

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Wednesday 3rd May -

Trip to Chester including a lunchtime sail along the Dee. Meeting at WVH at 10.15am

Thursday 4th May -

7.30pm WVH
Our speaker from Cheshire Wildlife Trust will bring us up to date with current projects in Cheshire protecting our wildlife.
The competition is for a wildlife figure or ornament

Thursday 1st June -

7.30pm WVH
Melanie Farrow will be showing us how to make the most of our homegrown flowers. We are asking all members to try and bring some flowers /foliage from their gardens for the evening, simply displayed in a jar or bottle. These will form the competition and also decorate the tables

From your President

April seems to have been a long month with plenty going on. At our main meeting Ann O'Brien valiantly assisted our speaker Peter Sykes who performed some keyhole surgery, removing a gall bladder of all things! Fortunately the patient was wooden and didn't protest too much!



We had a successful Village Group Spring lunch later in the month with yet more jewellery and bags and scarves on offer for £1. It amazes me where they all come from!

As May seems to be inundated with Bank Holidays this year a number of our regular sub-groups have cancelled their meetings this month so please check on the diary dates.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you on the Chester trip on Wednesday. Jean Waite has planned the day meticulously and even looks to have sorted the weather for us as well! Thank you Jean.

Melanie Barber

The walking group

trekked across the fields around Whitley in April. They managed to dodge the April showers arriving back at Whitley Village Hall for coffee and Easter treats just as the heavens opened!



Diary Dates

May

Thursday 4th May- main meeting 7.30pm WVH Cheshire Wildlife Trust

NO BOOK CLUB IN MAY

Tuesday 9th May - Garden group trip to Smith's nursery in Lymm. Meet there at 9.30am

NO SCRABBLE IN MAY

Tuesday 16th May - Walking group meet at WVH at 10am. We will walk around Glazebrook followed by lunch at Bents

Wednesday 17th May- Craft Club 1.30- 3pm WVH assembling the Cheshire Show entry

Monday 22nd May - Community Coffee morning 10.30am -12pm WVH

NO ART CLUB IN MAY

NO BAKING BEAUTIES IN MAY

June

Thursday 1st June - 7.30pm WVH main meeting - A flower festival celebrating home grown flowers

Saturday 10th June - Whitley Rose Queen starting at 1.30pm

Tues 20th/Wed 21st June Cheshire Show

Advance notice

Thursday 3rd August - Evening outing to 'Meet the Llamas' near Frodsham followed by a meal

Thursday 10th August - 2pm - 4pm a summer garden party at Queastybirch Farm courtesy of Ann Cookson

At **Baking Beauties** members had a go at baking muffins. Jonty gave us a brief history of the muffin including a rather macabre story about the muffin man who lived on Drury lane who lured children to their death



using a muffin tied to a piece of string!
There was also much discussion about whether you add dry ingredients to wet or wet ingredients to dry! No firm conclusion was reached but the end results were all very tasty!



April 22nd was Earth Day and the CFWI Climate Ambassadors held a Green Dot Day at CFWI house in Chester. I went along and had great fun making cosmetics from coconut oil and constructing a climate bookmark to mark the increasing global temperatures over the last century. I also learnt about growing micro-greens and using Eco-friendly cleaning products.

Before the event we were all asked to calculate our carbon footprint using one of the many online calculators. I came out as 9.8 tonnes.

If you would like to have a go then click on

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

Advance notice that the Trading Table in June will be an opportunity for you to bring along any 'spare' plants from your garden so if you are busy pricking out seedlings and have too many then pop them in a pot and bring them along to our 'Flower Festival' meeting

