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Chair's Message

Welcome to our second digital Warwickshire WI newsletter. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer and are ready to get back into all things WI.



We would love to see what your WI has been up to over the summer – did you have a garden meeting, or go on a visit? Please let us have photos and some information.

It was so good to see so many of you at the AFM in July. It was a bit different being an evening meeting, but I hope you enjoyed it and are now planning to have a garden full of colour all year round. The AFM in 2024 will be in September to enable the finance team to get the accounts completed and to all WIs in plenty of time. More information will be available as soon as the arrangements have been made.

We had a wonderful day in Cambridge for the Big Day Out. Photos are on our website: www.warwickshirewi.org.uk

Keep your eye on the website for more information of new events.

There are lots planned for the coming months so please have a look and book as early as you can to avoid disappointment. All the information is included in this newsletter.

If you have any ideas of trips or workshops you think the federation could run, then please let us know.

I'm looking forward to visiting your WI soon. Have fun!

Sue

Editors' Notes

Thanks very much to all that have sent in articles for this issue of Warwickshire WI News. It is great to read what you are all getting up to.

We have plenty of room for more articles so if you have had a great speaker at your meeting; an interesting and fun day out; are celebrating an anniversary or one of your inspirational members is doing something extraordinary, please send us a few words about it.

Articles would ideally be about half a page of A4, max 250 words (about 25 lines) and with good quality photographs. Don't forget to include your contact details. In fact, why not appoint a Press Officer to capture and regularly send in your stories.

Would you like to be part of the editorial team and have first sight of these member stories from WIs across Warwickshire? We currently have a team of three but would love to have one more editor.

You would be working as part of a team of four to pull online and hard copies of Warwickshire WI News together for our printer. Meetings are held each month to discuss themes, layout and ideas for future editions.

Finally, how are we doing? Do you like the new format? What are the best bits? Drop us a line at editor@wfw.co.uk to share your thoughts.

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NFWI AM 2023 Cardiff

An early start was had by all, on a beautiful sunny day, and off we went by coach to Cardiff for the National Federation AM.

When we got into the hall it was an amazing sight to see so many women, all wanting to come together to greet old friends and to make new ones and all excited for the day ahead. Jerusalem was sung with vigour and the AM began.

Ebony Rainford-Brent MBE

The first speaker was a young inspirational woman, Ebony Rainford-Brent MBE, who is a World Cup winning cricketer, broadcaster, motivational speaker and performance coach. Ebony is a former English cricketer and was a member of the England team that won the 9th ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in Sydney 2009.

Ebony was born in south east London, the youngest of four children, and the only girl, she spoke about her humble beginnings and how she got involved in the sport from the age of nine after a charity, Cricket for Change, came to her school. From then on she was hooked. However, her promising cricket career was interrupted by a serious back injury. At the age of 19, doctors advised her to give up playing any form of sport. But after other advice, support and her determination, she sought alternative opinions and treatment and just under three years later she represented her country in the 2007 World Series and was named UCL Sportswoman in March 2007 whilst graduating with a Master's in chemistry.

Since retiring from sport, Ebony has gone on to a career in the media including becoming a broadcaster and commentator for the flagship BBC programme 'Test Match Special' and in 2020 she joined the Sky Sports cricket commentary team. In 2015 Ebony returned to Surrey County Cricket Club, after being appointed their first Director of Women's Cricket. She is also an ambassador for Beyond Sport and Chair of ACE programmes newly formed charity in 2020.

Laura McAllister

Our second speaker was Laura McAllister who was a highly successful international footballer and is now a Professor of Public Policy and Governance of Wales. She gave a wonderful speech of her footballing career and her achievements as a woman in the sport. She was recently appointed to the supreme executive body of European football's governing body, UEFA, the first Welsh person to be elected. As a player, she has won 24 Caps for Wales and was among a group of players who lobbied the Football Association of Wales to take responsibility for the women's national side in the early 1990s.

It was long day but the coach was not quiet on the journey back to Warwickshire with us all discussing the amazing speakers and the opinions of the debate on the Resolutions and looking forward to the next time we meet so many of our WI friends from other parts of our nation again.



THE RESOLUTION

The resolution was Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife and there was a good debate on the positives of passing this resolution and then a very thought provoking argument against. It was passed with an 84% majority and NFWI are urging all members to get involved in the campaign to clean up our rivers and encourage members to make and support applications to create bathing waters in rivers across England and Wales as a way to drive the cleanup of our precious waters.

How you can get involved

Find out more information about how to apply for inland bathing water by using the Surfers Against Sewage's 'Wild Water' website. The website contains a useful nine-step guide that provides guidance about applying for a designated bathing water. You can also access the Surfers Against Sewage community bathing waters toolkit [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE

**Take part in the WI's Week
of River Action
Make a splash for clean rivers
in your community by taking
part in the WI's Week
of River Action from 11-18
September!**

Speaker's Spotlight

WI Speaker Recommendation From Studley Daytime WI

Jennifer Rigby

We have been lucky enough to welcome Jennifer Rigby as our guest speaker at SDWI, twice in recent months: in fact, after her first visit, we could hardly wait for her return!



The first talk we enjoyed was entitled "The Life of a 21st Century Actress", during which Jennifer had us all in fits of laughter with her tales of the trials and tribulations of becoming an "Acc-torr" over the past 20+ years. Her life story could certainly never be called dull: action packed would be a better description! From early childhood in Germany as a (self-confessed) "Forces brat", through University in Wales and then on to the various rungs of the acting profession, she worked in all sorts of theatre productions as well as in television and film. Along the way, she picked up numerous diverse and useful skills, such as milking cows, skiing, life-guarding, speaking foreign languages and a large range of dialects, not to mention being able to play several musical instruments competently.

Based locally in the Midlands, this multi-tasking lady is not only an actress, but also a producer, director, presenter and public speaker, to name but a few of her other talents! After spending several years at both The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and The RSC, she told us that her greatest joy had been in gaining a real appreciation for, and love of, the works of Shakespeare. Recently, she formed her own theatre company,

"Aunty Jen Productions" (or AJP, for short), which has staged a variety of productions, both indoors and out, all which have been very well received.

Jennifer's second visit to SDWI was to deliver her talk entitled "Shakespeare and Me!" This light-hearted, anecdotal talk described her path from Shakespearean sceptic to geek, and was a journey from the classroom to Shakespeare's Birthplace, including some of the theatre tours she undertook along the way. She explained how she developed her understanding of Shakespeare, via time spent immersed in role-playing a Tudor milk-maid and then as a Shakespearean performer in Stratford, and why his works are still so relevant today. Interspersed throughout, Jennifer performed extracts from some of The Bard's most famous works and gave us an insight into how and why they were written in the way they were. We all came away with far more of an understanding of 'iambic pentameter' and its uses, than most of us had ever gained during our English literature lessons at school!

We cannot recommend Jennifer enough as a speaker for any WI. She is a lively, engaging and interesting orator, with an ability to "change hats" in an instant, to reflect the mood of the particular topic about which she is speaking. She manages to totally engross her audience with her enthusiasm for her subject, without taking herself (or The Bard, for that matter!) too seriously.

Sue Burroughes
 Studley Daytime WI

NEWBOLD PACEY & ASHORNE

Barge Art Painting

Our March members' meeting was really well attended and also included five guests. Jo Chorley of Chasemeadow Crafts gave us a potted history of canal art and how it was used by families living on canal barges to personalise their cramped surroundings with simple motifs of roses, peonies and castles.

Jo provided us with terracotta plant pots, paint, brushes and motif suggestions and off we went, letting our artistic juices flow. Everyone departed, delighted with their creations and some planning to invest in a few pots and some acrylic paint to make more decorative containers for spring plantings at home.

Jo has worked with a number of WI groups, can offer a range of crafty workshops:
www.chasemeadowcrafts.co.uk



Treasurer's Corner

As we move into the second half of the financial year, some WIs will be holding their Annual Meetings in October and/or November, so now is the time to start getting your accounts ready. Please see the end of year actions checklist, which can be found in the Treasurers area on the Warwickshire federation website. If you use a WI Independent Financial Examiner, IFE, please contact them as soon as possible if you think there is a problem, and they will help you find a solution.

If your WI is holding their Annual Meeting in October or November, please book on to the Financial Statement workshop which is being held on 23 August. Make a date in your diaries now for the Treasurers New In Post workshop taking place on 24 January 2024 and the Financial Statement workshop being held on 27 March for those WIs with a March year end.

IFE Column

Who and what are the IFE's

We are not strange people (a bit iffy)! Often WIs don't call on us until the end of their financial year and we are seen as the fearsome "examiners".

In fact, we are a friendly and approachable team of WI ladies who have a good in-depth knowledge of WI accounts. We know the trials that Treasurers go through and are keen to help so that the end of the year is not so stressful, especially if accounts do not balance and you can't see why. Much better to call on us when problems are first detected. Working with WI Advisers we form part of a WI Treasurers support network. Look in your Directory 2023-2024 to see who your designated IFE adviser is. If you are needing advice on your WI accounts, please contact us or the Federation Office for help.

We encourage all WIs to use the services of an IFE to examine their accounts at year end as we understand the aims and constitution of the WI as well as the spreadsheet system. Again, contact the Office for this service about three months before your AGM.

Public Affairs Sub-Committee News

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Several members of the Public Affairs sub-committee met recently with Mr Philip Seccombe, the Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner, and Mr Richard Long, Head of Policy & Partnerships.

We were interested to learn how incidents of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) are addressed in Warwickshire.

Domestic abuse takes many different forms; it can be physical, sexual, psychological, emotional or financial, that usually takes place within the home, and is perpetrated by a partner, ex-partner, family member or carer. All police officers are trained to recognise and understand domestic abuse and they are part of a wide band of support available to all victims and their families, such as Safeline, RoSA, Survivors Trust and Refuge. Many people do not realise they are being abused, and many that do, suffer in silence. It is so important that abuse is always reported to either the Police or one of the agencies mentioned above. You can find their details via the website www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/working-together.

Remember, there is always someone out there who can help you.



From left: Jane Tietjen - Public Affairs Committee, Mr Phillip Seccombe - Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Mr Richard Long - Head of Policy & Partnerships, Christine Dyer - Public Affairs Committee, Anne Bloxham - Public Affairs Committee, Sheila King - Public Affairs Committee

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Annual Meetings

PREPARATION IS THE KEY Membership and Promotion

If you are holding your Annual Meeting in either October or November, now is the time to start your preparation.

Did you know there is a guide on Running Your WI & Committee Roles on:

My WI <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/wi-committee-roles>

There is also a guide on How To Run Your Annual Meeting: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/guide-to-running-meetings/wi-annual-meetings>

BEFORE YOUR ANNUAL MEETING

It is recommended that each WI seeks more nominations than there are places on the Committee and there must be a minimum of three Committee members per WI. As part of your preparation, the WI should agree the actions needed in the event of a tied vote for committee or President.

The key to a successful WI is getting to know your members, their interests and skill sets. Your members should feel comfortable enough to put their name forward for nomination without feeling pressured. Some members will feel more comfortable being pro-active on sub committees such as organising trips & events, the welcoming team.

At least one month before the meeting, the WI Secretary should request nominations. Only WI members who have paid their subscription for the year may make a nomination. Nominees should be asked their willingness to stand and the eligibility to become a charity Trustee. Please note any current Committee members will have to be nominated and re-elected annually. At this stage it is a good idea to send to each nominee a copy of the Trustee Eligibility for Fit & Proper Persons form for them to read. There are two forms, one for new Committee members and one for the Committee. These can be downloaded from the Officers area on the Warwickshire Federation website. (<https://warwickshirewi.org.uk/officers-area/officers-wi>) The Committee form should be signed every year after the Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

As part of their preparation, the WI Secretary should also prepare the annual report for presentation to the Committee for approval, along with the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

Only WI members, who have paid the relevant subscription for the year may vote. WIs can decide on whether or not they allow proxy voting for members who cannot attend the meeting. In this case the member carrying the proxy vote should place the absent member's vote in the ballot box with her own. She must not disclose the proxy vote with anyone.

When all nominations have been received, ballot papers can be drawn up ready for the meeting. Please be aware that members may change their mind at the Annual Meeting either way so be prepared. It is good practice for the Secretary to have a note of how each nominee gave their permission to be included in the elections. If a committee member is absent from the Annual Meeting but is willing to be nominated for election as either President, Secretary or Treasurer, she should state her willingness in writing in advance.



If there are more nominations than places on the Committee, the Committee must hold an election by secret ballot. The Secretary should arrange two tellers to attend the meeting. These are usually members of a neighbouring WI, WI Advisers or other people independent to that WI (e.g. federation representatives). NB the NFWI strongly advises the presence of two tellers, especially if there is no WI Adviser in attendance, to assist in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Ideally the ballot should be held in a separate room. Nominations for Committee elections may also be accepted from the floor on the day.

REVIEW OF BYE-LAWS

Bye-laws are laws which only apply to your WI. No bye-law can conflict with the Constitutions of the NFWI, the Federation or the WI, and it is not necessary to pass a bye-law about something that is already stated in the Constitution. Before presenting them to your WI, just double check that they are not already part of the WI Constitution e.g. women over the age of 18 years are allowed to join. WIs can make, repeal, or alter any bye-laws in place at the Annual Meeting so time should be allowed on the agenda for this. Examples of WI bye-laws are (but not limited to):

- Limiting the length of office for WI Officers.
- Limiting the length of time a member may serve on that WI's Committee.
- Limiting the number of members if there is a legal limit for that WI's meeting place.
- Allowing dual members to be elected to that WI's committee.

Please take a look on the Warwickshire Federation website (<https://warwickshirewi.org.uk/officers-area/officers-wi>) where you can download A Guide to Running Your Annual Meeting.

Chair of Membership & Promotion

We are here to guide and advise you with all aspects of running your WI. So do please contact us. Your Adviser team are:

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Kayak Report

Leisure Activities

An Afternoon on the River Leam

The Leisure Activities committee couldn't have chosen a better midsummer afternoon for their kayak/canoe taster event on the River Leam. Participants gathered at Leam Boat Centre, strapped their life jackets firmly on and chose whether they wanted a canoe for two paddlers or a kayak for one. Decisions made and safety drill explained the kayakers sat in their craft on the launch pontoon, adjusted foot rests and seat positions and were launched pointy end first into the practice pool to get used to the paddling technique. The canoeists sat straight into their already floating canoes. After a few minutes getting used to their craft the little flotilla, guided by two expert young men, paddled out under the bridge into the river and turned right. If you turn left you go down the weir, no-one did!

It was glorious, the river was full of wildlife including dragon and damselflies, coots, ducks, geese and swans. Wafts of perfume came from privet, elderflower and dog roses. There were also several other unidentifiable but interesting country aromas as we paddled down the river. The sun dappled the water out of which occasional fish jumped and the long green fronds of waterweed floated.

We paddled along with various degrees of skill, trying to remember which direction to paddle for turning round or avoid steering into the bank or one of the many overhanging trees. It was astonishing to realise that we were very near the town centre as we glided along below the many shades of greenery and blossom. The idyll lasted about 1 1/2 hours and then we were presented with the issue of how to get out of our boats - no problem at all, the kayakers were hauled back on to the pontoon with us in them and then we were offered 'sailors' grip' hand holds to haul ourselves out onto the firm planks of the pontoon. The canoeists sort of rolled out on to the pontoon and were helped to stand up.

It was great to have WFWI back on the water again.

Look out for Dragon Boat racing next year!



Treasure Hunt 2023

Henley-In-Arden

Leisure Activities Committee

The LA Committee organised their yearly Treasure Hunt to Henley in Arden this year and what a beautiful day we had. We collected our question sheets at staggered start times after we had visited the 'famous' Henley Ice Cream shop and off we went. The treasure hunt welcomes members and their guests, and it was lovely to see so many members along with their families coming out for the afternoon and also enjoying the lovely sunshine. Our youngest participant was 7-year-old Mollie Trim who along with her mum Sophie, took part as guests.

Henley was a perfect place to complete the Treasure Hunt this year with the wide footpaths, no hills and there were many places to stop for a drink or a snack.

Our first clue was easy, right outside the Baptist Church we turned left and up the road we went looking for our answers. We were stopped many times by residents asking what we were doing who not only encouraged us but even gave us a few answers or told us where to find them. After we crossed the road a refreshment stop was required at a local hostelry, soft drinks only, replete and off we went again. We came off the high street, turned left at the Church and into the tranquil gardens of the Guildhall where there were plenty of benches to sit and enjoy the surroundings.

All along the route there were historical facts about Henley in Arden and even as a previous visitor to Henley I had never stopped to read these, so it was wonderful to have the time to learn about the history of the area and its previous residents.



Treasure Hunt complete, fingers crossed we had got some of the questions right, went back to the Baptist Church where the last clues were, handed in our forms signed out and decided to visit one of the Inns for our evening meal. A fabulous day had by all.

1st place: Sue Hitchman, Long Itchington WI with 70 points and 4 tiebreaker points.

2nd place: Cathy Welch, Long Itchington WI with 70 points and 3 tiebreaker points.

3rd place: Kate Beaty, Packington & Maxstoke WI with 69 points and 2 tiebreaker points.



Our youngest participant - Molly

Mosaic Workshop

Creative Activities Committee

On a sunny Saturday morning in June, 30 members gathered at Ashorne Village Hall to try their hand at tesserae work under the guidance of Lucy Bellew of Cotswold Mosaics.

After a safety briefing on the use of tile cutters, goggles and glue from tutor Lucy, everyone chose a base former and a range of tiles, stone, glass and ceramics and let their creative juices flow...

By the end of the session, there were amazing stars, hearts, beach huts, fish and happy WI members having mastered a new skill. Everyone went away proud of their creation and with a small bag of grout to

finish the job in a few days when the glue had set.

This therapeutic art is suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Lucy shows you how to cut and shape a broad range of tesserae and create unique and wonderful pieces to take home.

The June workshop sold out very quickly so we have booked Lucy to deliver another on Saturday 30 September, 9:30am - 12:30pm at Ashorne Village Hall. Book via www.ticketsource.co.uk/wfwi to grab your place.



Jennifer Adams and Marie Shaw from Hatton WI

WFWI Treasure Hunt 2023

Questions & Answers

1. Which 18th century hymn writer lived here?

Benjamin Beddome

2. How many lions guard the green door?

5

3. What links the corner of Becks Close and South Atlantic islands?

Tumbledown Cottage

4. Which store offers a welcome?

Co-op

5. How many yards to the Stop Valve?

7

6. Where and when can you make the later collection?

Birmingham Mail Centre, St. Stephen Street, Aston up to 7.30pm

7. How long has the feathered one served the people of Henley?

650 years

8. Could you paddle here?

Yes

9. Where can changes be made and how can you make contact?

At Clothing Alterations on 01564 795507

10. What is freshly handcrafted and where?

Henley Kitchen and Bakery for bread, food and drink.

11. What are you guaranteed at the corner of Bear Lane?

Good rest

12. Lord Protector's number?

84

13. Described as one of the foremost novelists of his time, who was born in Henley in Arden, when, and which periodical did he edit?

John Keble Bell, 1875, The Sketch

14. List 2 public amenities on Station Road?

Public loos and Fire Station

15. What happens if you are not a frog?

You'll be toad

16. List the animals at this address.

Toad, frog, griffin, dog, horse, cat, gecko.

17. How many services are offered at number 50?

11

18. What is busy next to no 91?

Bee

19. What is offered at the Bluebell's table in addition to food?

Fondest memories

20. Ice cream Is safety offered here and by whom?

Magnum (Security), at the Mount by Glyn Purnell.

21. A look inside the bus shelter will tell you what to do should you feel adventurous.

Click on the 44 circular walks.

22. What are allowed at all 32A?

Electric vehicle and others

23. What is the house number where you might find a Regal Tea set?

111

24. How many different centuries has the Methodist Church seen?

3

25. What type of primate and where?

Slick gorilla at Abigail's

26. What are visitors invited to do at the Stone House?

Press

27. Give the boar's age and initials.

107 WJF

28. What did the Market Cross depict?

Rood, Trinity, St Peter and Virgin and child.

29. What was its fate?

Damaged by deterioration and vandalism.

30. A Derbyshire link for ears and eyes?

Tissington

31. Who awarded the town its charter and how long ago?

Henry VI, 574 years

32. Who had sparkling eyes and a cheeky grin?

Oli Bahlmann

33. Why won't you be able to visit the Guildhall garden on your Hunt?

Only open from 10 – 4

34. When was the Guildhall Trust established?

1957

35. Date over the river?

1854

36. Who was the Lord of the Manor in 1265?

Peter de Monfort

37. What is the link between a comedy creation and an increase in the historical knowledge of the town?

Baldrick and Time Team did a dig the Mount.

38. Which Christmas pairing do you pass?

Holly and Ivy cottages

39. Whose business is embellished by the county emblem?

John H Cranmer

40. Nags Head car park allows access to who?

Bella Diva

41. What could make you think you'd entered another country?

The White House

42. Which comfort experts were awarded what 2 years ago?

HSL, Queen's Award for Enterprise

43. Total mileage on display and destinations.

124 miles, London, Stratford, Birmingham.

44. Which business offers a bespoke service?

Ivory dentists

45. Whose cottage lies between the blacksmith and his pins?

Elsie's between Farrier and Nail cottages.

46. Name and list 3 occupations of the 'Father of Railways'

William James choose from lawyer, surveyor, land agent, proprietor, promoter.

47. Where does the cow jump over the moon?

Henley Ice Cream Parlour

48. Whose house is the home of the Heritage Centre?

Joseph Hardy

49. What is the numerical difference between the lamp post and the cottage?

100

Tie-breaker questions

1. Which year connects Mr & Mrs F Rush and Tracey Taylor

1985

2. What is the penalty for fouling?

£20

3. How and where are chocolate manufacturers referenced?

On Terry Cadbury's memorial bench in the memorial gardens.



On with the (Kenilworth) Show!

June 3rd dawned hot and sunny as WI volunteers gathered in their refreshment marquee to provide affordable refreshments for visitors to Kenilworth Show. For weeks beforehand requests for volunteers to help and for donations of cake to serve at the event had been made to WIs. It worked, especially the cake, there was cake of every type everywhere and it went down well! Many thanks to volunteers and cake donors.

Our WI marquee was set out with tables covered with pretty cloths and small vases of posies. Bunting decorated the walls and information about WI was available.

Would we get many customers had been a consideration in the planning – oh yes, they came in droves, on foot, in buggies, in wheelchairs and with dogs.

It was a brilliant post-Covid opportunity to get WI out there doing something it is so well-known for – catering for the community.



Anita and Glynis

Women's Land Army Evening

Creative Activities Committee

Napton Village Hall was transformed into a Women's Land Army barracks in May when Bert Manton (of willow weaving fame) gave us a fascinating insight into the life, work, tools and roles of the women of the WWII Women's Land Army.

Bert brought along many original artefacts to illustrate his talk including the clothing worn by WI volunteers from the Creative Activities Committee. Bert introduced the volunteers one by one, inviting them to talk about their duties, challenges and work equipment:

Trish Handsley (Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI) in her role as forewoman, slept with a petrol cannister under her bed to keep it safe;



Veronica Chapman (Hatton Park WI) as a milkmaid, demonstrated great milking technique on Bert's model cow;

Lorraine Geddes (Willoughby WI) was a gardener and arrived by bike;

Anita Dudley (Treacle Tarts WI) represented the Timber Corps as a Lumber Jill, demonstrating the two-man saw with a little help from Bert, Veronica and Jane.

Jane Waters (Kineton WI) spoke up on behalf of the farmworkers and had a whistle to warn the village of doodlebugs.

What a fantastic evening full of laughter, fun and facts. Bert held the audience in the palm of his hand for two hours talking about the life of the women who volunteered to keep the home fires burning. We ended with hot drinks and a selection of cakes and biscuits made to original wartime recipes.



Photographic Competition Winners

May 13th

On an overcast day in May, it was lovely to welcome so many WI members and guests to the grounds of Federation House, Warwick. Visitors were able to see the photographic competition entries, make purchases at the White Elephant and plant stalls and enjoy coffee and cake. Local residents had been informed about the event and they came out too, as did the sunshine eventually!

Thank you to all that contributed to both stalls. We had an excellent selection of plants and only a few left at the end of the day which were gratefully received by Briar's Croft, a care home that is in the process of creating a new peaceful garden for its residents.

Our judge for the photographic competition was Dave Clarke who you may have previously seen taking photos at our Federation Annual Meetings. Winners are pictured right:



Thank you for all your support and hope to see you at the next event.



*First flowers of spring-
Maureen Handle
Harbury WI*



*Sporting Action – Sue
Steel Norton Lindsay WI*



*Sunset/Sunrise – Maureen
Handle Harbury WI*

NFWI NEWS

WI Summer Events

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

The NFWI Membership team are interested in finding out if any of your WIs over the summer are planning any interesting or exciting events? If so, we would love to know about them so please get in touch!

We are always keen to know what WIs are getting up to and we know that a lot of WIs over the summer months get involved in a variety of different events and parties. It would be great as a team to visit a few of these events over the summer where possible and with the WIs

permission, potentially arrange for a photographer to attend. We always love getting photographs at WI events as they are a brilliant way for us to showcase and highlight across our social media, publications and within WI Life etc. how wonderful the organisation is. Of course, any professional photographs taken will be shared with the WI in question.

Please let us know if you can think of any WIs holding any interesting events coming up over the summer that we should know about!

Please send Pride photos and details of upcoming WI events to – membership@nfwl.org.uk

FUNDRAISING



Chair's Challenge for the Corunna Cup

At the AFM in July we launched The Chair's Challenge. The idea of the challenge is to make as much money as you can (it will be judged on a pro rata basis) but also to have some FUN with your WI.

Each WI has been given £10.00 and challenged to use that as a starter for fundraising. The profits are to be shared with your WI and the Federation. Please note that the deadline for this competition has been extended from May (as stated in the Warwickshire WI News magazine July edition), to July. All the details are with the WI secretaries, but here are a few ideas:

- Use the £10.00 to buy a special raffle prize, eg a voucher from M&S or Amazon. The money made from that can then be used as the starting fund for your next event.
- Use the £10.00 to buy the ingredients for some cakes and have a sale.

The proceeds from this can then be used to start your next event.

- The £10.00 could buy some tea, coffee and biscuits to have a coffee morning.

These are just a few simple ideas to get you started and to show you it doesn't have to be all singing and dancing!

Part of the competition is how you let us know what you have done so don't forget to take photos as a reminder. Be imaginative with how you compile your report, which can take any form – a poem, a scrapbook or a story. It could be a hand-crafted report.

Most of all we want to know what you did, how many of you were involved and the FUN you had in your FUNdraising!



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Here's a brief look at some upcoming events - see posters at the back of this publication for more details...

Please check our WFWI website regularly for other events which may occur in between Warwickshire WI News publication.

WHAT'S ON?

**Treasurer's Training -
Financial Statement**
23rd August 2023
2pm-4pm or 7pm-9pm



Ideal for WIs whose financial year end is Autumn 2023. Please ensure you bring along your laptop with your current financial statement on it, or hard copy if using manual accounting.

Cotswold Mosaic Workshop
30th September,
9.30am - 12.30pm



Join tutor Lucy Bellow of Cotswolds Mosaics to try this ancient therapeutic art. You will work with a selection of glass, china and tiles to create a unique and colourful piece to take home with you.

Federation Quiz
Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's Club
26th September - 7.00pm



Get your thinking caps on for a fun-filled evening! Bar available. Drinks and snacks available to buy.

**An Afternoon with TV Historian and Author
Tracy Borman**
Stratford Play House Theatre
16th October - 2.00pm



Tracy will be talking about her brand new book, "Anne Boleyn and Elizabeth I". The event will also include a Q&A and a book signing afterwards.

**WI Officers
Training Workshop**
*(See poster on page 18 for dates
and locations)*



We will take you through the key aspects of your roles and as a Committee. It will give you an opportunity to share ideas and concerns with others doing the same role.

Nottingham Christmas Market
Monday 27th November 2023



Nottingham Christmas Market takes place across two central venues, Old Market Square and Trinity Square. It is a traditional German style market with wonderful Christmas food, mulled wine and handmade gifts and decorations.



Jigsaw Competition	7 October 2023
Willow Weaving	17 November 2023
Christmas Market 2023	27th November 2023
Willow Weaving workshop for the north of the county	Coming soon
Federation Bake Off	Look out for more information in the Warwickshire WI News October edition
Darts Tournament	Spring 2024

For more information on the above events, look out for the posters on the Warwickshire WI website:
<https://www.warwickshirewi.org.uk> and on Ticket Source <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk>

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Treasurer's Training- Financial Statement

Ideal for WIs whose financial year end is Autumn 2023



DATE- 23rd August 2023

TIMES- 2pm-4pm or 7pm-9pm

COST- £10 per person payable from WI funds

VENUE- Federation House, Warwick, CV34 5HQ

Please ensure you bring along your laptop with your current financial statement on it, or hard copy if using manual accounting. Come and see how on-line works and what it can offer.

Look out for our next workshop, 27th March 2024-ideal for WIs whose financial year end is Spring 2024



Tickets are on sale from 17/7/23 from Ticket Source only. Or phone the Booking Line on 0333 666 3366 (there is a £2 charge for this service which includes postage of tickets to your chosen address). The closing date for purchase of tickets is 18/8/23

WARWICKSHIRE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

(M&P SUBCOMMITTEE)

FEDERATION HOUSE, 1 CORUNNA COURT, CORUNNA ROAD, WARWICK, CV34 5HQ

TEL 01926 419998—EMAIL ADMIN@WFWI.CO.UK

Appropriate safety measures will be in place on the day in line with any government guidelines at the time. If this event is oversubscribed, tickets will be allocated in accordance with Federation policy. No refunds will be made after the closing date, unless there is a waiting list.



Tuesday 26th September 2023

7pm-10pm

Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's Club

George Street Ringway, Bedworth, CV12 8JH



£15 per team

(Can be paid for from WI funds)

Teams of 4—ONE team per WI only.

Bar available. Drinks, snacks, hot pies and sausage rolls are available to buy. Please do not bring your own.

FREE car parking is available at the venue and opposite at the Civic Hall



Organised by
The Trustees

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1185351



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Cotswold Mosaic Workshop



Join tutor Lucy Bellow of Cotswold Mosaics to try this ancient therapeutic art. You will work with a selection of glass, china and tiles to create a unique and colourful piece to take home with you.

Saturday 30th September 2023

9.30am–12.30pm

Price £30

**All tools, equipment and materials included, as well as
tea, coffee and biscuits**

Organised by Creative Activities
www.ticketsource.co.uk/wfwi

Tickets are on sale from 21.6 from Ticket Source only. Or phone the Booking Line on 0333 666 3366 (there is a £2 charge for this service which includes postage of tickets to your chosen address). The closing date for purchase of tickets is 30.8.23

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As Seen
On TV



An Afternoon with TV Historian and Author Tracy Borman

Tracy is joint Chief Curator at the Historic Royal Palaces and has recently been seen on Channel 5's TV series *The Tower of London*, and *Hampton Court – Behind Closed Doors*. She often appears on television and radio, and is a regular contributor to history magazines, notably *BBC History*. A prolific author – writer of both non-fiction, in her role as a Tudor Historian, and fiction with her acclaimed trilogy *The King's Witch*.

Tracy will be talking about her brand new book *Anne Boleyn and Elizabeth I*.

This event will also include a Q&A and a book signing afterwards.

Monday 16th October 2023– 2pm

Venue–Stratford Play House Theatre, CV37 6LU

Price £26.50

Members and Guests welcome, there will be a licensed bar available

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT



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Tickets are on sale from 21.3 from Ticket Source only. Or phone the Booking Line on 0333 666 3366 (there is a £2 charge for this service which includes postage of tickets to your chosen address). The closing date for purchase of tickets is 15.09.23

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WI Officers Training Workshop



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doing the same role.

Weds 25th October: 7.00pm-9.00pm Church Lawford Village Hall, School Street, CV23 9EE

Tues 31st October: 7.00pm-9.00pm Wellesbourne Village Hall, School Road, CV35 9NH

Mon 20th November: 7.00pm-9.00pm Nether Whitacre Village Hall, Station Road, B46 2EH

£6.00 per person payable from WI funds to include refreshments.



**WARWICKSHIRE FEDERATION OF
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES**

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Road, Warwick, CV34 5HQ Tel 01926
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**Tickets on sale from 1st September from Ticket Source only. Or phone the
Booking Line on 0333 666 3366 (there is a £2 charge for this service which
includes postage of tickets to your chosen address). Closing date for**

purchase of tickets is 1st October

**Appropriate safety measures will be in place on the day in line with any government guidelines at the time. If the event is
oversubscribed, please email admin@wfwl.co.uk to place your name on the waiting list. No refunds will be made unless the
event is cancelled by WFWI.**



Nottingham Christmas Market

Monday 27th November 2023

Nottingham Christmas Market takes place across two central venues, Old Market Square and Trinity Square. It is a traditional German style market with wonderful Christmas food, mulled wine and handmade gifts and decorations. Nearby, is the Flying Horse Arcade where you will find an array of independent businesses, also the Victoria Shopping Centre with over 120 shops. There are several churches and museums to visit close to the city centre if you want to take a break from shopping. Also, many restaurants, pubs and tea rooms for those important refreshment pit stops.

£23

Members & Guests

9am pick up Tesco, Emscote Road, Warwick, CV34 5QJ

Leaving Nottingham at 4.15pm

Organised by the -
 Leisure Activities Sub Committee

Tickets on sale from 17th August 2023 from Ticket Source only. Or phone the Booking Line on 0333 666 3366 (there is a £2 charge for this service which includes postage of tickets to your chosen address).

Closing date for purchase of tickets is 27th October 2023.



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