

# WHITLEY W.I. News



## FUTURE WI MEETINGS

### 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. The Competition is for 'A Padlock'.

### Thursday 2nd April -

main meeting at WVH 7.30pm. Gill Adlington showing us 'Art is for Everyone'.

**VILLAGE GROUP SPRING LUNCH**

THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

ANTROBUS VILLAGE HALL 12pm-2pm

**2 COURSE HOTPOT LUNCH**  
&  
Bring and Buy – non-perishable goods only  
Or a ready for sale handbag  
Proceeds to Breast Cancer Research

Raffle  
Tickets £10.00

## From your President

At our February meeting we celebrated Whitley WI's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday with a beautiful cake, again made and decorated by our very talented Ann O'Brien.



Two of our long serving members cut the cake – Jean Pace has 68 years membership and Jean Leicester 45 years.

This was followed by an excellent and very interactive speaker, Susan Ord, who shared her expertise in analysing a person's handwriting. After enjoying a piece of our delicious cake during the tea break we voted on which resolution should be taken forward to the National WI. Our overwhelming choice was 'Accessible Public Toilets to promote dignity, health and social inclusion'.

Members have lots of activities on offer. These include a potential coach outing to Trentham Gardens on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May, also open to family and friends. Please sign up for this at the March meeting or let Pat know by 5<sup>th</sup> March, so we know if we have enough for the trip to run.

Look forward to seeing you at the March meeting – Our speaker will be telling us about 'Cyber Safety' – hopefully we'll all be a bit safer online after this!

Jean

## Diary Dates

### March

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

**Monday 9th** - Book Club WVH 10am - 12pm. Discussing *I did it for you* by Jayne Cowie.

**Tuesday 10th** - Walking Group meet 10am at WVH for a walk around Northwich flashes.

**Wednesday 18th** - 1.30-3.30pm WVH. Bring along your button box to Craft Group and have a go at making greeting cards with them.

**Monday 23rd March**  
CFWI Annual Spring Council meeting at Nunsmere Hall.

**Friday 27th** - Baking Beauties meeting at Dormouse Haven for afternoon tea 12.30 for 1pm. Book your place with Jonty

**Monday 30th** - 10.30 - 12pm  
Community Coffee Morning.

**Monday 30th** - Art Group 1.30-3pm at WVH. The theme is 'Painting in the style of Lowry'.

### April

**Thursday 2nd** - Main meeting WVH 7.30pm. "Art for Everyone" with Gill Adlington.

**Thursday April 23rd** - Village Group Spring lunch at Antrobus Village Hall. 12-2pm. Please see Melanie to book your place.

**Wednesday May 13th** - Day trip to Trentham Gardens open to family and friends. Sign up at meeting.

**Baking Beauties** explored baking with vegetables this month. We had a mixture of savoury and sweet bakes with parsnips, courgettes, beetroot and butternut squash featuring in the bakes. They were all very tasty and helped everyone meet their '5-a-day' target!



**Walking Group** enjoyed a walk along the Whitegate Way which was very dry despite all the recent rain. Plenty of bird life was visible in the bare trees. Lunch was enjoyed at the Station cafe.



Ann Cookson led a session of **Art Group** giving members tips on how to reproduce a squirrel picture she had found. Members were encouraged to trace the original, transfer to watercolour paper and then paint then image with the suggested colours. The results are amazing and the session was enjoyed by everyone.

A cold windy day saw several ladies from **Craft group** and also members of the public enjoying the warmth of the greenhouse at Smith's nursery in Lymm to see the fantastic array of primroses on sale and also have a go at crystallising some of the primrose flowers. Annette braved the elements and manned her 'crystallising station' demonstrating the process which works best with the basic yellow primroses. They need a couple of days to dry out completely but then can be kept for up to twelve months in an airtight container.

