WHITLEY W.I. News



FUTURE WI MEETINGS

November

Thursday 5th - Main meeting 7.30pm WVH. Our speaker will be Janet Littler talking about the work of SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen's Families Association) Followed by our Annual meeting electing our President and committee for the coming year.

December

Thursday 3rd - Main meeting 7.30pm WVH. We have a different Christmas meeting planned for this year with some wonderful entertainment, and time to socialise and enjoy a drink and mince pies. Still a festive occasion, please bring along a Christmas cracker joke/ motto for us to share and also any Christmas cards you wish to pass on.

From your President

Dear Members
What a wet and windy October to draw a close to our glorious summer!
I've really enjoyed our wider WI events in October. At the CFWI Autumn meeting at the Storyhouse in Chester we had 2 fantastic speakers. Dr Mark Williams OBE, wearing his Welsh decorated artificial leg, told us why losing his leg in a cycling accident at the age of 10 was the best thing that happened to him! Dame Floella Benjamin described, in a very animated way, the prejudice her family experienced when they arrived in Britain from Trinidad. Later that week Whitley WI hosted the Village Group Autumn meeting where Lesley Smith took on the role, in appropriate costume, of Peggy Knight.

At our Nov Annual meeting we have an interesting speaker from the Armed Forces charity – an excellent cause for Remembrance month.

Regards
Jean

On a mild November morning the faithful few gave the WI plaque a good clean before putting the remembrance poppy in place to remember with love and pride those that have lost their lives in past and present conflicts and to all those that still suffer.



Diary Dates

November

Thursday 5th - Main meeting 7.30pm WVH. Speaker is talking about the work of SSAFA followed by our Annual meeting.

Monday 9th -Book Club 10am -12pm WVH. *The Woman who met Herself by Laura Pearson.*

Tuesday 10th - **Walking Group-** meet at WVH 10am for a walk in Marbury Park.

Wednesday 18th - Craft Group 1.30-3pm WVH making festive gnomes to hang on your tree.

Friday 27th - **Baking Beauties** 1.30-3pm WVH. Baking Christmas tree biscuits.

December

Christmas at Whitefriars - 1st, 3rd and 5th December

Thursday 3rd - 7.30pm WVH Our Christmas meeting.

Wednesday 9th - 2pm. Christmas wreath making at Smith's nursery Lymm - see Annette for more details

Monday December 14th - Group Carol Service at Daresbury Church

Craft Group



A very happy, fun afternoon was held carving pumpkins. Everyone had their own idea of what was scary but once they had the night lights in it was obvious why some could send shivers down the spine. We had a few ladies turning up for what was a social afternoon, just knitting and nattering. Why not join us next month to make woolly gnomes to decorate your Christmas tree.



Village Group Autumn meeting

Village group members and guests were enthralled by the story of unsung World War II heroine Peggy Knight as portrayed by historian Lesley Smith. Peggy was recruited during 1944 due to her language skills and after minimal training lasting only a matter of weeks, was parachuted behind enemy lines in France. Peggy's life and experiences were truly brought to life and even had the audience shedding a tear towards the end. An amazing story of an extraordinary woman.



A few of us embarked on a walk in the Frodsham Woodlands which used to be Frodsham golf club. In the winter of 2023/24 the Woodland Trust began planting 30,000 young trees to create a haven for wildlife and for the local community to enjoy.



Baking Beauties had Christmas in their sights with bakes involving mincemeat. We had various mincemeat slices and flapjack plus some mincemeat loaves, one with bananas too. The Chinese bread making technique of Tangzhong was tried by one member to make little bun swirls - a bit of a faff but the end result was tasty!

