



# **Whitley WI Annual Report 2025**

# Our Committee and Members

Our new President for 2025 is Susan Lynch, leading a committee of 12 members



We started the year with 61 members, and finished the year with 62 – old friends left us and we welcomed new ones

Average attendance at our main meetings was 39 members

## December 2024 – our Christmas Party



We met at the Village Hall and enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by our Committee. We had a very sociable evening with some informal entertainment.

# January 2025 – Zoom Meeting

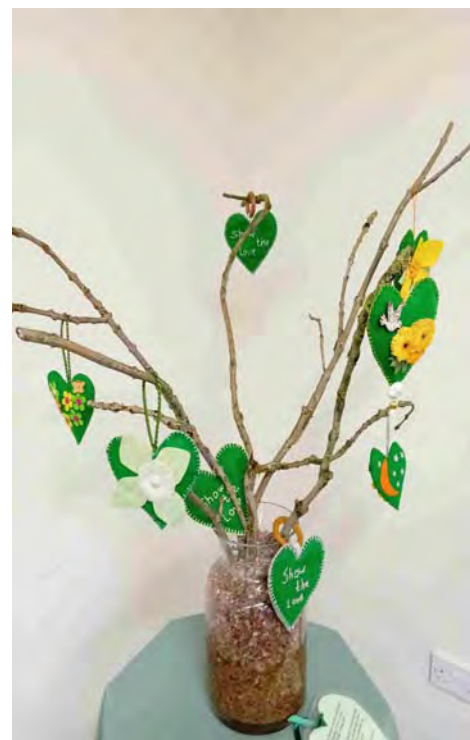


We had planned an 'Art for Everyone' speaker but the weather defeated us. At short notice we organised a Zoom meeting where we had a look at the website and had a general discussion about WI and other local issues

# February 2025 – Vintage Adverts

Our speaker was Dominga Devitt who rekindled our memories of adverts going back to the 1950s.

Members decorated our Green Heart tree, to remind us about climate action





# February 2025 – Our 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday Afternoon Tea



30 members joined us for probably the best Afternoon Tea in the area



Ann O'Brien made us a delicious cake, cut by Helen Carey

## WI Resolutions 2025

The Resolutions and the Whitley vote were

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| 1 Let's talk about incontinence              | 15 |
| 2 Join the repair revolution                 | 14 |
| 3 Bystanders can be lifesavers               | 12 |
| 4 Eliminate landfill of medication packaging | 11 |

At the NFWI Annual meeting the vote was for

**'Bystanders can be Lifesavers'**  
a topic we covered in Sep 2024



## March 2025

Kim Smith from Radio Northwich  
Music is my First Love



Kim was a brilliant and entertaining speaker who talked about growing up with music in the 1960s.

## April 2025 - Mary Lancaster Numbers, Needles and Jam Butties



Mary talked to us about her life living with Type 1 diabetes, and the time that the air ambulance service saved her life



# April 2025

## Village Group Spring Lunch



Our Melanie chaired the event, 15 of us attended, and our ladies did us proud wearing the Easter Bonnets they had made at Craft.

# May 2025

## Anna Sanders – Knickers to Poverty



**Anna talked to us about how she became in fundraising for women in Uganda, who can't even afford underwear. We also celebrated VE day with a special cake, and announced the winners of the Photographic Competition.**

# May 2025 – Photographic Competition

Thanks to Annette for organising this competition. We had 73 photos from 21 different members across 5 categories. The winners were



**A flowerhead**  
**Sue Clements**



**Glorious Insects**  
**Ann O'Brien**

## May 2025 – Photographic Competition Winning Photos



**A seedhead – Annette**



**The effect of  
weather on a plant  
or tree – Pat Sharp**

Our judge was  
Susan Bentley,  
CFWI

An ex president of  
Whitley WI



**Pond or streamside  
water - Jean Waite**





# May 2025

## Garden Party



Anne Toll hosted our garden party, with help from Annette. We raised £212.12 to donate to St Rocco's Hospice on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Delicious refreshments, a fabulous raffle and lovely social time.



# June 2025

## The History and Etiquette of Afternoon Tea

Gill and Lynda gave us an insight into the origins of afternoon tea and some of the etiquette surrounding the practice. Lynda prepared scones for our refreshments. We had some lovely competition entries for a flower arrangement in a teacup





# July 2025

## Bringing the Law to Life with Laughter



Sue Holden was a really good and entertaining speaker who told us the story about how her career in law developed. She shared lots of humorous and interesting anecdotes and insights into our legal system

## 2025 August Evening Adventure Golf and Meal in Hartford



25 members enjoyed a fun evening at Hartford Golf Club, followed by an enjoyable, sociable meal at Hartford Hall attended by 31 members.

# September 2025

## Through the Eyes of a Magician – Peter Turner



Peter talked about his approach to magic, through the world of illusion, psychology, and perception. Chains tied themselves in knots, strips of material disappeared and turned up on a member's purse and Jonty couldn't believe the optical illusions he shared with her.

## October 2025 - Members' Night



Our small members group committee ran the meeting and organised a great speaker – Joanne Goodwin the editor of Cheshire News. Our Baking Beauties provided delicious cakes, as requested by our Speaker

Thanks to Deborah Walter, Mary Lancaster, Mary Highmore and Liz Thomas



# Book Club

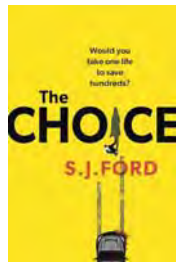
Come along on a Monday morning to discuss our book of the month, and other books members have read



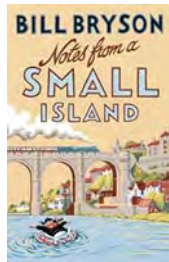
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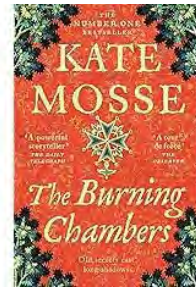
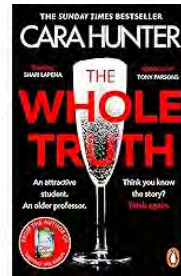
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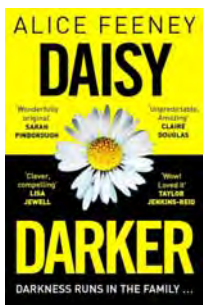
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The numbers show the average score out of 10 that our members gave the book.  
No need to buy books, we get multiple copies from the library.



## Bowling and Darts Group



Our darts team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the CFWI competition

Adelaide Hough Bowling Shield – its 35th year. A good turn out of 16 members. Jenny Roberts won the final, playing against Ann O'Brien





# Craft Group



A busy year - Christmas Stars, Green Hearts, Easter bonnets, Flower arranging, Glass fusion, Calligraphy, Willow weaving

# Art Group



Christmas cards/labels, Landscapes, Mixing colours, Flowers, Impressionists. Come and have a go, we can provide paints, etc. Thanks to Jean and Susan



# Walking Group



Walking, talking and lunching – a great way to get to know people better. Many thanks to Ann O'Brien, contact her for details. Walks around Whitley, Anderton, Marbury, Acton Bridge, Whitegate Way, Lymm

# Baking Beauties Group



Lots of different ideas for bakes, and fun to share and discuss – Welsh bakes, Gelatine, Melting Moments, Gypsy Creams, Christmas figures, Nut bakes. Many thanks to Jonty Jones and Chris Jones, contact them for details.



# National County and Group Events

**National Federation (NFWI)** have a national voice and we always get involved in choosing a Resolution for them to actively support . They run the Learning Hub, free to WI members.

**Cheshire Federation -CFWI** organise lots of activities during the year which our members can join including Spring and Autumn meetings, Here's pictures of the Literary Lunch organised by our own Pat and Jigsaw Challenge (we came 2nd).



**Village Group** organise Spring and Autumn events included earlier in this report

## Whitley WI Looking forward to 2026

Your committee have lots planned already for next year, and hope you will try some new activities with us



Thanks to our fantastic members for your enthusiasm and support