

# WHITLEY W.I. News



## FUTURE WI MEETINGS

### Thursday 2nd February

At our main meeting this month Karen Hodgkins from Pet's Pantry in Stockton Heath will be talking about her 3 month sabbatical in Laos and Thailand.

The competition is for a pet photo or item

### Thursday 16th February

is our Birthday Celebration. Come along and join us for tea and cake at the Village Hall from 2pm -3.30pm. If you haven't booked your place yet then please let a committee member know if you are planning to join us - just so we don't run out of sandwiches!

### Thursday 2nd March

We will be celebrating all things Welsh so bring along your favourite welsh souvenir and an unusual daffodil or two, if you have them, so we can make a stunning display. 'Mwynhau' (enjoy)

## From your President

Our speaker in January was Sarah Darlington who gave us an insight into the history of the family business, Mrs Darlington's jams and chutneys. We all enjoyed a taste of the lemon curd recipe that started the business off when the family had a surplus of cracked eggs to use up!

I'm hoping Sarah may have inspired some of you to have a go at making your

own jam or preserve and enter it into the Cheshire Show Produce section under the title 'Sugar and Spice'!

In addition to our own regular monthly sub-group meetings, Cheshire Federation have sent details of numerous events and workshops to sign up including stewarding and providing cakes and preserves for the Cheshire Show. Make sure to check the events table at Thursday's meeting.



Melanie Barber

## VILLAGE GROUP MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

WHITLEY VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

### 'LAUGH WITH JAMIE'

An evening with comedian

Jamie Sutherland

Refreshments available

Raffle



Tickets £7.00

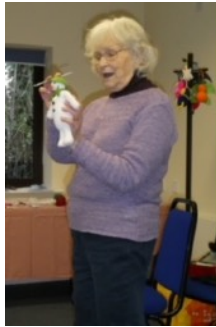




### Craft group

What a lovely fun afternoon getting to grips with the art of crochet. There was some frustration and some members found it much easier than others! At least we all know now what crochet is all about and whether we want to 'attack' it when we need a challenge.

It was wonderful to see all Joan Pattinson's work over the years - and have her company again. Something to aspire to!



### Baking Beauties

This month the topic was a family recipe. Nine members met to offer their recipe, some to honour a family member, others searched very old cook books for inspiration.

This resulted in a variety of bakes including a luncheon cake dating back to 1899 using a lot less sugar than today's cakes, and still tasted delicious. Other bakes included egg custard, tea breads, apple cake, walnut bars, Anzac biscuits, meringues and sticky chocolate cake.

Jontyn spoke about the original gingerbread of Ormskirk which dated back to the 1800's. This was served on trains in the area by gingerbread ladies. An annual event still takes place to honour its success.

A recipe book from Pat's mum gave us a completely different recipe. There were a number of options to cure 'ills'. This resulted in a great discussion and a google search to see what some of the natural products were. Have you heard of 'squills'? Whitley school also had recipes to offer.

Some were given by parents and others from the cooks who worked there. All in all a very interesting afternoon for our bakers.

Our next meeting is Friday 24th February and we are preparing for the Cheshire show. We are keen to enter this year so we are having a practice run making ginger bread people using the recipe provided on the schedule.

