

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 5th February - main meeting at WVH 7.30pm. Our speaker is Susan Ord talking about 'The Secrets of Handwriting' The competition is for a 'fountain pen'.

This is our Birthday meeting so look forward to some delicious Birthday Cake!

Thursday 5th March - main meeting at WVH 7.30pm. Philip Lawrence will be talking to us about 'Cyber Safety' and giving us tips on how to stay secure online.

From your President

It was great to see so many of you at our January meeting – 35 were there, but I completely understand those who didn't want to venture out with the severe weather warning. I was pleased to be at the Welcome table myself at my first meeting as your new President.

After a quieter January we look forward to our usual busy programme – all our subgroups will be running in February and we also have outings, theatre visits and Cheshire events to keep you busy.

February is our 88th birthday meeting, we look forward to our talk this month on 'The Secrets of Handwriting' and to finding which of the Resolutions you choose to send forward for our National WI campaign this year.

Thanks

Jean

NFWI RESOLUTIONS FOR 2026

Here are the topics that made the short list.

- Accessible public toilets facilities to promote dignity, health and social inclusion
- Action on women's homelessness
- Nearer to nature
- Love your vulva Self-checking is your best defence against vulval cancer
- Every child needs a friend

More information on these in December's WI Life and also on the NFWI website via MyWI. We will be voting for the ones we want to go forward to the NFWI AGM at our February meeting.

Diary Dates

February

Thursday 5th - Main meeting 7.30pm WVH. 'The Secrets of Handwriting' with Susan Ord.

Monday 9th - Book Club WVH 10am - 12pm. *Mrs Winterbottom takes a gap year* by Joanna Nell

Tuesday 10th - Walking Group to meet at WVH at 10am to pool cars and walk along Whitegate Way.

Wednesday 18th - Craft and Garden Group drop in at Smith's nursery Lymm from 10.30 - 3.30 to buy primroses and crystallise their flowers.

Thursday 19th - Theatre trip - 'The Show Must Go On' at Thelwall Village Hall - more details at the meeting.

Monday 23rd - 10.30 - 12pm Community Coffee Morning.

Monday 23rd - Art Group 1.30-3pm at WVH. Paint a squirrel with Ann Cookson.

Friday 28th - Baking Beauties WVH 1.30-3.30pm. A recipe using a vegetable.

March

Thursday 5th - Main meeting WVH 7.30pm. 'Cyber Safety' with Philip Lawrence

Monday 23rd March
CFWI Annual Spring Council meeting at Nunsmere Hall. More details at our main meeting.

The brief for January's **Baking Beauties** was 'using 4oz fat and 8oz flour.....'

Other ingredients were allowed and we ended up with sausage rolls, a beautiful hot water crust pork pie, various cakes and biscuits and some welsh cakes. It shows who has a sweet tooth amongst the bakers!



Three members from the **Art Group** visited a 'Paint and Dabble' session in Warrington. This was a fundraising event for Warrington VIPs

(Visually Impaired People). Each member came away with their own interpretation of a Wildflower Sunrise using acrylics.



Craft group met in January to plan the activities for the year but also had great fun making modern paper flowers using a pattern supplied by Deborah W's daughter, Abigail.

The full programme for the year will be available at the next meeting.

