

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 7th March

Main meeting 7.30pm
WVH . Our speaker is Elaine Billington from Halton's Women's Centre. We are collecting toiletries to pass on to Elaine and have a number of wash bags we can fill with items you might like to donate eg. toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shower gel etc. The competition is for **"A Favourite Handbag"**

Thursday 4th April

Main meeting 7.30pm
WVH - An Evening in Northumberland taking in the sights, sounds and taste of this beautiful region. The competition is for a **"British Holiday Souvenir"**

Wednesday May 15th

A day trip to the British Ironworks near Oswestry. Jean will be giving the details at our March meeting.

From your President

This year is the 200th anniversary of the formation of the RSPCA. At our February meeting Kevin McFarlane from the St Helen's and Warrington branch talked to us about the work they do with rescued dogs and cats. Interestingly, whilst they work under the banner of the National RSPCA, they receive little funding from them directly and have to find money themselves to provide for the animals in their care. Kevin did leave some leaflets with me about how to donate and I will leave them out on the information table at our next meeting.



Thank you to Annette for arranging the visits to Smith's nursery to see the amazing varieties of primroses and hear from Sarah about the differences between primulas and the primrose vulgaris. What a stunning array of colours, a real splash of Spring!

Annette even went to the trouble of crystallising some primroses for the refreshments at craft group!



Thank you to committee members for making our Birthday Afternoon Tea so successful and enjoyable. Ann O'Brien did us proud with a beautiful birthday cake, decorated with hand made primroses, to celebrate 86 years of Whitley WI. Thank you Ann. Lots of photos overleaf.

Melanie Barber

Diary Dates

March 2024

Thursday 7th March

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

Monday 11th March - Book Club 10am-12pm WVH *The Forgotten Sister* by Caroline Bond

Tuesday 12th March - Walking group - walk to be confirmed depending on the weather!

Wednesday 13th March - 7.30pm WVH Scrabble - last one of the season

Wednesday 20th March - Glass workshops. Morning session 9.30am start, afternoon session 1.30pm start. Approx 2.5 hours.

Friday 22nd March - Baking Beauties 1.30pm WVH - *Easter Treats*

Monday 25th March - Community Coffee morning 10.30am - 12pm WVH

Monday 25th March - Art Group 1.30-3pm WVH - *Spring (to be confirmed with members)*

Wednesday 27th March - 7.30pm WVH WI Committee meeting

April

Thursday 4th April -Main meeting 7.30pm WVH - An evening in Northumberland

Thursday 18th April - Group lunch at Antrobus Village Hall 12-2pm Tickets £10

Advance Notice - May Outing on Wednesday 15th May to British Ironworks near Oswestry

Our Birthday Tea celebrating 86 years of Whitley WI



A wonderful occasion and a beautiful cake to celebrate our birthday!



VILLAGE GROUP SPRING LUNCH

THURSDAY 18th APRIL

ANTROBUS VILLAGE HALL 12pm-2pm

2 COURSE HOTPOT LUNCH &

Bring and Buy – non-perishable goods only
Proceeds to local hospices



Raffle
Tickets £10.00



Last month one of our members, Janet Patterson, celebrated 40 years of the Save the Children shop in Stockton Heath. The Princess Royal was on hand to cut the cake!



ANNUAL WI SUBS

The new subs year starts in April and subs have been set at £48 for the year. Details of how to pay on the attached sheet.