

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

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.

Competition - A Towel

Thursday June 2nd - join in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations from 5pm at Whitley Village Hall. Beacon lighting at 9.45pm

Our **JUNE WI meeting** is a joint meeting with **DUTTON WI** on **TUESDAY JUNE 14th at PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL . 7.30pm**

The speaker will be Dave Thomas and Paula Martin from the farm at Tatton telling us about farming in the 1940's
Competition - an item of 1940's memorabilia

From your President

The diary is definitely filling up at the moment with our sub-groups as busy as ever and our long awaited day trip to Shrewsbury coming up on the 4th May. Thank you to Jean Waite who has coordinated the trip and planned a lovely day for us all.

With the days getting longer and requests for some meetings in the evenings, our sub-groups are looking into the practicalities of this. Scrabble had a very successful evening meeting in April and is planning another in May, Baking Beauties is going to hold their July meeting in the evening.

We are looking to have a local evening outing in August on our usual meeting night and more details about this will follow next month.

All in all we seem to be keeping very busy! Hope to see you at one of our WI events soon!

Melanie Barber

Afternoon Tea in the Garden

On Wednesday 25th May, in conjunction with the garden group you are all invited to the garden of Helen Carey's in Brookhouse Lane. Come along anytime between 2 and 4pm to have a wander around her lovely garden and enjoy tea and biscuits.

Events of the afternoon

A wildlife themed raffle - proceeds to Whitley WI

A photographic competition of local flora and fauna. Please put your entry (a standard size photo please) in an envelope with your name on the outside and hand to Annette or Helen before the 18th May. If you need a photo printing out then you can email it to Pat Sharp and she will print it for you!

There will be no entry fee but there will be a donation box for the Wildlife Trust in recognition of 60 years of the organisation.

Please remember 'the planet' and share cars wherever possible and pop a picnic chair in the back on the assumption that it will be a beautiful sunny afternoon!



Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th May - Trip to Shrewsbury

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

Monday 9th May - 10am-12pm
Book Club at WVH - *Blackberry Wine* by Joanne Harris

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

Tuesday 10th May - Walking Group 10am- tbc

Wednesday 18th May 1.30pm at WVH Craft Club - dress rehearsal for the Platinum Jubilee event

Wednesday 18th May 7.30pm at WVH Scrabble group

Friday 20th May - 1.30pm -WVH Baking Beauties -A Citrus flavoured bake

Monday 23rd May - 1.30pm Art Group at WVH

Thursday 2nd June - 5pm onwards Jubilee celebration and beacon lighting at WVH

Tuesday 14th June - 7.30pm Joint meeting with Dutton WI at Preston Brook Village Hall

Saturday 18th June - 1.30pm onwards Whitley Rose Queen at WVH

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd June - Royal Cheshire County Show at Tabley showground

Craft group had a busy afternoon creating rosettes to decorate the boxes ready to be filled with the biscuits that the Baking Beauties have been trialling for the Jubilee event!



Art group have been painting cards on a jubilee theme and with the **Garden group** potting up patriotic lobelias Whitley WI will definitely be putting their stamp on the Jubilee celebrations to be held at Whitley Village Hall from 5pm on Thursday 2nd June so do come along and join in.

Susan Burtonwood and Annette Minor organised a very interesting behind the scenes visit to Smith's nursery at Lymm on 19th April. 15 members walked through polytunnels full of colourful plants at different stages of development.



There is quite a production line sowing, transplanting, potting and growing on at the 2 acre site.



APRIL MEETING

Members enjoyed the discussions around four different 'shades of green'. Members from the Positive Planet Sub-group gave a ten minute insight into Bees - Sue Roberts who told us about the fascinating life of the bumblebee
Bugs - Pat Sharp with her lovely compost



Bathrooms - Gill Alcock showing alternative eco friendly products and Chris Jones who was showing us how to look for sustainable ways to shop with the help of Kirsty from Weigh of the World in Northwich.



We wrapped the evening up with a lovely cup of tea!

Thank you to Gill and all her Positive Planet team!

Whilst excavating the footings for a new garage, Chris Jones had to rescue two hedgehogs who had fallen into the open trench overnight. Chris took them along to the Moss Wood wildlife hospital to be checked over and treated before re-release. Chris had no idea she had hedgehogs in her garden!

