

# WHITLEY W.I. News



## FUTURE WI MEETINGS

### Thursday 6th February

7.30pm WVH, our speaker will be Dominga Devitt taking us down Memory Lane looking at Vintage Adverts.

The competition is for a vintage branded food tin.

### Tuesday 18th February

Whitley WI Birthday Afternoon Tea  
2-4pm at Whitley Village Hall. Please sign up at the meeting.

### Thursday 6th March -

7.30pm WVH. The speaker will be Kim Smith from Radio Northwich talking about 'Music is my first love'. The competition is a favourite line from a song.

*Reminder about the Photo competition - all details on the website!*

## From your President

Firstly, I must apologise for cancelling the January main meeting. The roads were very icy and the committee didn't feel it would be safe on the Village Hall car park. I was pleased to see members at the zoom meeting, where we talked about upcoming events and ideas for future events. We intend to reschedule our speaker, local artist, Gill Adlington for later in the year.

Our subgroups are busy, with art group tackling landscapes, baking group making Gypsy creams and craft group planning their programme for the year.

We are holding a Birthday Afternoon Tea event on Tuesday 18th February and hope you can join us. Please add your name to the sign up list or let us know if you wish to come so we know how many to cater for. There will be no charge for this event.

A number of other events are coming up, so do keep an eye out for sign up sheets and the newsletters. There is an art exhibition visit, craft day, coach trips, a theatre outing, speaker event and more.

Our Darts team are doing us proud and have reached the finals in the Cheshire League. We are entering the County Quiz again. Please let me or a committee member know if you are interested in being on the quiz team.

Keep well and be careful if we have further snow and ice and I hope to see you soon.

Regards

Susan Lynch

**Craft Group** - 11 ladies arrived for what turned out to be a very productive afternoon. Our intention was to plan our programme for the year. Our craft cupboard had a tidy and the donations for unused books was worthwhile. Dear Irene Peers had left a box a craft goodies. They will be catalogued in due course and we shall have much pleasure in using them.

We still have to finalise some of our meetings - a full list will be sent to members when complete.

February sees the Green Heart day again. Craft group members will be given a kit of green heart shaped felt ready to adorn and blanket stitch around.

I would like to think we can adorn a tree branch, duly painted to show our workmanship, at the March Main meeting.



## Diary Dates

### February

**Thursday 6th** - Main meeting 7.30pm at WVH. Dominga Devitt looking at 'Vintage Adverts'

**Monday 10th** - Book Club 10-12pm. Discussing *'The Choice'* by SJ Ford

**Tuesday 11th** - Walking Group are walking along the Whitegate Way. Meeting at WVH at 10am

**Wednesday 19th** - Craft Group 1.30-3pm WVH making a green felt heart

**Tuesday 18th** - Whitley WI Birthday Afternoon Tea 2-4pm WVH. Sign up at the meeting or let a committee member know you would like to come.

**Monday 24th** - 10.30-12.00pm WVH Community coffee and chat

**Monday 24th** - 1.30-3pm WVH Art Group are *'mixing colours'*.

**Friday 28th** - 1.30-3pm WVH looking at Welsh themed bakes.

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

### March 2025

**Thursday 6th** - Main meeting 7.30pm at WVH. Kim Smith from Radio Northwich talking about *'Music is my first love'*

**Saturday 29th March** CFWI Annual Council Meeting at Winsford academy 10.30am-2.30pm

### April 2025

**Thursday 10th April** - Village Group WI Spring Lunch at Antrobus Village Hall 12-2pm. Tickets £10 available from Melanie Barber

## Resolutions 2025

These were published in the December WI Life magazine

- **Let's talk about incontinence**
- **Bystanders can be Lifesavers**
- **Join the repair revolution**
- **Eliminate landfill of medication packaging**

We had a very lively and productive discussion at our Resolutions meeting in January and all those who attended found something useful to take away from each of the proposed resolutions. Whether it is doing pelvic floor exercises, teaching your grandchildren to sew a button on, taking medicine packaging to participating Boots and Superdrug stores or finding out where the nearest defibrillator is to your home, we all felt better informed by the end of the meeting.

At our February meeting we will be voting for the resolution we would like to progress to the Annual meeting in June.

Ten members met at **Baking Beauties** in January to share their chosen recipes for Gypsy (Romany) creams. This was the first time we had all baked the same item and it prompted an interesting discussion. Recipes from a number of sources provided a variety of flavours and biscuit size as the photo shows. In anticipation of St David's Day a Welsh bake is the topic for our February meeting.



In January **Art Group** looked at landscape painting – it was planned as a follow on to our January speaker which had to be cancelled. Jean brought along some ideas from computer tutorials, along with a couple of original landscape pictures – one very precise, one quite abstract. We each had a go at developing our own skills, very much a learning curve for some of us.

