

Wincle & District WI

Wincle WI ended 2021 with two very enjoyable events. The first one was a visit to Chatsworth House on November 30th to a tour of the house in all its festive splendour. We all met in time to have lunch in our small groups, and then spent an hour walking through the many rooms beautifully decorated in a variety of Christmas themes. A tour of the illuminated gardens finished the afternoon, as light faded on a lovely experience.



Our very last event was our Christmas party on December 7th held at Swythamley & Heaton Centre. Members and partners enjoyed a delicious 3 course meal provided by caterer Liz Kemp. This was followed by a fascinating presentation from Neil O'Connor, a local photographer, who produces beautiful videos of walks around this area. He captures the amazing landscapes from above, using drones, as well as the views from the ground. We raised £95 to support Back Dane, by individual donations and Neil offering his fee to this charity. We were slightly unsure if we should go ahead due to the Covid concerns, but with a lovely venue with lots of space, masks worn until sitting down for the meal and lateral flow tests completed by all beforehand, we were confident it was safe to go ahead. Safety of our members is always taken seriously, during these difficult times. Thanks to the Committee for all their hard work in 2021! (masks removed briefly for the photo!)



We have made the decision to postpone our New Year Dinner until the spring, as a result of the high number of the Omicron variant in this area. On a positive note, we should not have to worry about snowfall or ice giving us travel problems!

Finally, thanks to all our ladies who donated items for the Christmas hampers which managed to raise £118 for Wincle School at their Christmas Fayre. We produced 5 hampers and amazingly 2 of those were won by Shirley Goodwin and myself, and Angie Page won a delicious chocolate cake.



Our 2022 Programme has a lovely selection of topics, from TV celebrity Kelvin Fletcher talking about his farming experience, amongst other things, at our February meeting, a talk on the Blood Bike Service, a Heart Start course from local doctor John Miller and later in the year hearing about how the Macclesfield WI produced a 'baring all' calendar! Something for everyone hopefully.

Guests are always welcome at any of our meetings, and if you are interested in joining our WI, please contact either myself on 01260 227209 or Judith Bayley on 01260 253129. Meetings are now held at the Swythamley & Heaton Centre and start at 7.30pm.

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