

Warwickshire WI News ONLINE EDITION



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Chair's Message

As I write this it has stopped raining long enough for us to get on the land to drill our spring crops and plant potatoes! I hope you are all beginning to enjoy the fruits of your labour in your gardens.



We have had a very busy time at WFWI. Firstly, twenty two of us were at the Old Coventrians Rugby club to film the promotion video for the RFU's community initiative with The WI.

We had such a fun day learning how to play walking rugby, so much so, we have plans for more sessions. Everyone welcome. We also had the opportunity to get tickets to attend the women's Rugby match at Twickenham when the Red Roses beat Ireland!

The next initiative WFWI are involved with is the collaboration NFWI has with Relate. We will be supporting the Relate shop in Warwick. This will give us a fabulous presence on the high street with NFWI putting a promotional display in the shop window. All we need to do is donate clothes and other items to the shop and of course go in and shop there too! If you have any items to donate – no matter where you are in the federation please keep your eye out for information about drop off points. There will be a lot more information in the Warwickshire WI News magazine.

We are looking forward to visiting David Austin Roses and Chester in July as well our first Literary Afternoon with two local authors. Also, the Annual Federation Meeting is fast approaching so please book your tickets as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

And finally, have you ever thought about getting more involved in the federation? We are recruiting subcommittee members as well as Trustees. Have a word with any of the present Trustees to see how rewarding (and fun) it can be.

Have fun and enjoy all your WI events!

Sue

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Editors' Column

Welcome to the second 2024 online edition of *Warwickshire WI News* which is sent direct to all WFWI members with an email address on the Members' Communication System (MCS). The next online editions will be emailed in August and November.

If your WI has moved to a Spring year end, you will by now have held (or be planning) your WI Annual Meeting. You may have new officers, committee members and/or new members. It's therefore a great time

to ask someone to take on the role of WI Press Officer. Someone to write a few words and take photos each month to capture your fun-filled WI activities to share with your local news outlet. Stories of your inspiring members, successful speakers, workshops and outings are great to promote your group externally and just what we want for this publication. Your fellow WIs are also looking for new ideas. Please send an email with photos to editor@wfw.co.uk - please make sure you have the permission of those in the photographs.

Public Affairs

Sub-Committee News

Visit to Milethorn Dairy Farm and Shilton Village Hall

It was a bit of a drizzly morning but thankfully not full on rain or too cold when members and guests arrived at the farm for our tour. Organised by Sheila King of the Public Affairs subcommittee, the event was fully booked with lots of interaction and introductions to one another between members from across the county. Our hosts were Mr Royale and his family who have farmed at Milethorn for over 20 years and come from a long line of farming families. We were welcomed with a warming drink before heading off to the cow sheds.

The cows are bred and raised on the farm, so each cow's history is known right from conception to adult life. To give milk, a cow has to be in lactation, so there is a continual process of inseminating the herd, the birth of new calves, and raising the young cows up to adulthood. A busy schedule by any bodies standards. We learnt that only female cows are born, because sperm is selected carrying female chromosomes; the matching of which bull's sperm to which cow is also carefully monitored for traits such as milk yields.

The cows are kept in sheds where they have foam mats and straw (excellent quality from Sheila's farm) to lie on and the floors are continuously swept by an automatic controlled arm which, like all the processes, goes on 24 hours a day.

The farmer said the cows were happy in the shed and even when they had free access to go into the fields, they chose to stay indoors, out of the sun, out of the cold, out of the wet. Milking is a 24 hour process too. The farm does have a traditional milking parlour which is still used for some cows, but most of the cows use their own fully automatic milking machines. The farm has 5 milking machines at a cost of over £100,000 each, which the cows walk into as and when they want to, any time of day with no human interaction. The machine's computer registers the collar tag; lasers determine the position of the udders and the height of the cow. Brushes clean the udders and then the teats are automatically connected. The first few millilitres of milk are discarded before milk is drawn off and carried away into storage. All parts of the machine are



automatically cleaned and flushed out throughout the day. Milk is collected by tanker every day. The computer records how much milk has been taken from each cow, measures temperature, cell count, lots more and even the time taken to do it all - so 21st century.

There was so much to see and learn, from what the cows are fed to what price the farmer gets for his milk. How energy prices, feed costs, etc. impact on being able to make a profit. We all learnt something, I'm sure, if only that we need to really appreciate and support our farmers.



After the farm, we were invited by Ansty and Shilton WI to join them for lunch at the village hall, where we enjoyed lovely home made soup and cake - thank you ladies - and then we had a talk from a local ice cream maker Mr Brian Darby of JWG Dolby & Sons, who turned to making ice cream from surplus milk from his own dairy farm. He was so successful that ice cream making took over from milking cows and the business is run today by the younger generation. The talk was fascinating with a very enjoyable end to the afternoon with tasting lots of delicious samples.

A good day out was enjoyed by all, even if the weather wasn't too kind, and once again a big thanks to Sheila and all those at Ansty and Shilton for organising this event.

Anne Bloxham
Public affairs Committee



Public Affairs

Sub-Committee News

Making Waves to Support Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife

We met on a damp Saturday morning outside the Pump Rooms of Leamington Spa, just next to the site of one of the original spa water wells. Welcome and health and safety measures completed, 18 members from various Warwickshire WI's, set off across the road and into the Jephson Gardens carrying the banner made by Old Milverton WI. The aim of the walk was to highlight the condition of our rivers and the benefits the allocation of safe bathing areas can bring to all, by our presence in the community and by handing out further information to interested parties. Unfortunately, due to the weather and the sudden onset of a rain shower just 5 minutes or so after we set off, most members of the public disappeared to find shelter! Undeterred after a short break sheltering, we walked on through the park and onto the suspension bridge across the river Leam, where we sang Jerusalem before making our way for well deserved refreshments.

We all enjoyed coming together to talk about how and what we can do to improve water quality, and felt that after this small start, we could take our campaign further by holding another event later in the year. We may even get in the water (we have at least one member who already wild water swims and/or would like to get wet)! More details later in the year, but for now, thanks to all those who took part and do get in touch with the public affairs committee via the office if you are interested in joining us.



Anne Bloxham
Public Affairs committee



Participants of the walk:

Jane Allen	Fillongley Lite
Elaine Archer	Non member
Julia Baker	Kingswood & Lapworth
Anne Bloxham	Old Milverton
Sue Fell	Kineton
Karen Hartley	Old Milverton
Anne Harwood	Cubbington Pear Tree
Lyn Hayes	Harbury
Heather Gill	Cubbington Pear Tree
Ros Heron	Old Milverton
Rachel Hinton	Shrewley
Alison Hodge	Harbury
Wendy Lucchesi	Norton Lindsey
Helen Maiden	Cubbington Pear Tree
Ingrid Oliver	Barford
Cathy Rees	Kineton
Anne Steele	Old Milverton
Sue Steele	Norton Lindsey

Treasurer's Corner

Gift Aid: Free Money

We all want some of that I'm sure, and in a way that is what claiming Gift Aid is; well strictly speaking if you've been a tax payer it's only getting back some of what has been paid over the years!

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There are of course a few rules and regulations to follow which are all fully explained for you in the gift aid section on MyWI. It is brilliant if your own WI claims gift aid on their part of the subscription, but if they don't, that's not a problem, just download a form or ask your secretary to let you have one, and return either to your secretary or direct to Warwickshire Federation at Federation House.

If your WI does claim gift aid, please make sure that a copy of the claim made and all related donation forms are sent to WFWI either as a photocopy, photo or scan and attach to an email to assist@wfwf.co.uk and remember to follow the rules about charging visitors and any benefits to members. If you're unsure please refer to the guidelines on MyWI.

This year WFWI has made a successful claim to HMRC for the last two tax years from those members who have sent in forms, enabling the federation to benefit by over £2000.00.

A big thank you to all those who have completed Gift Aid forms already and for those who haven't, please do consider completing a form; we do like free money. Warwickshire will now be sending the details of our recent claims to National so that they can benefit too.

IFE Column

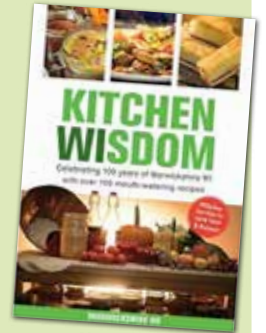
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Those WIs with a Spring Annual Meeting are reminded that when they send in their Annual Report Form, they are required to attach a copy of the Financial Statement that was presented to members at your Annual Meeting. It should be a copy of all 4 pages, signed by the President, Treasurer and IFE.

Kitchen Wisdom Cookery Demonstration

On a cold and sunny morning, my daughter in law, Anita Dudley and I made our way through the beautiful Warwickshire countryside to Shrewley village hall for a cookery demonstration.

On arrival we were offered refreshments and home made biscuits; they were delicious. When everyone had arrived and was seated, Julia Baker introduced herself and began her demonstration. She showed us how to make soda buns, and a savoury flan using filo pastry. Julia showed us how very easy this is to use. She then made Kiwi savoury muffins, using various vegetables. Next was flapjacks. Julia used the recipes out of the Warwickshire Federation *Kitchen Wisdom* cookery book. She made everything look so easy; giving me confidence to have a go to make some of these. When all the above were cooked by her very able assistant Glynis Forknall, we were all invited to try (who could resist, when it all looked and smelt so lovely). The Chairman, Sue Postlewaite thanked Julia and her team for a very entertaining demonstration, all the members agreed with this.



Val Dudley, Bulkington WI and Bedworth Belles WI

Speakers' Showcase 2024

Save the Date for Speakers' Showcase which is being held on **28th October** At Leamington Spa Baptist Church, Leamington Spa.

A selection of brand new and inspiring Speakers will be advertising their talks/craft.

Speakers' Spotlight



BIDFORD WI

Alan Deeley - The Honey Man from Burton Green Honey was our February speaker and he had us buzzing!



Alan got into beekeeping following his retirement and was incredibly passionate and knowledgeable.

He gave a fascinating talk about setting up and getting into bee keeping, talking us through the life cycle of the hive, the variety of threats, its survival including the invasive Asian Hornet (as shown in the photograph) that has been decimating bee colonies in France, and some things we could do in our own gardens to help them; such as no mow May and June and the planting of early spring and native UK flowers.



He talked us through the history of beekeeping all the way back to the Egyptians, and the development of the beehive we see today. Bees fly a whopping 50,000 miles just to collect a 1lb jar of honey and communicate the best forage areas to the rest of the hive through a fascinating "waggle dance" that gives the other bees direct co-ordinates to the source of pollen.

He also brought along a delicious selection of different honey's for us to try from wildflowers, heather, and even ivy honey! As well as other beeswax products such as candles and furniture polish.

We do also have a Facebook page, Bidford on Avon WI where more details can be found, or contact "D" (President) at daniela_jasper@hotmail.com or Ann (Secretary) on 07977 626814 / bidford.wi_sec@btinternet.com for more information.

**D Rowland
President and Press Reports & Social Media Coordinator
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Ruth Lowe – Mary Quant and her career in the fashion industry

This was the second time that the Treacle Tarts had welcomed Ruth to give a talk about Mary Quant and Ruth spoke about how much Mary influenced the world of fashion from the 1960's up until 2000. Ruth is an avid collector of all things 'Mary Quant', and her enthusiasm and passion made for a very entertaining evening. It was interesting to hear how much of a trail blazer Mary was and just how far reaching her designs have been on not just our clothes but also household furnishings, tableware, cosmetics, perfumes and car interiors.

For some it brought back fond memories and members were happy to talk about the fashions of their youth. Ruth was happy to answer questions from members and one member brought along her own item of Mary Quant clothing. For those who may have some items lurking in the back of their wardrobe that they think may be 'Mary Quant' Ruth discussed what labels to look for and their time line. Ruth had brought along some of her prized possessions for us to look at and after her talk was happy to chat to us individually during our tea and cake break. She has lent items to museums and some clothes have recently been on an international tour!

Her talk was certainly very informative and her passion for 'all things Mary' shows. In total Ruth offers 3 talks and can be contacted on the following: tel: 0121 608 5355 / mobile: 07957 824783 or email: lowewhiley@blueyonder.co.uk

**Lynne Snow, President,
Treacle Tarts WI**

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Leisure Activities Sub-Committee

DARTS TOURNAMENT

2024 started with seven teams left in the Darts Tournament. Good luck to all the remaining WIs. The winning team will be announced at the Warwickshire WIs Annual Federation Meeting in September.



CHUTNEY DEMONSTRATION

This year we are holding a Chutney demonstration by Nancy Hawksworth who is skilled in preserves and also a show Judge so come along and get some tips and recipes to get you ready for all your Autumn preserving.

SULGRAVE MANOR AND THE WASHINGTON FAMILY TALK

Martin Sirot Smith will be giving us a talk on 26th June in full Tudor Costume about Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family at Stoneleigh Village Hall



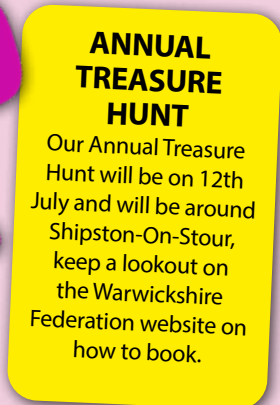
BRIDGENORTH AND THEN ONTO DAVID AUSTIN ROSES

On 25th July we are taking one coach to Bridgenorth and then onto David Austin Roses who are kindly giving our members and guests 10% discount on any roses or plants purchased with over 700 varieties

of roses there will be abundance of choice. There will also be an opportunity to purchase a tour by one of the experienced gardeners during the visit.



JIGSAW COMPETITION
There will be another Jigsaw competition in the Autumn and a guided walk in the Summer with all details to be sent to your Secretaries.



ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT
Our Annual Treasure Hunt will be on 12th July and will be around Shipston-On-Stour, keep a lookout on the Warwickshire Federation website on how to book.

Please let us know what you enjoy so that we can help you to achieve it. Even better, why not join our committee to make your own input ?

The Leisure Activities Committee is made up of Federation Trustees and WI members. We meet alternate months to discuss and plan trips and workshops and sporting activities. We are looking for new members to join our friendly team.

Anyone interested would be most welcome to observe at one of our meetings. For further information contact; [Glynis Forknall, forkins01@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Glynis.Forknall@forkins01@yahoo.co.uk)

Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI – Easter Sugarcraft

Our members were treated to a seasonally appropriate workshop this Easter: Sugarcraft with our committee member, Jackie Barnett.

Jackie is one of our newer members and, in a previous life in another part of the country, had her own cake making and decorating business so had lots of equipment and interesting tools for us to play with!

We had a great fun learning how to make pink fondant roses, created some



Carol Locker with her fondant rose

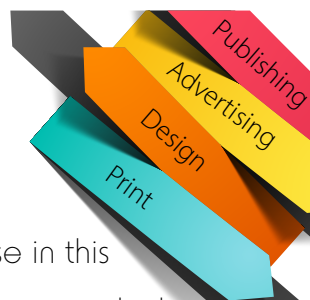


Easter Bunny

unique Easter bunnies each with their own personality and had a go at icing cup-cakes. Everyone took home their rose, bunny and a decorated Easter cupcake and biscuit with tips for decorating, recipes and cake-wrapping tips.

Attendees really enjoyed the evening appreciating all the time and effort Jackie had put into preparation and presenting – requests for a repeat workshop have been hopping in!

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Creative Activities Sub-Committee

Sadly, we had to cancel our April Willow Weaving Workshop as our tutor, Bert Manton fell ill the night before we were due to gather in Ashorne Village Hall. All 24 attendees were notified, saving any wasted journeys and ticket refunds were made within days.

We are happy to report that Bert is now on the mend and looking forward to working with us again. We aim to offer another opportunity for members to make a beautiful willow plant support in late autumn.

In mid-May we are inviting members to **FREE drop-in Morsbag-making sessions** at WFWI Federation House, aiming to use our donated fabric stash to benefit the environment. No sewing expertise required, Trish and Sue will be on-hand to guide you through the bag-making process to enable you to go away with a unique creation. <https://morsbags.com>

In June we will be working with local artist Helen Cooper to offer morning or afternoon **Acrylics Landscape Painting Workshops**, using Van Gogh as inspiration. All materials provided. September will see us working with Helen again, this time at a relaxing morning Journal Making Workshop in Ashorne Village Hall near Wellesbourne.

And then in October we are repeating our **Cotswold Mosaic Workshop** with tutor Lucy Bellew. A popular Saturday morning workshop, so best to book as soon as you see it advertised to avoid disappointment.

Check out www.ticketsource.co.uk/wfwi for all event dates.

Membership & Promotion

Ever Fancied becoming a WI Adviser or WI Adviser Supporter?

We are always on the lookout for members to join our team. Did you know that you can now choose to be either a WI Adviser or a WI Adviser Supporter with the option of training to be an Adviser as and when you are ready?

Although there is currently no formal training for a WI Adviser Supporter, we would like you to be able to support the Advisers by:

- Attending Membership & Promotion meetings.
- Support training/workshops.
- Attend promotional events.
- Support Advisers at various WI meetings.
- Visit WIs as required.

Our team organises workshops and training and liaises with other Federation committees such as the Independent Financial Examiners, IFE's to provide the Treasurers Training. We also attend promotional events both Nationally and across Warwickshire and work with Warwickshire Federation Public Affairs team to help promote both the Warwickshire Federation and the NFWI.

If you would like to know more about becoming either a WI Adviser or WI Adviser Supporter, please contact me for further information.

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Members News

BIDFORD ON AVON WI

Cymbre Baseley was our speaker at our March meeting

She talked about her life as a smallholder and her journey to aim for self-sufficiency. She was very entertaining and gave us a most insightful view into the great amount of effort, dedication and commitment needed to undertake running such a venture, in particular the endless daily tasks, care for the agricultural crops, feeding animals, muck cleaning, etc.

She talked about her animals, with a warmth of love a mother would give a child (all of whom had 'pet' names, other than the hundreds of chickens). Her major priority was about ensuring that all her livestock, received excellent welfare and had a very healthy life. Her talk was balanced with the need to carry on this work and stay 'profitable' and she utilised many opportunities to sell much of her produce - meats, cheeses, ice cream, fleeces, eggs, painted pictures of her animals, personal crafted items from sheep wool, etc. – as well as offering Tours around her small holding, to the public and other WI members (with a burger option meal) – of course, the burgers will be made from the quality meat from her own livestock.

It was great to hear that she was also a member of her local WI.

Our members were very enthusiastic and keen to ask her many questions about her livestock and lifestyle, not forgetting the two loveable dogs with the serious job of rat catching responsibilities to guard the livestock's feed supplies.

Bidford WI meet at The Crawford Hall at 7:45pm on the second Thursday of the month.

Our meeting Thursday 11th April featured Kath Ryan who talked to us about her charity, Cakes4Casualties, and about the incredibly important work they do providing cake, support and boosting morale to our sick and injured troops.

We also have a Facebook page, Bidford on Avon WI where more details can be found, or contact "D" (President) at daniela_jasper@hotmail.com or Ann (Secretary) on 07977 626814 / bidford.wi_sec@btinternet.com for more information.



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CURDWORTH WI

Well, suddenly the year seems to be gathering pace and we're all hoping for some sunshine after so many dismal rainy days. However, the dull days haven't spoiled our fun and we are well into our 2024 programme here in Curdworth.

After a wonderful start to the year – our New Year Lunch at Grounds Farm, we were treated in March to an intriguing insight into the life of the honeybees and learned how their life, which they spend looking after their Queen, gathering pollen and making honey, is so important to the continuation of our life on earth.

And we've just learned that, almost on our doorstep, at Polesworth, there was a Prisoner of War Camp during the Second World War. For all of us that information came as a complete surprise! Fascinating facts and stories were revealed by our speaker – like the account of the local, disgruntled lad, who broke into the camp and stabbed an Italian prisoner and a guard, but who, after serving his time, later became a North Warwickshire Mayor. The WI doesn't only entertain us but keeps 'our little grey cells' alive and well too! Lots of facts stored away ready for the next Quiz!

The Skittles Evening in March was great fun, with lots of energy involved and skill of course, suitably rewarded by our fish and chips supper. A really lovely family entertainment evening! So, after that energetic time, next month we'll be taking it easy, with some Reflexology – learning to step back and relax, so important in the full lives we lead to day.

We're looking forward to our Summer Craft and Produce Show in June, a chance for many of us to show off our talents in flower arranging, baking, knitting, sewing, beadwork and even jam making! Many of us will be making items of premature baby knitwear, to be judged in the knitting category and then sent on to hospitals, who so very much need them. After the eagerly awaited show judging results, our speaker will be taking us back, those of us who remember, to those 'swinging sixties' times!

In July, just in case we decide to test our knowledge in Mastermind, or our word skills in Countdown, we will find out how to take part in a TV Quiz Show and what it was like for our speaker, who did so! And looking ahead to summer and sunny days out, we are off on a visit to lovely Arbury Hall in Nuneaton for a tour and afternoon tea in August.

Elizabeth Tranter

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WI News

KENILWORTH IS BLOOMING

We were lucky last year as a WI to win a bursary from the Federation. We used the money to hold a very special meeting to learn about flower arranging. We were able to send everyone home with their own hand-tied flower arrangement of tulips with an Easter chick decoration. One of our members used to be a florist and Liz kindly led the meeting with a talk on how we can all get the best out of our flowers. Thank you, Liz, we all enjoyed your talk. Who knew that Daffodils would kill off other flowers in a vase - so only use them on their own! And I have now cleaned all my vases properly so that my flowers last longer!

Our meeting room was full of friendship and flowers and the concentration on the faces as we made our arrangements was lovely to see. We not only bloomed with the flowers though...we had seven visitors that evening and it was lovely to see so many new faces. New and old members had a great evening together. Lots of chat and laughter was heard as we learnt the skills of flower arranging. Two years ago, we were about twenty-four members strong - we now have forty-seven members. Kenilworth WI is blossoming. A big thank you to the Federation for our bursary which enabled us to hold such a lovely and fun evening. As President I would also like to add my thanks to my wonderful committee for helping our WI grow and grow.

**Emma Sharpe,
President, Kenilworth WI**



JOHN SCOTT

John came bounding into Shottery Memorial Hall to give his talk and for over an hour we were captivated by John sharing his journey from childhood to Sewing Street and his next new adventure. He loved doing drama at school but after training as an English and Drama teacher in Wakefield he realised the classroom was not for him and was encouraged to apply for a Costume Interpretation course at Wimbledon School of Art. The course included everything you needed for costume design. This is where his love of sewing started and he said he has never looked back. He started as a Costume Pattern Cutter in the Theatre and worked himself up to a Costume Supervisor and went onto working in TV on the Poirot Series, Being Human and many more.

In 1994 his talent was recognised and he was asked to work on the film set of Four Weddings and a Funeral which led him to other films and dressed the 'stars' giving us an insight to how they really were off-screen. He even dressed '007' Pierce Brosnan when he was Bond in Goldeneye, Tomorrow Never Dies and The World is Not Enough and told us a wonderful tale about him but we were sworn to secrecy! He was travelling all around the world but in January 2000 was asked to present a segment on This Morning as a Fashion Expert as a one-off and they loved him so much he stayed for 10 years as a fashion guru and interviewed celebrities in their homes.

More recently John has been the face of Sewing Quarter and Sewing Street and launched John Scott's Sewing World on Crafter's TV in 2020. Passionate about helping others he enjoys raising money for charities and dashes around the country doing fashion makeovers for deserving people.

He told his tales fast and furious, with humour, style and grace and before we knew it an hour had passed. A real treat, not to be missed.



*Left to right – Angela Struthers,
Federation Treasurer, John
Scott, Sue Postlethwaite,
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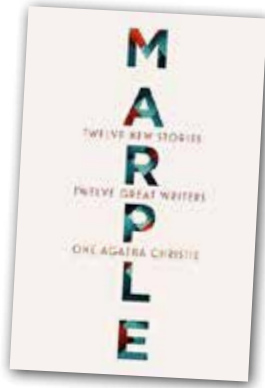
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WFWI Bookworms

We were delighted to welcome three new members to our March online book group meeting when we discussed Marple: 12 New Stories. This was a new collection of short stories featuring the Queen of Crime's legendary detective, Jane Marple penned by twelve bestselling and acclaimed authors including Val McDermid, Kate Mosse and Naomi Alderman.



Between us, we discovered we had read all of the short stories but not everyone read every one. Some of us felt that the short story was not the best genre for a Miss Marple tale, giving limited time for the build-up, placing of red herrings and character development.

Story One was the least popular and led us to wonder who decided the story order as this affected our view of the book overall. We also felt that some of these crimes were solved without us being told of pertinent clues that Miss Marple brought up when explaining 'who dunnit' at the end!

But having said all that, we enjoyed the lightness of touch for a pre-bedtime read and we all appreciated the differing writing styles, humour, varied worldwide locations and time settings. And we had a taster of some new authors, which is never a bad thing.

Overall, we gave the book 6 out of 10.

Our next read is Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn: 'Sharp Objects is a gripping psychological thriller that follows journalist Camille Preaker as she returns to her hometown to cover the murder of two young girls. As she digs deeper into the case, she uncovers dark secrets from her own past.'



We will meet online to discuss this book on Tuesday 28 May at 7:30pm. The link will be sent out by email and whatsapp a couple of days ahead of our meeting.

If you would like to join us, please register on ticketsource, or contact the office and you will be put on the list to received the zoom link for the next meeting.

Happy reading

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Treasurers' Training



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Date- 3rd June 2024

Times- 2pm-4pm or 7pm-9pm

Cost- £10 per person payable from WI funds (max 2 members per WI)

Venue- Federation House, Warwick, CV34 5HQ

Please ensure that you have registered for MyWI before the workshop. You will need to bring along your laptop with your current financial statement on it or hard copy if using manual accounting.



Tickets are on sale from 18.04.24 from Ticket Source only. Or phone the Booking Line on 0333 666 3366 there is a £2.50 charge for postal tickets). The closing date for purchase of tickets is 19.06.24.

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(M&P SUBCOMMITTEE)

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

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

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1185351

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.



Acrylic Landscape Painting Workshop

Be Inspired by Van Gogh's landscapes

Under the guidance of local artist Helen Cooper you will learn how to sketch out a basic landscape, how to mix and apply the paints and create movement within your painting by using dabs and dashes. You'll go home with an acrylic landscape painting in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. All tools, equipment and materials provided.

Hot drinks and biscuits will be served.

Monday 10th June 2024

10am-12.30pm or 1.30pm-4pm

Ashorne Village Hall, Warwick, CV35 9DR

Price £22

Organised by Creative Activities

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Martin Sirot-Smith

Hear Martin Sirot-Smith give his fascinating talk about Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family. Ancestral home of George Washington and known as the Original Home of the Special Relationship, Martin will give his talk in full Tudor Costume as Lawrence Washington, builder of Sulgrave Manor in 1539.

Wednesday 26th June 2024– 2pm

£15

Stoneleigh Village Hall, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DG

Members and Guests

Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

Organised by the -
 Leisure Activities Subcommittee

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Literary Afternoon

We will be welcoming two Warwickshire born and based authors to speak at our Literary Afternoon. Fran Hill, whose latest book *Cuckoo in the Nest* is a funny and poignant story inspired by Fran's own experience of being fostered as a teenager.

Erin Green writes contemporary novels focusing on love, life and laughter and is a past recipient of The Katie Fforde Bursary.

Fran and Erin will give an insight into how they became successful authors.

There will be a Q & A session, followed by an opportunity to buy signed copies of their books. Light refreshments are included.

Monday 8th July 2024

2pm

Warwick Unitarian Chapel, 31 High St, Warwick, CV34 4AX

Price £12

Organised by the Trustees

Tickets are on sale from 18.4.24 from Ticket Source only.

Or phone the Booking Line on 0333 666 3366 (there is a £2.50 charge for postage of tickets if required). The closing date for purchase of tickets is 8.6.24

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Bridgnorth and David Austin Roses

Thursday 25th July 2024

Split into High Town and Low Town by the River Severn, Bridgnorth is a lovely town to explore. It has many historic buildings including Bridgnorth Castle and Gardens. The High Street has many unique shops, cafes, and restaurants to enjoy a leisurely coffee or lunch. The famous Cliff Railway which connects the High Town & Low Town areas offers stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

In the afternoon, we will visit David Austin Roses where you can enjoy a stroll around the award-winning Rose Gardens filled with over 700 rose varieties. Finish at the Plant Centre where you may like to buy a rose or two to take home. You will also receive 10% off any rose purchases.

£25

Members and Guests

Pick up 8.30am Tesco Warwick, CV34 5QJ and the coach leaves to return at 4.30pm

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Grand Day Out–Chester



29th July 2024

There is so much to see and do in Chester. Do some shopping in The Rows, walk the ancient Chester City Wall, Visit the beautiful cathedral, the Roman Gardens and Amphitheatre, a boat trip on the River Dee, or hop on a sightseeing bus. Chester Zoo is 11 mins away from the city centre, and also the Blue Planet Aquarium at Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet - is only 17 mins away, and both are easily accessible with public transport.

£25

Choose your pick up point:

Alcester Academy, B49 6QQ

Planters, B78 2EY

Bedworth, Nicholas Chamberlain School, CV12 9EA

Bilton School, CV22 7JT

Henley in Arden, Johnsons Coaches, B95 5QS

Warwick Myton School, CV34 6PJ

Southam Rugby Club, CV47 2DG

(please note that pick-ups may be subject to change if not enough choose the same location)

Members and Guests

Organised by
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Tickets are on sale from 19.3.24 from Ticket Source only. Or phone the Booking Line on 0333 666 3366 (postal tickets cost £2.50)

The closing date for purchase of tickets is 15.7.24

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