

WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

Thursday 5th

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

We are collecting donations for the local food bank again (see next page)

Monday 9th December

Group Carol Service at Daresbury Church
7.30pm

Thursday 9th January (NB this is the 2nd Thursday of the month)

Speaker will be Gill Adlington talking about "Art for Everyone" and the competition is for a picture/ photo of your favourite painting

From your President

As we come to the last month of 2024 and my last Newsletter as your President, it is a suitable time to reflect on what Whitley WI has got up to these last twelve months. At our Annual meeting last month Susan went through our monthly meetings which covered a wide variety of speakers, from stained glass, to bees, a dressmaker to the late Queen, to the RSPCA. The sub-groups have gone from strength to strength and my thanks goes to all the leads for organising their regular meetings and activities. Village Group have provided us with a splendid lunch, a day trip to Yorkshire and an excellent Autumn meeting and our members have also been involved in various CFWI activities organised throughout the year.

Following the business of our Annual meeting we were all entertained by Lostock Ukes who got us singing along and tapping our feet to

a selection of songs accompanied by numerous ukuleles.

They have sent their thanks for the donations for St Luke's Hospice collected on the night

- it tipped them over the £7000 mark for the year.

Finally, a big thank you to all my committee without whom my job as President would have been impossible. I have thoroughly enjoyed my three years and wish your incoming President Susan Lynch all the best as she embarks on her adventure!

Melanie Barber



Annette launched the Whitley WI photographic competition at last month's meetings, entitled Nature's Beauty. As you are out and about between now and April take plenty of snaps and select your best one for each of the following categories

Weather effects on a plant or tree, Glorious insects, A seed head, A single flower head, Pond or stream side water
More details on our website.

Diary Dates

December

No Craft, Art or Baking Beauties in December

3rd and 11th - Wreath Making at Smith's Nursery

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

Monday 9th - Book Club WVH 10-12pm discussing *Red Joan* by Jenny Rooney

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

Tuesday 10th - Walking Group lunch at WVH 12-3pm. See Ann O'Brien for more details

Monday 16th - Christmas Community coffee and chat 10.30-12pm at WVH

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

January 2025

9th January - Main meeting 7.30pm at WVH. Gill Adlington - "Art for Everyone"

Christmas Cards - the Committee are providing a "Post Table" to put your cards on to as you enter the hall. Please use this rather than handing out or putting at individual places.

We are continuing with our Local Food Bank donations instead of presents so please bring tinned vegetables, soups, long life milk and of course seasonal foodstuffs. Many thanks.

The **Art Group** were painting Christmas cards/labels this month and the pictures were beautiful. Chris Spittle had brought cards, and foliage to inspire the painters and we finished off with home-made mince pies to put everyone in a festive mood.



Origami using fabric was the message for **Craft Group** this month as members were given 4 strips of material from which they were instructed how to make a Scandinavian star.



Once ladies got the sequence of folding and flipping right, the stars soon took shape and we had a very festive coat rack by the end of the afternoon.



Baking Beauties had a break from baking in November and turned their attention to sugar paste modelling. The group was split into two, half making Santas and the others making snowmen. The results were amazing and all turned out slightly differently as you can see from the photos below.



Members were sent home with all the materials to make the second figure. Pat Lyons was straight on it and made her Santa before tea the same day!

