing Whitley for many years as our Public Affairs Liaison, Mary Highmore is relinquishing the position. The PAL is the point of contact for WI campaigns and resolutions. If anyone is interested in taking on the role then please let Melanie know.

## Diary Dates

**Thursday 3rd - 7,30pm** Mary Lamb and her assistance dog Kingsley will tell us about the work of the Charity 'Dogs for Good'

**Monday 7th - 10am-12pm** Book Club at Whitley Village Hall led by Helen Carey

**Tuesday 8th 10.30am** Walking group led by Ann O'Brien around Moore Nature reserve followed by lunch at The Stag

**Friday 18th Feb - 1.30pm** WVH Baking Beauties - A cake containing a vegetable

**Monday 21st** - All about Art meeting at WVH 1.30pm - 3.30pm - Painting trees

**Wednesday 23rd** - Craft Club 1.30pm WVH Jackie Graty leading a Needle-felting class

**Thursday 24th - 10am** Committee meeting at WVH

**Thursday 24th 7 for 7.30pm** CFWI zoom

Although face coverings are no longer mandatory if you feel more comfortable wearing one, then please do. Hand sanitiser will be available and the room will continue to be well ventilated and seating will be spaced out.

## Suggestions wanted!

If you have any ideas for speakers/ subjects to be included in the programme for our new Subscription year April 2022-March 2023 please let Melanie know at

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**Art Group** met on Zoom in January, and 9 members shared pictures of flowers that they had been working on - with 3 others sending along some of their pictures even though they couldn't join us at the meeting. It was a great opportunity for people to share their work and describe the different techniques and resources they had used. It was good to hear how much people are enjoying painting - partly for what they are learning but also for the relaxation they are enjoying while becoming absorbed in their work. Several of our members have only started painting with this group and are learning a lot from each other and also from our more experienced members. Next month are meeting on Monday, 21st Feb at 1.30 in the Village Hall. We hope to look at painting trees, maybe set in landscapes.



## Resolutions 2022

**There is still time to vote for your choice of the resolutions put forward for 2022.**

You can either vote in person at our meeting on Feb 3rd **or** let our secretaries Ann Tolson or Susan Lynch know your choice **or** send in the voting slip in December's WI Life magazine to CFWI. Deadline is 14th February.

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