

Neen Savage WI Annual Report 2024

It's been another busy year for Neen Savage WI, with an interesting variety of speakers and visits. Speakers included Mark Baldwin on the History of Postcards and Phil Carter on Old Ladywood. We visited local businesses Mawley Town Farm and Heath Farm Meats and hosted a 1940s Tea Party in the Parish Hall. The Victory Belles, a 1940s themed WI from the Black Country joined us for songs and dancing from the era. We also helped out at the Little Hearts Matter Fun Day at the Pioneer Centre in August.

Our Charity of the Year was Nineveh Care Farm at Bayton and we were thrilled to be able to donate £600 to them in March. This was raised in part at our One Pot Lunch in November which was such a success that we nearly ran out of provisions! We will be repeating the event this year on Thursday 28th November, 12 -2pm in Cleobury Mortimer Market Hall.

Coming up we have visits planned to Stepple Hall and Stourbridge Glass Museum and talks from Francis Engleheart on Kinlet Hall and Rosemary Winnall on Canal Adventures, we will also be trying belly dancing and candlemaking. The Programme Secretaries always put together a varied programme with something for everyone! Membership has increased slightly with 2 new members for this year, 1 recruited following the Open Morning last month!

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 every month for coffee, varying the days to allow everyone the opportunity to come along, often supporting other events in the area. Membership stands at 19 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