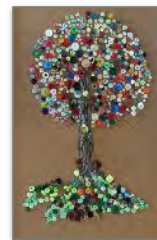


WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday March 3rd - Main meeting 7.30pm

Steve Segar from the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Steve will be covering many aspects of safety on the roads including using Smart motorways, driving at night and changes to the Highway Code

Thursday April 7th -main meeting 7.30pm

Members of the Positive Planet subgroup will be leading discussions covering Different Shades of Green - aspects of sustainable living involving Bugs, Bees, Baskets and Bathrooms.

CFWI Zoom meeting on 14th March 7 for 7.30pm

Continuing the theme of 'Professions' the speaker will be Michelle Beaver, a Coronary Care Nurse. Zoom link will be emailed out nearer the date.

From your President

It was lovely to meet in person again for our February meeting. Our speaker, Mary Lamb spoke about the work of the charity Dogs for Good and was ably assisted by her black labrador Kingsley.



Looking at the list of diary dates you can see that our subgroups are keeping busy and a new one is starting up on March 14th for all Scrabble fans. No previous experience needed just come along for a game or two and a chat.

The new subscription year starts in April and will be £44 for full members and £21.60 for dual members. We run our full and varied programme on the £21.60 we keep from each member so for 11 meetings that works out at less than £2 per member per meeting which is quite remarkable.

We are looking to reinstate the competitions and also refreshments from April whilst mindful of keeping our members both comfortable and safe. We will be asking for volunteers for the tea rota at our March meeting to add to our programme for the year. We hope this can be printed in time for the April meeting and hope there is something in it for everyone.

To make up for us having to forego our Christmas meal we are in the process of organising a Spring lunch - watch this space! Looking forward to seeing you at one of our meetings/events soon.

Melanie Barber

Book your seat for an afternoon in the company of

SAM YOUD former Head Gardener at Tatton

Saturday 26th March 2pm at Whitley Village Hall

Sam will be talking about why *Gardening is Good for You* and also taking any of your gardening questions

All welcome - bring a friend!

£5 payable on the door but please reserve your place with Pat at patsysharp@gmail.com

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd - 7.30pm

Steve Segar from the Institute of Advanced Motorists

Monday 7th - 10am-12pm

Book Club at Whitley Village Hall . Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee

Tuesday 8th 10.00am

Walking group led by Ann O'Brien along Whitegate Way

Monday 14th - 1.30pm

WVH Join us for a game of Scrabble

Monday 14th - 7 for

7.30pm CFWI Zoom
Michelle Beaver Coronary Care Nurse

Wednesday 16th - 1.30pm

WVH Craft - exploring ideas for the Village Jubilee event in June

Thursday 24th - 7.30pm

Committee meeting at WVH

Friday 25th - 1.30pm WVH

Baking Beauties - Easter bakes

Saturday 26th - 2pm

WVH Sam Youd - *Gardening is Good for You*

Monday 28th- All about Art

meeting at WVH 1.30pm - 3.30pm - Painting water

Thursday 31st -7.30pm

Village Group meeting at WVH Eleanor Griffiths Flower arranging demonstration.

Have you noticed the new photo of Chris Jones' blossoming button tree on the front page?

From the sub-groups

Baking Beauties turned their hands to a bake containing a vegetable and surprisingly the most common ingredient used was courgette - technically a fruit! Carrots, beetroot and sweet potato all made an appearance. The resultant cakes were all very tasty and moist. Next month we are looking at an Easter theme.



Jacky Graty, one of our WI members showed the **Craft Group** how to do 'needle felting'. We started with rough wool from a fleece and converted it into a flock of very pretty lambs, all ready for Spring. A very enjoyable and social afternoon although some members did need the odd plaster when their needle hit the wrong target!

All about Art turned their attention to trees and landscapes this month. They all worked very hard and produced a variety of paintings you can see if you visit the WI website at whitleywi.org.uk



The **Walking Group** managed to find the sunshine on their walk around Moore Nature Reserve but did have to negotiate some muddy fields.

Village Group meeting -Thursday 31st March at Whitley Village Hall 7.30pm

Flower Arranging Demonstration by Eleanor Griffiths. Tickets (£5) are limited and need to be purchased before the event. See Jean Waite at our March meeting

Arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening

CFWI have launched a new virtual WI for members who can't get to a meeting or fancy joining another one with a difference. For more information email

CheshireFederationVirtualWI@outlook.com

Unwanted recycling boxes

As Cheshire West moves to replace your recycling boxes with bins don't throw them out! They make great tubs for growing tomatoes, runner beans and countless other vegetables. If you don't want them hanging around then contact a member of the Positive Planet team who will re-purpose them for you!

May Outing

The wheels are in motion putting together a day trip to Shrewsbury on Wednesday May 4th. Jean Waite has been busy researching and liaising with Shrewsbury Council to make sure there are flowers in bloom for our visit! There will be a sign up sheet at our March meeting or you can contact Jean directly to express interest in this trip" [_____](#)

Shrewsbury - Something for Everyone

Shrewsbury is a very beautiful compact town, nestling in a loop of the river Severn in Shropshire



If you like history - it has 660 listed buildings - a Norman Castle, medieval streets with many beautiful black and white timber houses, beautiful Georgian terraces, but very few modern monstrosities!



If you like culture - there is a fascinating museum in the beautiful Music Hall, and stunning 14th century stained glass in St Mary's church



If you like flowers and gardens - Shrewsbury nearly always wins the Britain in Bloom competition, the town is full of flowers in the summer. Percy Throver was Park Superintendent here, and the Dingle garden, created by him, is magnificently planted throughout the year

If you like shopping, Shrewsbury does have many of the High Street shops, including M&S, though on a smaller scale than other large shopping centres. There are 2 shopping arcades where you will find these. However, if you like something a bit different, the main streets are full a mix of independent shops and small cafes/restaurants. The Indoor Market wins National Awards and is full of interesting stalls and eateries and there is even an Abakhan for the craft lovers



If you just like to stroll in green spaces, there is a large Quarry park, and you can wander around the river bank, or relax in the sun - there are lots of seats, especially in the Dingle area



There is a lovely Boat trip along the river, serving tea/coffee during your trip.