

## Neen Savage WI Annual Report 2023

It's been another busy year for Neen Savage WI, with an interesting variety of speakers and visits. Fortunately after the uncertainty of last year we have been able to welcome the speakers as published in the programme with a wide range of subject matter from Glass Art to a trek to Everest Base Camp. James and Sue Barratt welcomed us to Little Detton for a tour of the small holding and their off grid airbnb in the dingle. We have just about got over the disappointment of losing out at the Scarecrow Convention, although we were beaten by a worthy opponent! We are already planning our comeback for this year.

Fundraising was once again the Advent Soup lunches, raising money for the Nightingale Nursing Fund and Severn Hospice. We finally completed the commemorative tablecloth which I have brought tonight and were able to use it at our celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. Some members of the WI were pleased to attend both the Jubilee and Coronation celebrations here in the hall.

Coming up we have visits planned to local businesses Heath Farm Meats and Mawley Milk and are also organising a Vintage Afternoon tea with a WI from the Black Country who reenact a WI from the 1940s which should be fun! We will have our usual Cake and Produce stall at the Scarecrow Convention and have been asked to help again at the Little Hearts Matter Fun Day at the Pioneer Centre. The Childrens Clothes Project continues in the MArket Hall in collaboration with Cleobury WI and we think is well supported - anyone is free to take any clothing they can make use of or donate good quality items for reuse.

We also continue to meet informally on the last Thursday of every month for coffee. Membership stands at around 17 members so we would love to welcome more, especially if you actually live in Neen Savage! You are welcome to come along and try before you buy - who knows you might just enjoy it!! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm here at the Parish Hall.

Catherine Evans  
President