

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 9th January (NB this is the 2nd Thursday of the month)

7.30pm WVH Speaker will be Gill Adlington talking about "Art for Everyone" and the competition is for a picture/ photo of your favourite painting

Thursday 16th January

7.30-9pm WVH Discussion about this year's resolutions

Thursday 6th February

7.30pm WVH our speaker will be Dominga Devitt taking us down Memory Lane looking at Vintage Adverts. The competition is for a vintage branded food tin.

From your President

May I wish you all a Happy New Year. I would like to start by thanking Melanie for being President over the past 3 years and for the smooth running of our Christmas Party. Thanks also to Pat Sharp for organising the buffet and the other Committee members and helpers.



We have a varied programme of speakers lined up for you in 2025, starting with artist Gill Adlington on 9th January. The National WI have sent some action points regarding our National resolution on improving access to Dental Care, which we shall share with you. We hope you will be able to join us for a discussion of the new short-listed resolutions for 2025 on the evening of Thursday 16th January. There will be a Birthday afternoon tea in February. If you would like to help with the event, please let a committee member know.

Thank you for electing me President for 2025. The new committee hope to put on social events you will enjoy. Perhaps you would like to join one of our sub-groups this year. You will usually be welcomed with a drink and a biscuit, a chat and you shall probably learn something. I look forward to seeing you on 9th January.
Regards

Susan Lynch

Wreath Making at Smith's Nursery

There were so many members wanting to have a go this year we had two sessions with Sarah at Smith's Nursery. Both were full of fun and enjoyed by all and the results were stunning! Amazing to think everyone started off with the same basic foliage yet ended up with their own unique creations! Check out the Whitley WI website to see more of the wonderful wreaths.



Diary Dates

January

No book club or walking group in January

Thursday 9th -

Main meeting 7.30pm at WVH. Gill Adlington - "Art for Everyone"

Wednesday 15th - 1.30-3pm WVH Craft group planning for 2025 activities

Monday 27th - 10.30-12.00pm WVH Community coffee and chat

Monday 27th - 1.30-3pm WVH Art Group follow on activity from Gill Adlington's talk

Friday 31st - 1.30-3pm WVH discussing Gypsy Creams

Darts practice on Mondays 10.30-12.30 at Comberbach Bowling Club - see Ann Tolson for more details

February 2025

Thursday 6th February - Main meeting 7.30pm at WVH. Dominga Devitt looking at 'Vintage Adverts'

Tuesday 18th February - 1.30-3pm WVH Whitley WI Birthday Afternoon Tea

Food Bank donations

All the donations brought to the Christmas party were taken to the Mid Cheshire Food based in Winsford. They were most grateful and asked me to pass on their thanks to all of our members for their generous contributions. They really will help to make a difference.

Thank you everyone!

Walking Group

Instead of the usual walk we had a Xmas get together at the village hall where everyone contributed bringing goodies including sandwiches, quiches, appropriately shaped large sausage roll made by Pat S who was my Christmas elf and a star rolled into one. Cakes, fruit kebabs and

Annette's individual trifles were wonderful in their little glass cups. Melanie made her very nice punch. After our lunch we had a quiz of anagrams



connected with walking and then we had lots of laughs and chatter whilst we played charades.

Thanks to all my walkers who have joined me over the last years looking forward to seeing you in 2025.

Due to family commitments I will not be leading one in January but I will lead February's along the Whitegate Way on Tuesday 11th February 2025.

Ann O'Brien

Thank you all for my lovely photo frames presented to me at the Christmas party in a beautiful box - all my favourite colours! The frames will be ideal for my ever increasing number of grandchildren!



Melanie

Resolutions 2025

These were published in the December WI Life magazine

- **Let's talk about incontinence**
- **Bystanders can be Lifesavers**
- **Join the repair revolution**
- **Eliminate landfill of medication packaging**

CFWI are holding a zoom session on 8th January - Jean W can provide details for this. You can also join us on Thursday 16th 7.30pm at Whitley Village Hall for Whitley WI's own informal discussion of the resolutions put forward this year.

We will be voting for the resolution we would like to progress to the Annual meeting in June at our February meeting