

# WHITLEY W.I. News



## FUTURE WI MEETING

### Thursday 6th July -

7.30pm WVH

Our speaker Ed Tarry is the Community Engagement Manager at Styal Prison who is talking about 'Living in Styal - Building Hope , Changing Lives'. Ed will give us an insight into the daily life inside the only female prison in the North West, the regime and what activities are delivered that will benefit women whilst in custody. More importantly upon release, which activity will ultimately reduce the possibility of reoffending. Competition is for '**An unusual key**'

### Thursday 3rd August -

Our outing is taking us to Meet the Llamas at Hillview farm in Bradley followed by a meal at The Hanging Gate in Weaverham

## From your President

What a glorious month we had in June. The weather was spectacular and our WI activities brought out the best in us from our wonderful flower festival at our June meeting, to the inspirational Cheshire Show and ending with some amazing bakes at Baking Beauties on the theme of Summer Fruits.

Melanie Farrow from **Smellanie's Garden Flowers** in Lymm shared her story of setting up her flower farm during the Covid lockdown. Using flowers from her farm Melanie produced a wonderful casual arrangement - Melanie calls herself a flower 'faffer' rather than an arranger! Members brought a wide variety of flowers from their gardens arranged simply in jars and bottles which made for a very impressive competition table. Congratulations to Anne Toll - our newest member whose display won first prize!



The evening was perfectly finished off with a strawberry cream tea. Thanks to the bakers and the tea ladies!

Melanie Barber

## Diary Dates

### July

**Thursday 6th July** - main meeting 7.30pm WVH  
Ed Tarry - 'Living in Styal'

**Monday 10th July** - Book Club  
WVH 10am *Fools and Mortals* by Bernard Cornwell

**Tuesday 11th July** - Walking group - venue tbc

NO SCRABBLE IN JULY

NO CRAFT IN JULY

**Monday 24th July** - Community Coffee morning 10.30am -12pm WVH

**Wednesday 26th July** - Literary lunch

NO ART CLUB IN JULY

**Thursday 27th July** - WI Committee meeting

**Friday 28th July** - Baking Beauties 1.30-3pm WVH - 'A Taste of Europe'

### August

**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. Take a chair and a plate of food. There will be raffle for charity so please bring some change.

**Trading Table** - there will be one at our July meeting so please bring along any spare garden produce or preserves etc

The **Garden Group** put on a very impressive trading table at our June meeting thanks in the main to Annette Minor and Pat Sharp. All our gardens are now more colourful as a result of our purchases!



**Baking Beauties** carried on the summer theme with bakes involving summer fruits.

Although strawberries and raspberries were the main stars we also had pink gooseberries, blueberries and even coconut!

The stand out bake was Ann Tolson's Meringue cake which was a real showstopper. However, everything was delicious !



### August 3rd - "Meet the Llamas"

If you haven't signed up already then please remember to sign up for the August Outing on Tuesday 3rd to 'Meet the llamas' at Hillview, Bradley near Frodsham followed by an evening meal at The Hanging Gate at Weaverham. Menu choices needed by 10th July.

We are meeting at the Village Hall at 5.15pm then car sharing to drive to the Farm. There will be a little walking over a couple of fields so suitable footwear is needed for this. There will be an opportunity to walk with a llama if you so wish.



This is Rachel who can't wait to meet you all!



### Cheshire Show 2023

Whitley members submitted 9 entries this year over 5 different classes including the combined craft class. We were placed in each class that was entered which was a fantastic result! Well done to all those ladies who put entries in. The entries will be on display at our meeting on Thursday so do have a closer look - you may even be inspired to enter a class yourself next year!



For more information on any of the above visit [www.whitleywi.org.uk](http://www.whitleywi.org.uk)



**Cheshire Show** continued...

Joint member Pam Burr won the Meanwood Cup for a class voted on by the general public. The class was entitled 'Happily ever after' and members' had to use an old sock and other safe recycled materials to create a character to reflect the title. Pam's cat certainly did fit the bill! Congratulations!



Several Whitley members helped out in the exhibition tent and also on the refreshment stands where there was a brisk trade in tea and cake!



Winner of the **Garden Group** Christmas quiz, Sheila Cox enjoyed a trip out at the end of June to Bridgewater gardens in Salford with quizmaster Annette Minor and two other competitors. The drizzle held off and the gardens were a riot of colour. Well worth a visit!

