

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

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.

Kevin is happy to accept donations of cat and dog food or toys etc for the animals in their care if you bring them along on Thursday.

The competition is for '**a cute animal**' as long as it is inanimate, this can be in any medium!

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! Please let us know of any specific dietary requirements

From your President

We kicked off 2024 with Andy from Moulton Glass educating us in the differences between stained glass and leaded lights. He showed us beautiful examples of both, in churches and cathedrals as well as stately homes and local pubs! We might even be able to have a go at creating some glasswork of our own - watch this space!



Our sub-groups are all back up and running so if you haven't been along to one and fancy having a go then just check out the times on the diary dates and pop along.

Thinking caps on for the Cheshire Show in June - the schedule was printed in the December edition of CFWI news. It is a much reduced schedule this time, all on an *Olympic* theme.

February is Whitley WI's birthday month - 86 years old this year. Our birthday afternoon tea is on Thursday 22nd February from 2-3.30pm. This is free to all members but please sign up so we know how many to expect. This is a lovely social gathering with chance to chat with old friends and make new ones!

Looking forward to seeing you during February.

Melanie Barber

Green Dot Day - On Saturday 16th March 10.00-3.30pm at CFWI House Chester.

If you are interested in going along as Whitley WI's delegate to find out more about air source heat pumps, making the refreshment table a low carbon one or running your own Swish, then please let a committee member know asap.

Diary Dates

February 2024

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

Monday 5th February - Book Club 10am-12pm WVH *The Dead Ringer by M C Beaton*

Tuesday 6th February - Walking group - meet at WVH 10am for a walk around Moore Nature Reserve.

Wednesday 14th February - 7.30pm WVH Scrabble

Wednesday 21st February - Craft club 1.30pm Whitley Village Hall. Own projects or come along to knit a square for project Linus

Thursday 22nd February - WVH 2pm - 3.30pm Afternoon Birthday tea

Friday 23rd February - Baking Beauties 1.30pm WVH. A Valentine theme

Monday 26th February - Community Coffee morning 10.30am Whitley Village Hall

Art Group not meeting in February

Wednesday 28th February - 7.30pm WVH WI Committee meeting

March

Thursday - main meeting 7.30pm WVH - Elaine Billington from Halton Women's centre - donations of toiletries will be most welcome.

Walking group were blessed with a glorious morning for their January walk along the Whitegate Way. Sunglasses were needed in addition to the hats and gloves!



We all enjoyed a warm drink and some lunch at the old station cafe after putting in our steps.

Baking Beauties explored Scottish baking as their meeting fell the day after Burn's night. There were haggis rolls, oatcakes, shortbread- with and without the caramel and chocolate topping! There was much discussion about the Dundee cake and how to prevent the almonds sinking as well as the origins of the Dundee marmalade that is traditionally used in the recipe. A traditional black bun was an interesting bake, basically a fruit cake wrapped in pastry. All hearty fare, not forgetting the traditional cranachan with delicious raspberries and of course a dash of whiskey!



Don't forget to visit our website for more information about all the sub-groups and other activities that Whitley WI gets up to!

www.whitleywi.org.uk