



# A Year in the Life of Whitley WI 2018



Our 80th Birthday Year

# Our Committee and Members



Goodbye and  
thanks to  
Ann , Lorna and  
Pat

Welcome  
to  
Annette



This year we have 74 members

# Challenges

Our year started with a challenge as the Main Hall at the Village Hall closed for 3 months while a new roof was installed, along with other updating.



But a few domestic problems didn't stand in our way!

# December



We had 'downscaled' Christmas party, with a buffet supper in the Activity room, home grown entertainment, and lots of social time. Maybe there were lessons to learn, many rated this as a particularly enjoyable party



# January Resolutions

Mary Highmore always spends a lot of time finding out about the background to the resolutions and she shared her research with us. A large majority voted for 'Mental Health Matters'

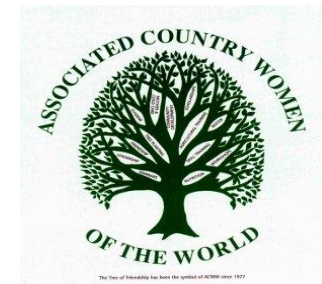
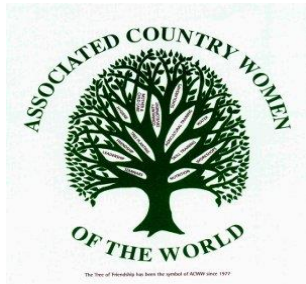


2018 marks 100 years of WI Resolutions. They have made a big difference to the lives of women over this time

# January

## ACWW

(Associated Country Women of the World)



Zeta Emmett talked to us about the different projects which this WI funded project supports. We collect for them at each meeting

# February

## Whitley WI is 80 years old



We celebrated in style, with a party at Warrington Golf Club, and a special speaker, Lucy Adlington, who talked about costume throughout the life of Whitley WI



# Party Time





# March Alpine Flowers



Malcolm Eldridge shared stories of his holiday travels in Switzerland and Austria in search of Alpine Flowers for him to photograph

# April

## Venice and the Egerton Family



Rosalie Gorton came along and shared her love of Venice. Her photographs brought back happy memories to some of our members who had visited this beautiful city



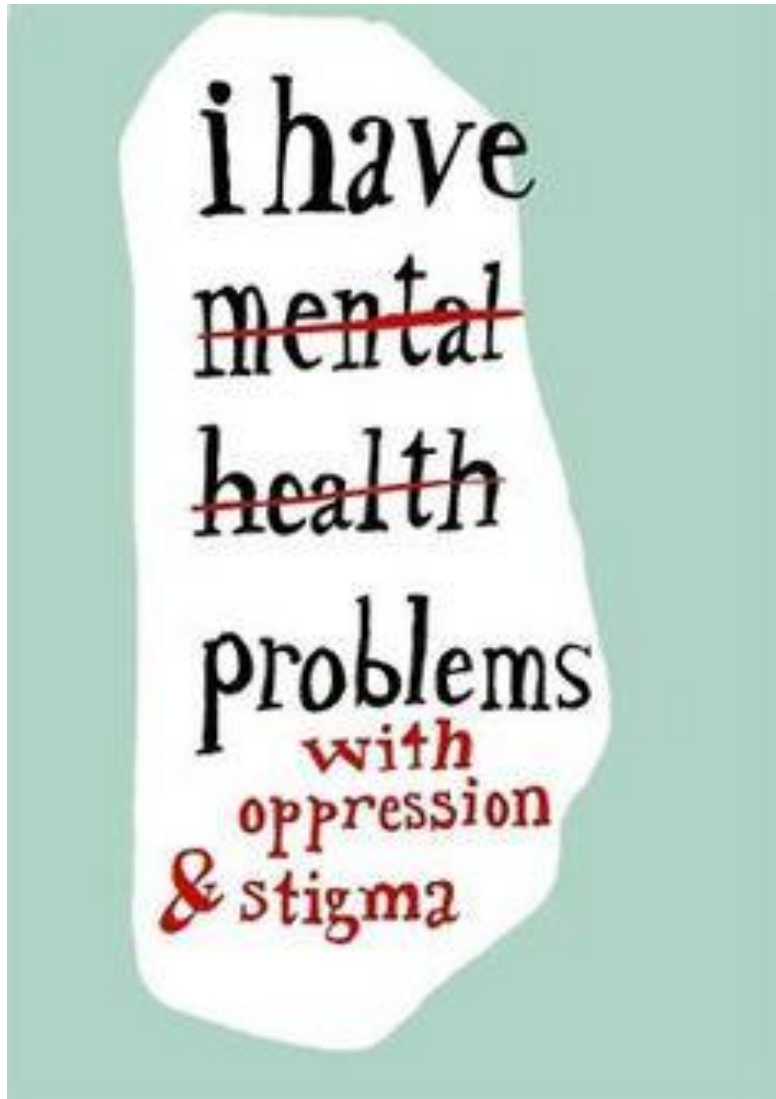
# May Resolutions

We overwhelmingly supported the Mental Health initiative, as did 98% of the delegates at the National Annual Meeting



***"Mental health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health, and take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues, and to lobby government for better support for mental illness."***

# Mental Health Matters



You, or someone you love, is likely to have problems with their mental health

# Flash, Bang, Missed It

Also at the May meeting Brian Hallworth gave us some great tips on photography and the committee were inspired to organise our own photography competition for the Christmas Party.

Pictures on our Website show we have some very talented photographers!



# May Outing to Llangollen

Thanks to our Outings Team we had a very enjoyable trip to Llangollen, with a lovely boat trip across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct followed by either a spot of retail therapy or very pleasant walk back along the canal



# June

## An Englishwoman in the White House

Sue Leicester talked to us about the time she spent in The White House



# July

## Lovely Vegans

Deb Connor talked to us about her experience as a Vegan, and demonstrated some vegan food and cosmetic products.

# GO VEGAN

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NONVIOLENCE



FOR THE  
ANIMALS



FOR THE PLANET



FOR THE  
PEOPLE

I don't think she had very many converts!



# August Evening outing

We visited the Moorings Restaurant at Anderton and everyone enjoyed the chance to socialise with new friends and old over a meal, with the bonus of a lovely view



# September

## Andrew and his Amazing Technicoloured Musicals



Brian Green entertained us with his anecdotes about all the many musicals he has been involved in

We also launched our Foodbank initiative, thanks to Lorna for co-ordinating



# October

## Members' Night



Many thanks to the team who organised such an entertaining meeting. We were all fascinated about the work of a local vet at Knowsley, and her experience of moving an elephant from Merseyside to France

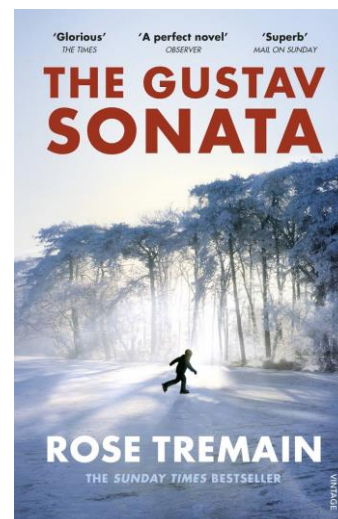
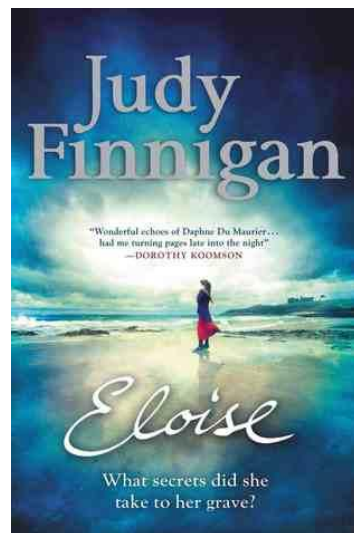
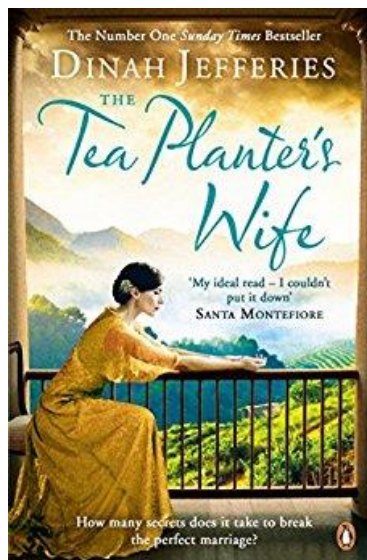
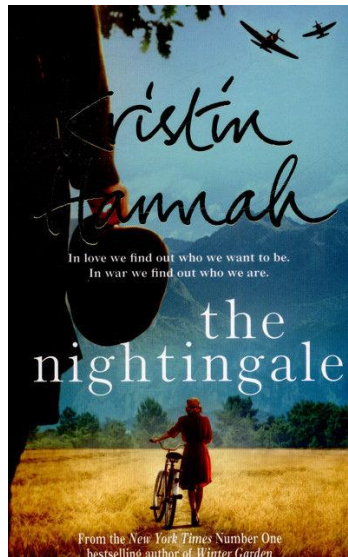
# Social Groups

There is a lot more to WI than the main meetings.  
Our Subgroups have had a very busy year



# Book Club

Wednesday following WI Meeting



A very sociable evening, when the book is discussed and the world is put to rights!



See Helen Carey for details

# Bowling Group

Whitley have 2 teams and everyone gets a chance to play. It is a very social activity, no-one takes it too seriously



We also play for the 'Adelaide Hough' trophy. This year Lorna Bettles won it, for the first time.

# Craft Group

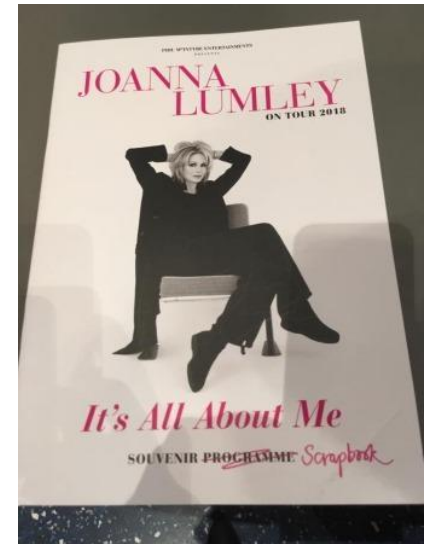
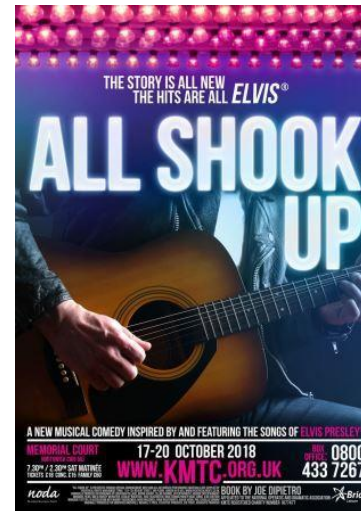
This year, after a number of requests, we started a new Craft Group.



The group meets on the **3rd Wednesday of the month, 2pm at the Village Hall, £2** including tea and biscuits, everyone welcome . See Annette for details

# Culture Club

Culture Club continues to thrive, lots of trips this year.



See Chris or Sally for details on how to get involved, one or two trips a year might suit you





# Darts

We have a very successful darts team, who came joint first in the Group Competition this year



See Ann Tolson if you are interested

# Garden Interest Group

Another new group this year. We have had lots of visits. The highlight was definitely our Afternoon Tea Party at Jean Pace's beautiful garden



Many thanks to Pat for organising, contact her for details

# Walking Group

We have enjoyed some wonderful short walks (and some lovely lunches) and could fill a book with our photographs of them



We walk on the **Tuesday following our main meeting**, Many thanks to Ann O'Brien for organising, contact her for details

# Group Events

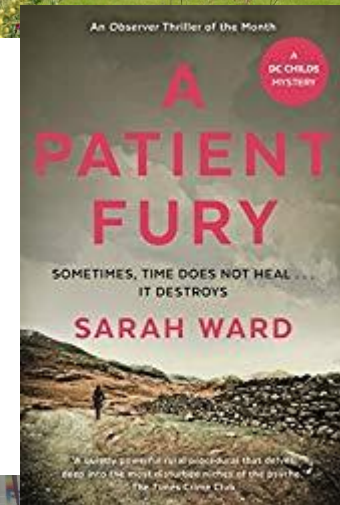
Sue Burtonwood is our Group Link, They organise 2 events per year, and a Spring Lunch. With more money to spend, they usually have excellent speakers. This year Sister Agatha and the very talented Neil Hurst entertained us



# Cheshire and National Activities

There are lots of opportunities beyond Whitley WI for Members

- Denman – two of our members attended courses this year – Art and Writing
- Cheshire – Literary Lunch, Craft Days, Bowling and Darts
- PALs – Public Affairs Links – Mary is our rep, there are 2 very interesting talks each year



# Whitley WI

## Friendship, Learning and Fun



We have just  
enjoyed a  
fantastic  
Lancashire  
night



We have lots more planned for next year  
and hope you are looking forward to

**Whitley WI 2019**

as much as your committee are