

# SHREWLEY WI

*Good afternoon ladies*

*We are having some beautiful days, cold but sunny encouraging our spring bulbs to flourish.*

Thank you everyone for all your generous donations for Warwickshire Refuges, we certainly filled Clare's car with all the toiletries and non-perishable foods. Clare delivered then yesterday and says that "everyone was thrilled". Clare sends her thanks to you all too.

Having asked members to make cakes for the refuges for April meeting I have spoken to Clare and I realise that we would overwhelm them, which is why I have contacted ladies who will organise between a small group that one cake from each group would be given at the April meeting, and we will set another "cake date" for later when another member could bake for that occasion. Thank you for your patience.

**I know that I am repeating myself but it is important that members help on July 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, for teas at Wren Hall as this is our main source of fundraising.** We will need lots of help to make the day a success with plenty of cakes and volunteers on the day. The list will be circulated at the next meeting.

## **Subscriptions for 2022/2023**

The annual subscriptions are due in April, and thank you to all the ladies who have paid already. Just a reminder of the details as to how you can pay:

BACS to Shrewley WI : TSB 77-74-59 Account 01244460

If using BACS please email Elaine to say that you have done so:

[Elaine.forty@btinternet.com](mailto:Elaine.forty@btinternet.com)

Or pay by cheque payable to Shrewley WI or cash at the meetings.

Following the last meeting it was agreed that our May meeting would celebrate Shrewley WI's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, exactly on the date - 5<sup>th</sup> May - and also the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We will have fresh cream scones and toast both our WI and the Queen. To make it a special occasion we shall dress in our best "bib and tucker"; fancy clothes, pearls, hats or tiaras.

Another date to save is Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> when we have arranged a coach trip to Blenheim Palace.

There is a "Harvest Festival Event" taking place in the walled garden with plenty of seating, food and stalls. The Palace is well worth a tour, and there is a permanent Churchill exhibition. There are several different eating places to choose from and lovely gardens so, hopefully something for everyone.

The cost of the coach is covered by our institute so members will pay the entrance fee of £21 each. If you bring a visitor they will have to pay £30 which includes a contribution towards the cost of the coach.

Included with your "smiles" today is a photo of your contributions to the Refuge

