

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 13th June

Main meeting 7.30pm
 WWH - Joint meeting with
 Dutton WI. Our speaker is
 Tina Saunders with her
 'Embroiderer's Tale'
 The competition is for a **"A
 Thimble"**

Tuesday 18th/

Wednesday 19th June

Cheshire Show at Tabley
 Showground

Saturday 29th June -

Group coach trip to
 Saltaire and Ilkley.
 Departing Lower Whitley
 9am

Thursday 4th July

Main meeting 7.30pm
 WWH - 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

From your President

Our speaker at our May meeting, William Woods from Blackbrook Herbs, introduced us to the benefits and uses of a wide array of herbs. From culinary to medicinal applications to general well being, William talked passionately about these plants. There was a queue at his table during the tea interval to pick up some of the more unusual varieties he had on sale including a lime mint - particularly tasty in a G & T!

Our June meeting is a joint one with Dutton WI - Please note we are meeting on the 2nd

Thursday - the 13th. If you turn up on the 6th you will be helping to put up the Rose Queen marquee so don't say you haven't been warned!

I am heading off down to London on Tuesday 4th to attend the NFWI AGM as your delegate and look forward to reporting back to you all on proceedings. Don't forget to look out for Whitley's entries at the Cheshire Show if you are heading to Tabley show ground later in the month. Annette has been very busy rallying the troops for the combined co-operative 'Teams' exhibit. Susan L and Ann O'B have worked together on the 'Going for Gold' class. Good luck!

Melanie Barber



Members of the **Walking Group** braved the inclement weather and had a lovely walk through the woods at Marbury Park. The vibrant greens of the new leaves on the trees lifted the spirits and we didn't get too damp!



Diary Dates

June 2024

No Book, Craft or Art Club meetings this month

Wednesday 5th June - NFWI AGM at the Albert Hall

Monday 10th June - Adelaide Hough Bowls Tournament 10am start at Comberbach Bowling Club

Tuesday 11th June - Walking Group TBA

Thursday 13th June - Main meeting 7.30pm WVH - Joint meeting with Dutton. Tina Saunders - *An Embroiderer's Tale*

18th/19th June - Cheshire Show

Monday 24th June - Community Coffee morning 10.30am - 12pm WVH

Wednesday 26th June - WI committee meeting 7.30pm WVH

Friday 28th June - Baking Beauties 1.30pm WVH - *'Something Fruity'* to reflect the summer fruits season

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

July

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

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

August

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

Exploring the Mersey Gateway

On April 24th Annette and Sue R joined a group of WI members from all over Cheshire for a day exploring the Mersey Gateway. We gathered at the Catalyst Museum in Widnes where we were welcomed by our ex President Sue Bentley (she was Sue Abbott when our President). She is now Chairman of the County Federation Public Affairs Committee.

The day began with a fascinating talk from an excellent speaker who was one of the 3 members of staff of the Mersey Gateway Environmental Trust. The Trust was set up to monitor the wildlife on, in and around the River Mersey from the new bridge up to Warrington - before, after and while the new bridge was being built. Its purpose - to assess the environmental impact of the bridge building project. The results they have found are that as the Mersey is such a powerful river with so much water flowing down, and up with the tides, the building of the bridge has made little difference to the wildlife.

We explored the Catalyst Museum, full of extraordinary history of the Chemical industry and it's interesting characters (well worth a visit) and then we went out into the cool sunshine to watch water samples being collected from the river. The samples revealed an abundance of very active small creatures which we observed with wonder through powerful microscopes. Certainly a healthy river. As we took a guided walk round the Spike Island park we were able to see the bird and plant life along the river's edge.

The sun shone, the lunch was delicious, the company was fascinating - in all a very good day. And as we left Sue Bentley said " Send my love to Whitley"

Sue Roberts

Baking Beauties explored savoury finger food this month. Cheese featured heavily in some of these savoury treats. From palmiers to pate, crostini to samosas they were all very tasty!



Liz Leech from Dutton WI visited **Craft Group** in May with her wonderful quilts. From a baby quilt made for her by her grandmother to quilts made from tea towels and an as yet unfinished project based on a design in the V & A using tiny hexagons, it was a fascinating afternoon.

