

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 7th November

Our Annual meeting
7.30pm . Our new
President and Committee
going forward will be
elected. Following our
annual business , Lostock
Ukes will entertain us . The
competition is for ' A
musical item'

Wednesday 13th

November - CFWI

Autumn meeting at the
Storyhouse Chester .

Thursday 5th December

Our Christmas Party
7.30pm at WVH. Tickets £7
to include a buffet supper
and a welcome drink.
Competition is for a
Christmas Star

Monday 9th December

Group Carol Service at
Daresbury Church 7.30pm

From your President

What a treat we had last month with the members' night committee organising a speaker that took us all back to our childhood! Robert Clarkson led us through a brief history of LEGO with many examples that members recognised either from their own experience or their children's/ grandchildren's.

We all got to take home a little memento in the form of a LEGO figure to indulge the child within us all! A big thank you to the members' night committee led ably by Anne Toll as President and Vanessa Darbyshire as Secretary. You all did a fantastic job!



Whilst writing this newsletter it looks like October was a particularly busy month with a wide variety of activities for members to enjoy. If there is a sub-group you would like to find out more about please contact one of the committee for more information

Melanie Barber

Village Group Autumn meeting

Louise Minchin was our guest speaker at the October Village Group meeting held at Whitley Village Hall. The former BBC Breakfast news presenter told us of her path into journalism and working at the BBC for 20 years, getting up at 03:46 on presenting days. Whilst presenting BBC Breakfast Louise took on her employer regarding equal pay for women, a battle that took 6 years and took great determination. This trait has served her well in her pursuit of success in the world of triathlons and also in other extreme challenges Louise has undertaken. She has included these in her book Fearless where she describes free diving under ice, cycling across Argentina and swimming across San Francisco bay from Alcatraz!

Louise's companionable style gave the evening the feeling of chatting with a good friend and was enjoyed by all!



Diary Dates

November

November 7th - Annual meeting
WVH 7.30pm. Entertainment from Lostock Ukes. Competition is for 'A Musical item'

Monday 11th - Book Club WVH
10-12pm discussing 'Am I Guilty' by Jackie Kabler

Tuesday 12th - Walking group
walk round Marbury. Meet at WVH 10am

Wednesday 20th - Craft group
WVH 1.30pm - 3pm. Making Scandinavian Stars with Melanie. All materials provided

Monday 25th - 10.30-12 WVH
Community coffee morning

Monday 25th - Art Group WVH
1.30pm painting Christmas Cards

Friday 29th - Baking Beauties.
WVH 1.30-3pm. Sugarpaste modelling - class is full.

December

3rd and 11th December - Wreath Making at Smith's Nursery, see sign up sheet

Thursday December 5th - WI Christmas Party. WVH 7.30pm. tickets £7 includes welcome drink and buffet supper

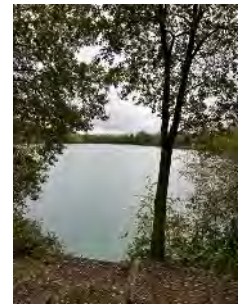
Monday December 9th - Group Carol Service at Daresbury Church 7.30pm

Darts practice on Mondays 10.30-12.30 at Comberbach
Bowling Club - see Ann Tolson for more details

The **Walking Group** enjoyed a stroll around Walton Gardens taking in the peacocks, goats and rabbits and enjoying the emerging autumn colours on the trees. The morning was rounded off with lunch at The Stag.



Saturday 2nd November saw the giant poppy, made by **Craft Group** last year, erected by the WI tree at the nature reserve again. Several members (+ 1 husband) came along to help



and some of us continued around the pit for a lovely autumnal walk.

You may remember an advert for theatre tickets to see Dick and Angel Strawbridge of TV series 'Escape to the Chateau' in last month's newsletter. Well, Ann Tolson clicked on the link and was lucky enough to get two free tickets to see their show in Liverpool. By all accounts, Ann and her friend had a very entertaining evening. It just goes to show, you have to be in it to win it!



Baking Beauties incorporated Autumn fruits for their September bakes with apples featuring largely but not exclusively!



In October Herbs and Spices was the topic with nutmeg being a firm favourite. Sweet and savoury bakes included scones, bread, biscuits and egg custard. Sometimes bakers admitted things didn't always go to plan but practice makes perfect so they say!



'Autumn' was the theme for **Art Group** this month with Karen leading the group. She showed members how to build up layers of colours to produce some fantastic autumn leaves. You could hear a pin drop as members concentrated on their painting!



The finished results are amazing!



When **Craft Group** met in October they were busy making Christmas cards led by member Vanessa Darbyshire. The variety of cards produced was quite astounding, everyone enjoyed experimenting with different ideas and techniques.

