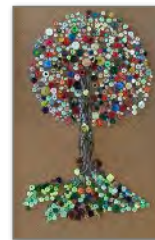


WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday April 7th - Main meeting 7.30pm

Members of the Positive Planet sub-group will be leading discussions on 4 aspects of sustainability and caring for the planet. The 4 main topics will encompass Bees, Bugs, Baskets and Bathrooms. Kirsty from 'Weigh of the World' in Northwich will be joining us and leading one of the groups.

We are going to be serving tea and biscuits and our competition is returning - to take part please bring along a 'Green' item

Thursday May 5th -main meeting 7.30pm

Tiger Muffin Soaps are presenting 'Bathing through the ages' with demonstrations of soap and bath bomb making with samples of soap for everyone.

From your President

I was sorry to miss the March meeting and would like to thank Jean Waite for stepping in at the last minute. I gather the speaker Steve Segar, from Advanced Motorists gave some useful tips and answered many members' questions. He did send me some links for further information which I have included below for people who are interested in pursuing things further.

April sees the start of our new subscription year and our Treasurer Pat Sharp will be available at our meeting on the 7th to accept your subs, £44 for a full member and £21.60 for a dual member. Whitley WI only retains £21.60 per member, the rest goes to CFWI and NFWI. If you would rather pay by BACS then details are on the attached document.

Given the uncertain times we find ourselves in it is very difficult to produce a meaningful budget for the year ahead. What we do know is that running costs are increasing. The Village Hall rental is increasing for our main meeting and sub-group meetings and we have seen an increase in the cost of speakers especially if they are travelling any distance. These costs are the same whether we have 30 members attending or 60, so until we have a better idea on how many members are rejoining, as a committee we are not committing to any major expenditure/ subsidies etc but will reassess the situation in the Autumn.

Hope to see you soon

Melanie Barber

Useful Information

<https://www.iamroadsmart.com/>

<https://www.warram.org.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code-road-safety>

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/>

<https://cleanairgm.com/clean-air-plan>

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th April - 7.30pm
Different Shades of Green -
Positive Planet sub-group
leading discussions

Monday 11th April -
10am-12pm Book Club at WVH -
The Drowned Village by *Kathleen
McGurl*

Tuesday 12th April - Walking
Group at Dunham Massey 10am
at Whitley Village Hall or 10.25am
at Dunham Massey carpark

Wednesday 20th April 1.30pm
at WVH Craft Club - assembling
boxes for the Jubilee event

Wednesday 20th April 7.30pm
at WVH Scrabble group

Friday 22nd April - 1.30pm
-WVH Baking Beauties - Jubilee
biscuits

Monday 25th April 1.30pm WVH
Art Group- cards for biscuit
boxes

Tuesday 26th April Arts & Crafts
zoom making a Fabric Postcard

Thursday 28th April 7.30pm
CFWI zoom - with Engineer Gill
Cowlam

Friday 29th April -10am Positive
Planet at Gill Alcock's

Wednesday 4th May - Trip to
Shrewsbury

Thursday 5th May - 7.30pm
Main meeting Tiger Muffin Soaps

Monday 9th May -7.30pm CFWI
zoom with Jackie Weaver Chief
Officer for Cheshire Association
of Local Councils

WI Garden Group afternoon 26th March

WI members from Whitley and beyond together with their partners and friends enjoyed a beautiful Spring afternoon in the company of Sam Youd, former Head Gardener at Tatton, who talked about why 'Gardening is good for you'. From *shinrin-yoku*

(forest bathing) to the helpful bacteria in the soil, the general feel good factor of being outside in nature and enjoying the singing of the birds and the rustling of the leaves is appreciated by all of us.

Sam answered questions from members about the merits of bark, what to do with a conifer hedge and which plants can thrive in a north facing border. A most enjoyable afternoon, thank you Pat Sharp and Helen Carey for organising it.



Seven members met for our first **Scrabble** session in over 25 years! A good time was had by all and many new words learnt! Our next meeting is in the evening on **Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm at Whitley Village Hall**. All levels welcome, you don't have to be an expert!



Congratulations to the **Whitley WI darts team** - Pat Gaskell, Joan Pattinson, Ann Brock, Rita Carter, Judy Harrison, Ann O'Brien and Ann Tolson are Champions of the North Cheshire Darts League despite difficulties in organising matches over the last year. Well done Ladies!



Our first 'in person' **Village Group Meeting** for over two years saw flower arranger Eleanor Griffiths demonstrate just why she has won 4 Gold medals at Chelsea amongst numerous other awards. The arrangements were stunning and Susan Burtonwood was one of the lucky winners in the raffle!



Shrewsbury Trip Wednesday 4th May

There are still a few spaces left on this trip - £20 for Whitley members £30 for non-Whitley members. Please contact Jean Waite to put your name down and bring your money along to our April meeting on the 7th.