

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 4th January

Our speaker for our first meeting of 2024 is Andy from Moulton Glass, giving us a demonstration of copper foil stained glass making.

The competition is for **a piece of decorative glass**

Thursday 1st February

In the RSPCA's centenary year, Kevin McFarlane from the St Helens and Warrington branch will be talking to us about the work they do with rescued cats and dogs.

Thursday 22nd 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

Dancers from DLDA got us all in the festive spirit for our Christmas Party, the final meeting of 2023 with a series of dances to Christmas tunes in their lovely flowing red dresses. The youngest dancer judged our Christmas bauble competition and chose Irene Robinson's beaded



snowman from the beautiful selection that adorned our tree at the head of the tables. Party games followed and a fantastic buffet, courtesy of Pat Sharp really made for a most enjoyable evening.

A big thank you to Annette for once again sorting out the beautiful primulas for each member and Pat Sharp for delivering to members unable to make our party.



Wishing you all the best for 2024 and hope to see you all very soon.

Melanie Barber

Diary Dates

January 2024

No book club in January

Thursday 4th January - main meeting 7.30pm WVH Andy from Moulton Glass - stained glass decorations

Saturday 6th January - CFWI 9.30pm Pilates session on zoom

Tuesday 9th January - Walking group - tbc

Wednesday 10th January - 7.30pm WVH Scrabble

Wednesday 17th January - Craft club 1.30pm Whitley Village Hall. Making boxes out of old Christmas cards

Thursday 18th January - 2-3pm Resolutions discussion Whitley Village Hall

Monday 22nd January - Community Coffee morning 10.30am Whitley Village Hall

Wednesday 24th January - 7.30pm WVH WI Committee meeting

Friday 26th January - Baking Beauties 1.30pm WVH. Scottish baking

Monday 29th January - 1.30pm Art Group at WVH - winter painting and discussing the plan for the year ahead

February

Thursday 1st February - main meeting 7.30pm WVH - Kevin McFarlane from RSPCA St Helens and Warrington branch

Thursday 22nd February - 2pm WVH - Afternoon Tea Birthday party

Resolutions 2024

The shortlist of resolutions for 2024 were published in the November/December copy of WI Life. In summary they are as follows

1. Dental Health matters
2. Impacts of Poor Housing Conditions
3. Say 'No' to Gambling Advertising
4. Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System

We are running a resolutions discussion meeting on Thursday 18th Jan at 2- 3pm for interested members. Everyone is welcome along for further discussion For more information on the resolutions look on the My WI website 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 11th February 2024.

Wreath Making at Smith's Nursery

Considering we all started off with the same ingredients our finished wreaths were all completely different!

Thanks go to Sarah from Smith's Nursery in Lymm for instructing and helping us to produce our



masterpieces. She also provided a very welcome mince pie and mulled wine to celebrate our successes!

