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# WHITLEY W.I. News



## **FUTURE WI MEETINGS**

# **Thursday 4th July**

Main meeting 7.30pm WVH - Julia Young speaking about Honey Bees- tales of sex, violence and adulteration! The competition is for "A Bee Picture"

# Wednesday 17th July

Literary lunch at Nunsmere Hall with Author Milly Johnson

## **Thursday 8th August**

Outing to Dunham
Massey Cider Barn
followed by a meal at
The Jolly Thresher.
Please see Pat with your
meal choice and money
at our July meeting.

# From your President

June was our biennial joint meeting with Dutton and we

had bumper attendance to enjoy our amazingly talented speaker, Tina Saunders, who told us her 'Embroiderer's Tale'. Tina left school having secured an apprenticeship at the Royal School of Needlework at Hampton Court and displayed some of her early projects in goldwork and embroidery. Tina completed her work experience with Jimmy Choo embellishing his shoes and returned there several times during the next few years.





Tina worked in a number of London fashion outlets and after completing a degree ended up working for the Royal Household becoming a dressmaker for the late Queen Elizabeth II. Here is Tina with a picture of the Queen in a dress she had made for her and she wore for the Platinum Jubilee official portrait. Visit our WhitleyWI.org.uk website to see more photos!

Melanie Barber

#### **Bowls**

Congratulations to Ann Tolson - this year's winner of the Adelaide Hough Shield. Twelve members competed this year in the Round Robin tournament, ably organised by former member Joan Pattinson.



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# **Diary Dates**

## July

**Thursday 4th July** -Main meeting 7.30pm WVH - Julia Young - *Honey Bees- Tales of sex*, *violence and adulteration*.

**Monday 8th July** - Book Club WVH 10-12pm discussing 'The Library' by Bella Osborne'

**Tuesday 9th July**- Walking Group walking from the Leigh Arms at Acton Bridge along the Weaver Navigation and back along the canal followed by lunch. Meet at WVH at 10am.

Wednesday 10th July - Craft Group - 1.30-3pm. Quilling with Sue Clements. Please bring a pencil, ruler, scissors and tweezers.

**Wednesday 17th July -** Literary lunch at Nunsmere Hall 12-3.30pm

Monday 22nd July - Community Coffee morning 10.30am - 12pm WVH

**Wednesday 24th July -** Art Group painting at Walton Gardens.

**Friday 26th July -** Baking Beauties 1.30 - 3pm WVH - exploring '*Gluten Free*' recipes.

## **August**

**Thursday 8th** - Outing to Dunham Massey Cider Barn followed by a meal at The Jolly Thresher.

## September

**Thursday 5th -** main meeting 7.30pm WVH - The Walton Lea Project, Competition is for 'An upcycled item'

## **Cheshire Show 2024**

The theme for the WI show this year was 'Olympics' and Whitley had two combined entries one for the **Teams** section and one entitled **Going for Gold**.







Both entries were very colourful and thanks go to Annette for organising the Teams entry and Susan for the Going for Gold as well as all the members who contributed items and ideas. The judges comments were fair and have given us food for thought.

Pat Sharp and Susan Lynch entered the preserves section and secured 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Well done to you both!

With Summer well underway **Baking Beauties** decided to look at recipes using summer fruits. Raspberries featured heavily along with

strawberries and apricots. A number of the recipes had the fruit layered between cake mixture rather than combining them all at once and this seemed to help the fruit stay in place. Our tastings were all washed down with some delicious raspberry lemonade!



Congratulations to our **Whitley Bowls team** who won their recent County Bowls match against Antrobus and now progress to the next round!