

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 2nd May

Main meeting 7.30pm
WVH - William Woods -
"Growing Herbs for Health and Wellbeing"
William runs Blackbrook Herb Gardens near Stockport and will be covering topics including culinary, historical and traditional uses of herbs as well as giving propagation and growing advice. The competition will be a posy of herbs.

June

Wednesday 5th June

NFWI AGM - Albert Hall.
Observer "Zoom" tickets still available, no charge.

Thursday 13th June -

Joint meeting with Dutton.
7.30pm WVH Tina Saunders - *"An Embroiderer's Tale"*
The competition is for a *thimble*

18th /19th June -

Cheshire Show at Tabley Show ground

From your President

At our April meeting members enjoyed a taste of Northumberland courtesy of a sub group made up of Jean W, Annette, Anne T, Sue R and Chris J. We started with a whistle stop tour from Jean taking us to the castles and stunning coastline in the region. Chris, aka Henrietta Potter, introduced us to Alnwick castle and the amazing but sinister poison garden. Anne had us all practising our best 'Geordie'. Earl Grey was the focus for Sue with his many beautiful houses and gardens and of course the story behind the tea. Annette provided us Craster kipper pate, followed by Lindisfarne mead and finishing off with singin' hinnies. Earl Grey tea was available with refreshments alongside Earl Grey tea breads. All delicious! A quick quiz finished off the evening and showed how much we had all learned.



A big thank you to all involved.

Melanie Barber

May outing to the British Ironworks.

Unfortunately we only had 12 members sign up for this trip so the committee have reluctantly cancelled the coach outing as it was not viable with so few people. Anyone who has already paid will get their money back - please see Pat at the next meeting.

Diary Dates

May 2024

Thursday 2nd May - Main meeting
7.30pm WVH - William Woods -
Growing Herbs for Health and Wellbeing

Tuesday 7th May - walking group
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Monday 13th May - Book Club
10am-12pm WVH discussing *The Christie Affair* by Nina da Gramont

Monday 20th May - Community
Coffee morning 10.30-12 WVH

Wednesday 22nd May - Craft
Group 1.30pm WVH - Liz Leech
showing her quilt projects both
finished and unfinished.

Wednesday 29th May - 7.30pm
Committee meeting

Friday 31st May - Baking Beauties
1.30pm WVH - Savoury finger food
is the theme

June

Wednesday 5th June - NFWI AGM
at the Albert Hall

Saturday 8th June - Whitley Rose
Queen Fete procession starts at
1.30pm at Whitley School

Thursday 13th June - Main meeting
7.30pm WVH
Joint meeting with Dutton

18th/19th June - Cheshire Show

Saturday 29th June - Group outing
to Saltaire and Ilkley. Tickets £20,
leaving Whitley 9am returning 6pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF August evening outing

Thursday 8th August visiting
Dunham Apple Barn for apple juice
and cider tasting followed by
evening meal at the Jolly Thresher

With Spring well and truly on the way the **Craft Group** meeting in April welcomed Julie McGuire to show 14 members how to make fresh flower corsages. Julie showed us how to wire individual flowers and foliage so they kept their shape then plan our 'buttonhole' using a variety of textures and shapes.



These were then held together with floristry tape and finished off with the all important bow.



Several ladies wore their buttonholes to the Group lunch the following day where they were much admired.

This month the challenge for **Baking Beauties** was to bake Bara Brith, a traditional welsh teabread flavoured with tea, dried fruit and spices. Tin sizes and baking time were a source of discussion as were the various recipes used as there were noticeable differences in colour and fruit distribution.



Work is continuing with our **Cheshire Show** entries so a big thank you to all our members involved in the planning and execution of these exhibits!

The **Group Spring lunch** was a great success and a lovely opportunity to socialise with members from other institutes in our Group of 6 WIs. Thank you to Pat and Chris for their help on the day and all our members who attended.