

WHITLEY W.I. News

FUTURE WI MEETINGS

ADELAIDE HOUGH BOWLS SHIELD -

Monday 1st September.
Meet at Comberbach
Bowling club at 9.45am
ready for a 10am start.

Thursday 4th September

Main meeting 7.30pm at
WVH. Our speaker is
Peter Turner taking us
'Through the Eyes of a
Magician' so be
prepared for some
magic!

The competition is for
'An Optical Illusion'

**Wednesday 24th
September** - Group
meeting at WVH 7.30pm.
'Nana Funk' will entertain
us while challenging
ageism and showing us
that being awesome
transcends getting older.

A Beautiful Summer!

Our August outing was blessed with a lovely sunny evening as 25 intrepid members set off on the Mad Hatter's Adventure golf course at Hartford.



The course was tricky in parts and several balls ended up in the water - accompanied by much laughter!

Six more members joined us for a lovely meal at Hartford Hall. There are more photos on our website. A most enjoyable event and thanks to Susan for organising.



Look out for more evening events over the next few months as the committee try to accommodate requests from members who are unable to come to activities held in the daytime.

Following on from this year's NFWI Resolution - **Bystanders can be Lifesavers**, CFWI are putting on a fundraising event in support of the Restart a Heart day held annually on 16th October. This will take place at Delamere on the 16th October between 11am and 2pm and will be a fundraising walk of either 2, 2.6 or 3.9 miles. CPR and defibrillator advice and training will also be available. To book a place please sign up at the September meeting.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1st - Adelaide Hough Bowls Shield at Comberbach Bowling Club. 9.45am for 10am start. Bring packed lunch.

Thursday 4th - Main meeting 7.30pm WVH. Through the Eyes of a Magician - Peter Turner.

Monday 8th - Book Club 10-12 WVH. *Daisy Darker* by Alice Feeney will be discussed.

Tuesday 9th - Walking group to meet at the village hall for 10am. Walk tbc depending on the weather. Ann will send email nearer the time.

Saturday 13th - Hatton Show. 1.30-5.30pm in Daresbury.

Tuesday 16th - Celebrate WI day on NFWI's 110th birthday at the Chang Noi (Birch and Bottle) Higher Whitley 6pm - 8.30pm. Contact Pat Sharp.

Monday 22nd - Art Group 1.30-3pm WVH led by Joan Blackshaw looking at *Monet and the Impressionists*.

Wednesday 24th - 7.30 pm Group meeting at WVH. *An evening with Nana Funk* - see Melanie to secure your ticket £8 each.

Friday 26th - Baking Beauties 1.30-3pm WVH. Theme is using berries and autumn fruits.

Monday 29th - Community Coffee morning in aid of MacMillan 10.30 -12pm WVH.

OCTOBER

Thursday 2nd October - Members night so a surprise in store for us all!

Monday 20th October - CFWI Autumn Council Meeting at Storyhouse, Chester. Tickets £15 - Last chance to sign up and pay at the September meeting. Speakers include Aled Jones.

The **Craft group** had a wonderful afternoon weaving swallows from willow. 18 members listened to Robyn from Nature Makers tell us of the buying of the willow from Somerset and the soaking of it for a few days to make it supple enough to use.

We all started with a 2 metre length of willow and made the basic body shape of a bird. Admittedly some looked thin and some fat but then we began to weave the body using the basic shape and we gradually pulled it into shape. We did find that the more we worked the willow with our fingers the easier it was to bend.



With a break for tea and cake. (thank you to Joan our tea maker of the afternoon) we then added the wings. All 18 members were so thrilled to have had the opportunity to try a new traditional craft and go home with a

completed swallow ready to hang, preferably outside to keep moist and last for many seasons to come.

Baking Beauties challenged themselves to bake using gelatine. Panna cotta, mandarin cheesecake, a full on 'Cheese cake' and marshmallow dusted in dried raspberries all fit the bill.



The star of the afternoon was Pat with her white chocolate panna cotta and fruit jelly combination made in her Bundt tin. It looked stunning and tasted delicious - Star Baker Pat!

Advanced notice that October's Baking Beauties will be in the evening on Wednesday 22nd at 7.30pm at the village hall and the theme will be Halloween.