

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 1st December

Our Christmas Party. We have over 50 members booked in for an evening of festive fun.

Competition is for a Christmas Hat.

No presents required but you can bring seasonal items for us to donate to the local food bank

Doors opening at 7.15pm

Thursday 5th January

Our speaker for our first meeting of 2023 is Sarah Darlington giving us an insight into the world of Mrs Darlington's Jams and Chutneys. The competition is for a jam spoon.

Our full programme for the next year will be available at our Christmas party.

From your President

Thank you for all your support at our Annual meeting last month. I am looking forward to my second year as your President. Thank you to all my committee and other members including the sub-group leads who help out behind the scenes. It takes many hands to make a successful WI and I believe Whitley is going from strength to strength. The meeting finished off with a trip down memory lane courtesy of Frankie Connor and his take on the Mersey Beat sound. There were many feet tapping along and much reminiscing amongst members! December is upon us this week and our party on the 1st will get us in the festive mood. The committee have a fun filled evening planned but please don't arrive before 7.15pm as we have a lot of setting up to do first. See most of you on Thursday!

Melanie Barber

GROUP CAROL SERVICE

Monday 12th December 7.30pm at Daresbury Church

Carols and seasonal readings followed by coffee and mince pies

Please try and car share if possible as parking can be tricky!



COMMUNITY COFFEE & CHAT



Monday 19th December
10.30am – 12.00pm
Whitley Village Hall



Drop in for a festive coffee and a chat

ALL WELCOME



More details contact Melanie 01925 730784

Diary Dates

Thursday 1st December -
7.30pm Christmas Party

Monday 5th December 10am
-12pm WVH Book Club Force of Nature

Tuesday 6th December-
Walking group 10.30am Whitley Village Hall for a walk around Whitley

Monday 12th December -
Group Carol Service 7.30pm at Daresbury Church

Wednesday 14th December -
2pm WI Committee meeting WVH

Monday 19th December -
10.30am - 12pm Community Coffee morning WVH

No scrabble, craft, art or baking beauties in December

January 2023

No book club in January

Thursday 5th January - main meeting 7.30pm WVH Mrs Darlington's Jams and Chutneys

Wednesday 18th January - Craft club 1.30pm Whitley Village Hall. An introduction to crochet

Monday 23rd January - 1.30pm Art Group at WVH

Friday 27th January - Baking Beauties 1.30pm WVH. An old family recipe

**WISHING YOU ALL
A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY 2023**

Members of the **craft group** met at the nature reserve on November 5th to decorate the WI tree with poppies for remembrance again. I'm sure many of you will have noticed the eye-catching display as you have driven past. Some of us then had a walk around the nature reserve to finish the morning off!



On the subject of Christmas cards - this is a very personal topic and it is up to individuals to decide who they wish to send cards to. However, increasingly people are choosing to donate directly to charity in lieu of purchasing and sending cards so please do not be offended if you send a card and do not receive one back or indeed if you haven't sent one but receive one. Please respect the view of the person sending/not sending the card and enjoy the spirit of Christmas however it is expressed.

Baking Beauties -

Mince pies was our challenge for the November meeting. A google search by Chris revealed some interesting facts. Our current day mince pies do not resemble those of the Middle Ages in either name, shape, size or filling.

In Tudor times the 'Minst pye' or 'chewet' was a symbol of the Christmas story. It's rectangular shape depicted the manger and the pastry pie top was baby Jesus. The 13 ingredients of the pie (meats, fruit and spice) represented Jesus and his disciples. The mince pie was even fit for a king. In 1413 Henry V served for his Coronation.

Moving on to the 18th century the pies took on a sweeter taste and became circular in shape. All change again in Victorian times when suet was substituted for meat.

Jonty has found an early cookbook which makes reference to mince pies of the 14th century and part of this resides in the Rylands library in Manchester. Could this be a visit for the Spring? Watch this space.

