

# WHITLEY W.I. News



## FUTURE WI MEETINGS

### 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.

Annette Minor will be revealing the winner of the Garden group quiz which has kept many of our members puzzling these last few weeks!

### Thursday 2nd February

At our main meeting Karen Hodgkins will be talking about Pets, Pantries and Saving the Planet

### Thursday 16th February

is our Birthday Celebration. Come along and join us for tea and cake at the Village Hall from 2pm -3.30pm. Make sure you book your place!

## From your President

What a wonderful way to end our WI year with our Christmas party on 1st December! The evening started off with a short performance from the local dance school. Party games followed and a fantastic buffet, courtesy of Pat Sharp really made for a most enjoyable evening. Retiring committee member Susan Burtonwood was thanked for all her work on



committee and Irene Robinson was presented with a certificate celebrating over 70 years of WI membership. Annette won the Christmas hat competition with a marvellous snowman creation and the evening



was polished off with an impromptu game of Christmas Carol charades and a traditional rendition of Auld Lang Syne.

A big thank you to Annette for sorting out the beautiful primulas for each member. Hopefully everyone received one in time for Christmas!

Wishing you all the best for 2023 and hope to see you all very soon.

Melanie Barber

## Diary Dates

### January 2023

No book club in January

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

**Tuesday 10th January** - Walking group - Ann O'Brien is leading a walk along the Whitegate way. Meet at village hall at 10am

**Wednesday 11th January** - 7.30pm WVH Scrabble

**Saturday 14th January** - CFWI 9.30pm Pilates session on zoom

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

**Monday 23rd January** - Community Coffee morning 10.30am Whitley Village Hall

**Monday 23rd January** - 1.30pm Art Group at WVH - exploring the theme 'A magical land' ready for the Cheshire Show

**Wednesday 25th January** - 7.30pm WVH WI Committee meeting

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

**Monday 30th January** - 2-3pm Resolutions discussion Whitley Village Hall

**Thursday 2nd February** - main meeting - Karen Hodgkins from Pets Pantry

**Thursday 16th February** - 2pm Afternoon Tea Birthday party WVH

## Resolutions 2023

The shortlist of resolutions for 2023 were published in the November/December copy of WI Life. In summary they are as follows

1. Save our water - every drop matters
2. Women to women - turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers
3. Online gambling harm - time for action
4. Clean rivers for people and wildlife

We are running a resolutions discussion meeting on Monday 30th Jan at 2- 3pm for interested members. Everyone is welcome along for further discussion

If you are unable to join the meeting but would like further information on the resolutions look on the My WI website [mywi.thewi.org.uk/](http://mywi.thewi.org.uk/) under the Public Affairs and campaigns section.

All members are entitled to a vote and can either submit their choice to our secretary Susan Lynch, complete the form in WI Life and post to Chester or take part in a poll at our February meeting. All votes need to be with our Federation by 14th February 2023.

## Trading Table

You may have noticed the re-appearance of the trading table at our meetings at the end of last year. Pat Sharp has very kindly supervised this but we are in need of some extra help to man the table in future meetings. We are low on committee members and need a bit of extra manpower to make sure everything can run smoothly. At the November meeting Pat was running the trading table, and taking money for the Christmas party, which she did admirably, but an extra pair of hands would have helped a lot!

If you feel you are able to help out occasionally on the trading table then please sign up on the sheet at Thursday's meeting or let a committee member know. Thank you in advance

## Cheshire Show

The full schedule of classes on a 'Once upon a time' theme appeared in the December issue of Cheshire News. Many of our sub-groups will be looking at the appropriate classes so let's see how many entries we can put in this year!