

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 8th August

Outing to Dunham Massey Cider Barn followed by a meal at The Jolly Thresher. Please make sure Pat knows where you are meeting up - Whitley Village Hall, Jolly Thresher or at the Cider Barn.

Thursday 5th Sept

Main meeting 7.30pm WVH.

Our speaker is from The Walton Lea Partnership, talking about the activities taking place at this local charity for adults and young people with learning difficulties.

From your President

There was a buzz in the air at our July meeting with local beekeeper Julia Young taking us on a journey of sex, violence and adulteration, courtesy of her interest in the life and times of the honey bee! Members had the opportunity to handle the intricate honeycomb structures built by these industrious insects and heard about the activities of the hive working as a collective to feed the grubs, produce new queens and even ventilate the hive. Julia is a registered 'swarm collector' and can be called out to remove swarms of honeybees that have appeared in the most peculiar places, including the back window of a car! Interestingly, Julia told of us that most of the honey on sale in our supermarkets is not pure and has been adulterated with sugar syrup. Thankfully, Julia had brought some of her 100% pure honey with her and the jars literally flew off the table!



Melanie Barber

Literary Lunch at Nunsmere Hall

The sun came out for the CFWI Literary Lunch on 17th July. Pat Sharp organised a most enjoyable lunch and afternoon for 199 Cheshire Members at the picturesque venue and author Milly Johnson gave us an entertaining insight into her journey into the world of writing.



Diary Dates

August

Craft, Art, Walking and Baking Beauties are all taking a break in August.

Monday 5th August - Book Club WVH 10-12pm discussing 'Verity' by Colleen Hoover'

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 Partnership , Competition is for 'An upcycled item'

Helen Carey visited **Baking Beauties** in July to talk about baking gluten free. GF flours are more available nowadays and the recipes tried by our members worked out very well. Extra liquid was sometimes added to avoid the finished product being too dry but all the tasters gave the experiments the thumbs up!



Our **Art Group** decided to move outdoors and met at Walton Gardens in July. We gathered around the pond area, set up our equipment, and had a go at interpreting the scene, mostly using Watercolours but some Acrylics. A couple of our members came along to watch, and also to enjoy the lovely park which is a great local amenity.



We have a variety of skills and expertise, but it was good for everyone to have a go, and to learn from our more talented and experienced members. Several have taken their work home to make the finishing touches. A very enjoyable and social morning.



Members have also been busy with a painting on the 'Living in Cheshire' theme. We now have a number of excellent paintings which will be on show as part of the CFWI Art Exhibition to be held at WI House, Chester - more information about this at our September meeting.

Craft Group had an afternoon Quilling under the instruction of dual member Sue Clements who had us all constructing beautiful flower cards. The paper rolling got quite intricate at times and judicious use of a spot of glue stopped everything unravelling! The end results were amazing.

